

161st Meeting
Waco Regional Baptist Association
Via ZOOM
October 20, 2020
Moderator, Dr. Joe Bailey

Dr. Joe Bailey, Moderator, welcomed approximately 35 attendees to the 161st Annual Meeting of the Waco Regional Baptist Association, held on ZOOM due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. Dr. Bailey also led in the opening prayer and gave the Scripture Reading from John 14:27, "*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid,*" which supports the theme for the evening, Peace in a Troubled Time.

Dr. Bailey called the meeting to order to take care of the Business Session. All of the business items were voted on by email prior to the start of the annual meeting, and the results are as follows:

- Minutes from the October 15, 2019 Annual Meeting were approved.
- Financial Reports were approved. Tom Newsom, Treasurer, reported that gifts this past year had been at 75% (\$191,407 YTD).
- 2021 Proposed Budget was approved. Tom Newsom reported employees were given a 3% raise, and that Kelly's salary was reduced due to her request to work 20 hours a week.
- Election of Officers was approved. Roy Marshall, Board Chair, pointed out that Terry Johnston will be the new Moderator, and Morgan Woodard Vice Moderator. Other officers are shown on page 24 of the Book of Reports.
- Election of new Board Members was approved. New Board Members, as well as those continuing to serve, are shown on page 24 of the Book of Reports.
- The 2021 Annual Meeting Committee scheduled the next meeting for October 12, 2021, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Columbus Avenue Baptist Church, with Jared Alcantara of Truett Seminary speaking.

Tim Randolph, Director, gave his report, expanding on the theme of Peace in a Troubled Time. He used the familiar story of Jesus and His disciples in the upper room, pointing out the loneliness and persecution that was experienced by these disciples. In comparison, many of our pastors in our churches have experienced this same loneliness and persecution during this unprecedented Pandemic, and these men have reached out to each other and have shared their love, resources, and finances, and many have prayed together weekly on ZOOM meetings with Tim. Our churches continue to move forward evangelizing, church planting, making disciples. Our Association continues to help by encouraging, praying, being there for each other, and our disaster relief team continues to help bring relief, and our jail ministry continues to meet needs of those incarcerated. Tim reported that our newest members, Union Missionary Baptist Church, Second Missionary Baptist Church, and Unashamed Bikers are all doing well.

Additionally, we have three new pastors in the area, i.e., Ben Faus at First Baptist Crawford, Clint Salmon at First Baptist Riesel, and Buddy Sipes is interim at Grace Temple Baptist.

The meeting adjourned, and Dr. Joe Bailey led in the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Carson, WRBA Clerk