

Unapproved Minutes

From April 15, 2019 General Conference

*General Conference of Joint Conference of Restoration Branches
Good Shepherd Community of Christ, Independence, MO (USA)
April 15-19, 2019*

The general conference for 2019 was called to order by President Sherman Phipps.

After the singing of “Great and Marvelous Are Thy Works,” patriarch Fred Greene offered a blessing on the conference.

Brother Phipps then turned the chair over to vice president David Whiting, who presided over the morning’s business.

The officers for the conference, who serve until the end of the conference, were introduced. They included president Sherman Phipps, vice president David Whiting, secretary H. Alan Smith, treasurer Nathan Sherer and recorder Doug Patterson.

Recorder Doug Patterson presented a preliminary credentials report to the conference. As of the opening of the conference there were 128 people registered. This included 28 USA delegates, four international delegates, six proxy delegates, 86 members, three alternate delegates and two guests. A total of 27 branches were represented with 17 from the United States of America and 10 from international countries. At-large members included seven from the United States and one from Mexico. There were 12 countries represented at the conference. Branches in two countries are livestreaming the conference. The conference is being translated into Spanish and Russian. A final report will be given at the Thursday business meeting. With no objection, the report was entered into the minutes.

Approving the minutes from the April 6, 2018 General Conference session was the next item of business. Rob Rolfe moved approval and Jerry Vickery seconded the motion. Jerry Vickery corrected the word “as” to “has” in two spots in the Fiduciary Responsibility resolution in section 2.3 page 6 of the minutes. Sherrie Wages corrected the spelling of his name from “Sherry” to “Sherrie” on the same page. The minutes were approved as corrected.

When the order of business was brought to the floor, Jerry Vickery and Rex Curtis moved and seconded the motion to approve the item. Dan Norman and Jim McKay then made an amendment to add a line “H. Approval of Priesthood Call” to the order of business for Monday, April 5. The amendment was approved and the order of business was approved as amended.

Conference reports from section 3.1 of the conference manual were brought to the attention of the conference. Rex Curtis moved and B. J. Jordison seconded a motion to accept the report as offered. The reports were from Restoration Women’s Ministries, *The Latter Day Saints’ Beacon* Committee and the Quorum of Restoration Apostles. Gary Whiting pointed out highlights for the Beacon and Apostles reports. The motion to accept the reports was approved.

Treasurer Nathan Sherer presented the 2019 General Conference Budget, with Rex Curtis moving and Cheryl Phipps seconding the motion to approve the item. The budget calls for spending a total of \$20,881 for the week. This includes \$8,800 for general expenses and \$12,001 for delegate travel. The amount is not part of the JCRB budget and is funded by those attending the conference, Sherer noted.

Clarifications about the translating budget and delegate travel funding were offered. It was noted that any excess funds from the conference would be placed in the delegate travel fund for the next general conference. The budget was approved.

Treasurer Sherer also introduced the proposed JCRB budget for 2019-2020, which calls for expenditures of \$669,120, an increase of some \$13,000 over last year's budget. The budget calls for spending \$429,395 for the work of the Seventy, Apostles, and Patriarchs and \$239,725 for other general conference expenses. The budget will be approved at the Thursday business session.

The next item of business was the approval of a priesthood call to the office of Seventy for Todd Henson. Jim McKay moved and Dan Norman seconded the motion to approve the call. Several people shared their testimony of Brother Henson's call to the office. Brother Henson also shared his acceptance of the call. The motion to approve the priesthood call carried.

The business session closed with a ceremonial conference opening showing flags of the countries in which the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches is ministering. The hymn "This Is My Song, O God of All the Nations" was sung to close the business session, which was recessed until Thursday, April 18 at 1:15 p.m.