

First Baptist Church of Annapolis, Inc.
Annapolis, Maryland
Minutes of the Continuation of Annual Church Business Meeting
Held on March 6, 2023

This Continuation of the Annual Church Business Meeting convened at 5:15 p.m. in the sanctuary with Deacon Wallace Williams presiding.

Devotions

Hymn: "Oh How I Love Jesus"
Scripture: Bro. Jalen Williams
Prayer: Deaconess Lynda Gross
Hymn: Last Stanza

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

It was moved that the Agenda be approved; motion passed.

II. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

This unprecedented meeting was held to continue the unfinished business of the Annual Business meeting held on 16 January 2023.

In anticipation of a new Pastor, there were more amendments than usual. Because of the number amendments (19) and the expected questions and debate expected for several of the amendments, this special meeting was held.

Prior to this meeting, there were several informal question and answering sessions held for the congregation to discuss prior to this meeting.

Deacon Williams made a motion to limit speeches for each amendment to no more than two speeches for no more than two (2) minutes for each member seeking the floor. The vote on the pending question will be taken when all desiring to speak has spoken. This motion was passed.

Bro. George McNeal led the discussion on Amendments 2 - 8

- AMENDMENT #2: (Amendment in Attached Enclosure)
The question was asked and the vote was held.
The Amendment passed.

- AMENDMENT #3: (Amendment in Attached Enclosure)
Questions from the floor yielded a motion to include those in college, those on a temporary job transfer and those who care for a sick loved one.
The changes to the Amendment were adopted.

An additional motion came from the floor to change the number of days to be Active from 90 days to 360.

The question was asked and the vote was held.

The Amendment passed.

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The Amendment with the addition WAS PASSED.

- AMENDMENT #4: (Amendment in Attached Enclosure)
After a round of debate of the exact meaning of "Watchcare"; a motion was made for candidates joining on Watchcare to be able to be on Watchcare status for 18-month, which includes three (3) - 6 month intervals.
The changes to the Amendment was adopted.
The question on Amendment #4 (with changes) was asked and the vote was held.
The Amendment passed.
- AMENDMENT #5: (Amendment in Attached Enclosure)
The question on Amendment #5 was asked and the vote was held.
The Amendment passed.
- AMENDMENT #6: (Amendment in Attached Enclosure)
The Committee proposed a change to the original language submitted.
The question on Amendment #6 (with the proposed changes from the Committee) was asked and the vote was held.
The Amendment passed.
- AMENDMENT #7: (Amendment in Attached Enclosure)
The question on Amendment #7 was asked and the vote was held.
The Amendment passed.
- AMENDMENT #8: (See Attached Enclosure)
The question on Amendment #8 was asked and the vote was held.
The Amendment passed.
- AMENDMENT #9: (See Attached Enclosure)
After a vigorous round of discussion
The question on Amendment #9 was asked and the vote was held.
The Amendment failed.
- AMENDMENT #10: (See Attached Enclosure)
Because Amendment #9 failed, Amendment 10 was withdrawn.
- AMENDMENT #11: (See Attached Enclosure)
The question on Amendment #11 was asked and the vote was held.

- The Amendment passed.
- AMENDMENT #12: (See Attached Enclosure)
The question on Amendment #12 was asked and the vote was held.
The Amendment passed.
 - AMENDMENT #13: (See Attached Enclosure)
A motion to add that if no young adult is available, an active member will be selected by the congregation.
The question on Amendment #13 (with suggested changes) was asked and the vote was held.
The Amendment passed.
 - AMENDMENT #14: (See Attached Enclosure)
The question on Amendment #14 was asked and the vote was held.
The Amendment passed.
 - AMENDMENT #15: (See Attached Enclosure)
The question on Amendment #15 was asked and the vote was held.
The Amendment passed.
 - AMENDMENT #16: (See Attached Enclosure)
The Amendment was withdrawn.
 - AMENDMENT #17: (See Attached Enclosure)
The Amendment was withdrawn.
 - AMENDMENT #18: (See Attached Enclosure)
The question on Amendment #18 was asked and the vote was held.
The Amendment passed.
 - AMENDMENT #19: (See Attached Enclosure)
A motion was made to amend this Amendment. Calling to strike out "rep from each committee" and insert a Chairmen and 4 members with input from each ministry".
The vote was held on the changes. The vote passed.
The question on Amendment #19 (with changes) was asked and the vote was held.
The Amendment passed.

Sis. Crowner asked for a list of Amendment(s) that were recommended to be reviewed by the Policy Committee. Amendment #3 was the only one.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business from the previous meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Deacon. Wallace Williams.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecile Jackson

Church Clerk