



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2019

Meeting location: Conference Call Meeting, Columbus, GA

Board members in attendance: R. Austin, D. Banner, D. Byrd, R. Chandler, J. Cornelison, W. Greer, C. Holdorf, J. Holland, J. Struecker and T. Middleton

Board members absent: T. Alford, L. Aultman, D. Cheek, P. Fleming, and J. Nolan.

T. Alford, L. Aultman, D. Cheek and P. Fleming gave their approval of items on the agenda today and minutes of the meeting.

S. Thomas, President & CEO, and P. Ward, COO attended.

The board meeting opened with a welcome and prayer by J. Cornelison.

The devotion was given by R. Austin from Luke 5:4-7. He noted that he is thankful for our board members and the work they do.

In the absence of D. Cheek, Secretary, W. Greer moved for approval of the previous board minutes. J. Holland seconded the motion and all were in favor.

R. Chandler, Treasurer gave the financial report noting some additional expenses that would account for lower assets this year. After a time for questions, T. Middleton moved that the report be approved as presented. J. Cornelison seconded the motion and all were in favor.

S. Thomas asked R. Austin and T. Middleton to give a report on their recent trip to India. Dr. Sam thanked the Byrd Foundation for providing bicycles for those who had not received them since 2016 to present.

S. Thomas gave his President's report noting that 78 children had returned today. We have received 445 out of 680 who are legally approved to return to us. He noted the total number of church plants and reported that we recently graduated 443 graduates. All recent graduates are in full time service for Christ.

We need to make new bunk beds, obtain mattresses, etc. to provide new rooms for the return of the children We also need to replace all the Bibles that were taken away. S. Thomas asked D. Banner to check into getting Bibles.

J. Cornelison asked about getting pictures from previous projects in order to update churches/individuals who sponsored the projects. That is a great idea and a request for the Indian staff to provide photos and stories.

J. Holland asked if the staff could present to the Board a contingency plan for the future at our annual meeting.

There was no report from Haiti.

COO gave a report noting no staffing changes, donor relations, marketing/social media, church relations/along with important date and mission trips.

Additional Prayer Needs: Chris Alford, T.W. Terrell and his wife Iris, Carol Greer, Carlye Cornelison and L. Aultman who is currently in Pakistan.

S. Thomas thanked everyone for their prayers and encouragement.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with prayer by W. Greer.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Ward, Acting Secretary