

EFCA Texas-Oklahoma District Conference Minutes
February 23, 2024
Grace Church, Allen, Texas

General (Business) Meeting, 5:00 PM, February 23, 2024

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer

Craig Curtis welcomed delegates to the 2024 Conference Business Meeting.

2. Credentialing of Conference Delegates:

(A) Duly appointed and certified delegates from local Evangelical Free Churches within the District. Each church shall be entitled to delegates in accordance with the following: two delegates for churches with up to 25 members and one additional delegate for every additional 50 members or part thereof. Each delegate must be at least 18 years old and a member in good standing of the represented Evangelical Free Church within the District at the time of the Conference.

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(B) Pastors of churches or congregations affiliated with the District, and other licensed or ordained ministers living within the District who are members of the Ministerial Association of the EFCA.

- 36: 31 Pastor and 5 Ordained

(C) The District Board members.

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Total - 63

3. Minutes of the 2023 Conference

MC that the District Conference to approve the minutes from our 2023 conference.

4. Board of Directors Chairman's Report

Craig Curtis reviewed the ends to which the District Board holds the District Superintendent. (Number of churches, health of churches, equipping of church leaders, engagement of church leaders, financial health). He applauded a diverse and experienced group of leaders and the moves toward stability of District finances.

5. District Superintendent Report

Brent gave the District Superintendent report. He expressed his gratitude for the role of District Superintendent, for the District Board and for his District team. He applauded two new church plants started this year, and the clinic on churches planting churches. Brent also welcomed John White and other new lead pastors to the District. The District has also hired James Mendoz and Joel Walters as regional directors and Samuel Placencio as associate director of Hispanic ministries.

6. Director of Ministry Effectiveness Report

Katie Arnold gave the report. She gave a brief description of her job and introduced the district team. (Note that reports from each of these team members were available online.)

7. Financial Reports & Approval Of 2024 Proposed Budget

a. 2023 Financial Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Brent Burckart and Kevin Hammond. Brent reviewed the changes made at last year's Conference that impacted 2023's results. He highlighted the difference between the District's General Fund and the Strategic Savings fund. Kevin then reported on the year end (2023) Cash Balances and emphasized the funds held for church planters, leaving available cash of \$1,208,882. Brent outlined the proposed budget with its 4% reduction in spending.

MS that the 2024 Proposed Budget be approved.

8. Approval of New District Board Members

Craig introduced Eric Fridge, who is nominated by the Board for his first three-year term.

MC that Eric Fridge be approved to serve as a District Board member for a three-year term.

Brent thanked Bob DeGray, who is rolling off the Board this year, for his faithful service.

9. Adjournment and Closing Prayer.

MSC Craig Curtis moved that the meeting adjourn

Craig closed in prayer.