



Southern California

Black Fellowship of Southern California

Meeting Minutes—General Session

December 5, 2020

Present: Derrick Rosenior, Melissia Coley, Joe Smotherman, Jamal Alexander, Walt Brown, Dion Smotherman, Isaac Thomas, Ed Robinson Jr., Julius Agbor, Woody Robinson, Earl Coley II

Guest: None

Next meeting: March 13, 2021

I. **Call to Order** by President Derrick Rosenior at 10:04 a.m.

II. **Opening Prayer and Devotion** by Pastor Joe Smotherman

- ❖ Scripture: 2 Timothy
- ❖ Prayer request: Pastor Woody Robinson, Pastor Troy Vaughn

III. **Reading and approval of minutes from previous meeting**

A. Secretary-Treasurer

- ❖ Dr. Rosenior share screen for the constituency to observe any corrections or changes for the General Session minutes from September 12, 2020.
- ❖ Motion made by Dr. Rosenior to accept the September 12, 2020 minutes; 2nd by Julius Agbor

IV. **Report from Intercultural Committee members**

B. Rev. Dr. Walt Brown and Rev. Dr. Dion Smotherman

- ❖ Ethnic Minister Survey of 16 questions was emailed to those who associated their credentials other than “Anglo”.
- ❖ Continuing with connecting with the Pastors’ and the local churches with how they are able to assist them during the Pandemic.

V. **Website status update**

C. Pastor Joe Smotherman and Rev. Dr. Walt Brown

- ❖ BF Website payment of \$150 for Angel Van Ostrand (see email invoice #0002 February 4, 2021)

- ❖ Dr. Walt Brown walked us through the web worksite for the Black Fellowship of SoCal
 - Questions, feedback and suggestions below:
 - Construct a document that gives the Black Fellowship permission to publish their churches information: Pastor's name, church name, churches email address
 - Post website documents as a pdf format
 - Along with creative platform pictures, can we post authentic pictures? Posting authentic pictures on our website would require written permission from that person

VI. Calendar input for 2021 General Meetings and other events

- ❖ General Session meeting dates for 2021. The meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Saturday of each quarter.
 - March 13th
 - June 12th
 - September 11th
 - December 11th

VII. Involvement with Vanguard University Black Student Union

- ❖ The Black Fellowship of SoCal would like to build bridge with the Black Student Union at Vanguard University. There are several goals/steps that we are in the process of considering and moving towards:
 - ❖
 - Faith Works, Pastor Joe Smotherman would like for their congregation to provide care packages for the students at the beginning of each semester.
 - Set-up a booth of the Black Fellowship of SoCal along with the Black Student Union at different events
 - Internships at
 - Open your home as a “Host” for the students at Vanguard University who are unable to return home for Holidays
 - ❖ The Executive Leadership Team had previously decided to meet with President Beals in person but the continuation of the Pandemic crisis, we will revisit this decision at the next ELT meeting.

VIII. Credential renewal reminder

- ❖ A credential renewal reminder letter has been mailed to the constituency.

IX. Payment of 2020 (2021) dues

- ❖ For 2020 membership dues for churches and individuals have been waived.
- ❖ Dues for individual Ministers should be at least \$50 per year and at least \$100 per year for churches.

X. Open Vice President position

- ❖ Dr. Rosenior stressed the importance of filling this vacant position, in the event of an unexpected circumstance of the President.

XI. Submissions for BF Ministerial Profile book

- As part of the Black Fellowship of SoCal if you would like to share your expertise with us, as a resource for other send your information to Secretary-Treasurer, Melissia Coley.

XII. Status of ELT bios/portfolios

- Email bio/portfolio information to Secretary-Treasurer:
mcoley@graceassembly.la – items needed for the bio are listed below:
 - Name, position and education
 - Email address
 - Credential level
 - Positions held
 - Educations
 - Expertise

XIII. New Business/Miscellaneous/Announcements

- Contacted Jared. He would like to reconnect with the Assemblies of God, considering re-credentialing.
- Contacted Logan Lee who is a Missionary in Training. Planting a church near Grace Assembly in Los Angeles, CA.
- Pastor Troy memorial service for his mom is at 1pm via zoom.

XIV. Adjournment

- ❖ Meeting adjourned in prayer by Pastor Jamal Alexander at 12:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Melissia Coley
Secretary-Treasurer