

December Texas District Board of Directors Meeting

The Texas District Board of Directors convened their meeting at 8:30 a.m. with an uplifting devotion led by Katari McDonald. Secretary Hesse then took attendance, ensuring all members were accounted for.

The minutes from the previous meeting and the consent agenda were reviewed and approved with minimal adjustments. The board also approved the constitutions and bylaws for five congregations, expressing gratitude for this progress.

The presidential report included updates on the district's hurricane efforts in Florida, where distributed funds are making an impact. The report highlighted metrics tied to mission goals and evangelist initiatives, underscoring the district's positive momentum. It also celebrated investments in church workers through initiatives such as Exponential. President Newman commented on the joy of spreading the Gospel and the commendable work local congregations do to serve their communities. These updates painted a picture of God's hand at work throughout the district, bringing encouragement and inspiration.

It was noted that President Harrison and Rev. Scott Murray are scheduled to join the board for their January meeting.

The board approved a recommendation for a new church start, Vida Nueva, in Circuit 37, marking another step forward in the district's mission work.

Linda Hagge provided a financial update and suggested non-material corrections to the employee handbook to align with current operating practices. Additionally, a draft budget was introduced for the board's consideration.

Ministry staff shared updates, including Becca Jones from the Texas District Church Extension Fund (CEF). The board approved the minutes from the recent Texas District CEF board meeting. Rev. Dr. Jon Braunersreuther provided insights into the district's strategic initiatives, and Lisa Candido, director of external relations, reported on communication efforts and the success of TPIM fundraising.

The board rescheduled their July meeting to July 29 to accommodate the National Youth Gathering.

The meeting concluded at 11:15 a.m. with a prayer led by President Newman.