

163rd Annual Meeting Minutes  
Waco Regional Baptist Association  
October 18, 2022  
Terry Johnston, Moderator

Terry Johnston opened the meeting, held at The Venue at FBC Woodway, (after all had gone through the buffet line to be served), welcomed everyone, and then read the Scripture chosen for tonight's meeting, Galatians 23:26-28, "... for you are all one in Christ Jesus" which reflects on the theme for this year's meeting, Blest be the Tie. The turnout for the Annual Meeting this year was exceptional, and all seemed to enjoy the fellowship. Terry then called on Tom Gutierrez, pastor of the host church, Viento Fuerte, to lead in prayer. Terry then called on Tim Randolph, Director of the Association, to introduce the Ministry Team video which portrayed the ministries of the Association through testimonies of different pastors that reflected the needs that have been met through the Association. Those pastors were Mike Copeland, David Cozart, Chris Galbreath, and John Crowder. Sam Yates reflected on the work done by the Disaster Relief Team and how they strive to be the hands and feet of Jesus through their work. Jeffrey Cannon of Empower Waco told how his team had assisted 30 churches in communication efforts within these churches.

Terry then called the meeting to order to take care of the business items on the agenda. He called attention to the Minutes of the October 12, 2021 Annual Meeting and the Financial Reports, as shown in the Book of Reports. Jewel Lockridge, Treasurer, presented the Financial Reports (p. 10 - 19, and p. 25 which should be 16), as well as the 2023 Proposed Budget (p. 23 - 24 of the Book of Reports). The Minutes and the Financial Reports were unanimously approved. The 2023 Proposed Budget was presented as a recommendation from the Board of Directors and was unanimously approved.

Terry then recognized Kenneth McNeil, Chairman of the Board, for the election of the Officers as shown on p. 27 of the Book of Reports. Passed unanimously. Terry Johnston, Moderator, then presented the proposed Board Members for the 2022 - 2023 Board year as shown on p. 27 of the Book of Reports. Passed unanimously.

Terry recognized Chris Sammons, Chairman of the Committee on Annual Meetings, to report on next year's location and speaker. The 164th WRBA Annual Meeting will be at First Baptist Church Waco, and John Crowder, Pastor of First Baptist West, will be our speaker for the evening.

Tim Randolph, Director, then gave his report, which can be read on pages 6 and 7 of the Book of Reports. Tim asked for prayer for Larry Turner, who works with the Jail Ministry, who is dealing with some difficult health issues. Tim also recognized the WRBA staff and Board of Directors.

Terry Johnston asked for any new business, and since there was none, called for the business portion of the meeting to be adjourned. Terry led in the closing prayer.

The Viento Fuerte Praise Team led in praise and worship, and then Tim Randolph introduced Dr. Michael A. Evans, Sr. to bring the message. Dr. Evans has been at Bethlehem Baptist Church of Mansfield for 32 years and has been Mayor of Mansfield since December 2020. He serves as a consultant on race relations for church, county and state officials and is a passionate Mansfield community advocate. He served two consecutive terms as president of

the Texas Baptist General Convention. The text for his message was Acts 4:32-35, with the theme of the message being "Blest be the tie that binds". Despite the divisiveness in our society, in the church we must do our best to serve Jesus. We trust the Lord with what He has called us to do. Prayer is the most powerful thing we have as Christians. Prayer is the tie that binds. A true servant puts aside his own desires for the needs of others. We are conduits of God's grace. We have the same Holy Spirit, and we have the power of prayer, and we must live the life that Christ has called us to.

At the end of the message, everyone was invited to enjoy dessert and coffee.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Carson  
WRBA Clerk