



Southern California

Black Fellowship of Southern California

Meeting Minutes –General Session

September 15, 2018

Present: Jamal Alexander, Walter Brown, Earl Coley, Melissia Coley, James Markham, Edward Robinson Jr, Derrick Rosenior, Joseph Smotherman, Troy Vaughn + one church delegate (David Jones)

Next meeting: TBD

I. Announcements

- ❖ Advisory Committee: creation rationale, composition, purpose—presented by Pastor Walt
- ❖ Overview of upgraded Black Fellowship organization structure: purpose, relationships, opportunities—presented by Pastor Walt
- ❖ Intercultural Resolution review: importance to Black Fellowship—presented by Pastor Jamal
- ❖ Overview of Black Intercultural Executive Presbyter role—presented by Pastor Jamal
- ❖ Review and comment on revised Black Fellowship Bylaws—presented by Pastor Earl
- ❖ Pastor Joe (as the SW Regional Director of the National Black Fellowship) facilitated discussion regarding course of action surrounding Pastor Earl's resignation as President.
 - It was agreed by all present that per Article X, Section 5 that the current Vice President (Derrick Rosenior) will act as Interim President until elections are held later in the fall and a new President is elected to start in January 2019. Derrick accepted the responsibility to complete the unexpired term of Pastor Earl which ends 31 December 2018.
 - Since the Secretary-Treasurer's position is also vacant by abandonment, President Rosenior's first order of business was to select Pastor Walt as Interim Secretary-Treasurer until elections are held later in the fall for a new Secretary-Treasurer that will start in January 2019. All present ratified that action.

II. Discussion

- ❖ Bylaws amendments... Clean up to be handled by Pastor Walt and Pastor Troy. Final edited copy due to Executive Leadership and Advisory Committee by 30 September.
 - Article I [editorial]
 - Article II [editorial]
 - Article VII, Section 3 [editorial]
 - Article VIII, Section 1 [editorial]
 - Article X, Section 1 [substantive: motion by Derrick, 2nd by Troy, accepted]

- Article X, Section 1, Paragraphs B, E, F [substantive: motion by Derrick, 2nd by Joe, accepted]
- Article X, Section 3, Paragraphs C, E [clarification]
- Article X, Section 5 [rework]
- Article XI [editorial]
- ❖ Agreement by all present that Bylaws in present form with pending changes as noted to be adopted immediately for the Black Fellowship of Southern California.
- ❖ Due to the dispersed nature of the Black Fellowship and its constituents, it was decided that future elections for officers will be held electronically so that more members would be able to participate. Therefore the Interim Secretary-Treasurer has been tasked with developing and communicating a methodology and date for the upcoming elections by 30 September. A candidate list and qualifications will be provided at that time too. Elections will tentatively be scheduled for late November/early December.

III. Roundtable

- ❖ Advisory Committee will confer regarding next meeting date to continue work on project “Pathway to Effectiveness”.

Respectively submitted,

Dr. W. F. Brown
Interim Secretary-Treasurer