

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MASSACHUSETTS BIBLE SOCIETY

Saturday, May 2, 2009

Present: Board: Rev. Walter Cuenin (*President*), Ms. Christianne Humphrey (*Vice President*), Mrs. Angela Markert (*Treasurer*), Rev. Dr. Renee Keels, Rev. John Buehrens, Dr. Charles Dickinson III, Rev. Dr. Ellis B. Johnson, Rev. Dr. Earl Holt III, Ms. Frances Taylor, Rev. Dr. Fred Wedemeyer, Mr. Kenneth Scott.
MBS Staff: Rev. Anne Robertson, Mr. Michael Colyott, Mr. Nathaniel L. Currie, and Mr. Frank Stevens
Consultant: Dr. Derek Kotze
Public: Mr. Ron Scanlon, Mr. Harry Hoehler, Ms. Judith Hoehler, Mr. Jonathan Jones

The 200th annual meeting was called to order at 1:12p with an opening prayer and welcome by the President. Facilitator Derek Kotze then led us in discussion of the proposed vision for 2014.

Motion to affirm the MBS vision made by Earl Holt Second by Stephen Butler Murray → Passed

Rev. Anne Robertson then led the presentation and discussion of the proposed mission statement. After some minor adjustments, the statement was satisfactory to all present. (*The new mission statement appears on the title page of this booklet.*)

Motion to accept Mission Statement w/ changes By Kenneth Scott second by John Buehrens → Passed

Rev. Robertson continued to lead a discussion of the proposed Key Strategies to get us to the 2014 vision. Broadly they represent the following four actions:

- To develop a theological framework incorporating policies and guidelines for our programming and initiatives.
- To create a viable structure for the administration and activities of the Society.
- To develop a plan to expand our use of Media to ensure broad exposure to our resources, easy access and engagement for our constituents and increased income to fund the MBS budget.
- To develop a plan for long-term financial security that is in keeping with financial best practices as well as the biblical call to social justice.

Motion to adopt these key strategies in principle, pending further work by the executive committee for the presentation at the 6/22/09 Board Meeting made by Stephen Butler Murray second by Fran Taylor → Passed

Rev. Robertson and Mr. Kotze made recommendations for Trustee involvement and Trustees were encouraged to indicate their preferences for engagement on a handout. Rev. Robertson then read from the Annual Report of March 21, 1896, quoting then President Samuel Eliot on the meaning of the Bible. Treasurer Angela Markert and Controller Frank Stevens then presented the budget.

Motion to change auditor(s) made by Angela Markert Second by John Buehrens → Passed

Motion to accept the budget as presented made by Angela Markert Second by Stephen Butler Murray → Passed

Motion to elect the Officers and Board members nominated, by John Buehrens second by Fran Taylor → Passed

Adjourned at 2:43p. All then retired to the sanctuary for the worship celebration.