

Middle District Baptist Association Annual Business Meeting

Minutes of October 13, 2024, 3:00 p.m. at Passion Community Church

Call to order and opening prayer were given by **vice moderator Jerald Jacobs** at 3:00 p.m. with 38 people in attendance.

Engage '24 handouts contained all necessary information for the business meeting concerning previous business meeting minutes, 2025 Proposed Budget, and Nominations for 2024.

A **motion** was made and approved to accept the Spring 2024 business meeting minutes as printed.

Carl Peyton from the Leadership Committee presented the nominations for committees, leaders, and team positions. The Nominations were accepted by verbal vote.

Carl Peyton also spoke concerning the proposed 2025 Budget. He asked if there were questions, and one question was asked about VCU Collegiate Ministry. Motion passed to accept 2025 Budget.

Pastor Angie Frame, Passion Community Church, welcomed everyone and introduced PCC Band to lead in worship songs.

John Sawyer began discussions by talking about MDBA beginnings in 1784 with the Great Commission being the motivation. Today MDBA is made up of 37 churches in Amelia, Powhatan, and Chesterfield. John mentioned the 1100 church associations in the United States with 10% increasing in memberships, 50% staying the same, and 40% decreasing. How do we get ready for five years from now, May 19, 2029? John said the answers are in unity, strength, and cohorts for the next generation. Associations need to try "New Things" to comply with the Great Commandment to Love each other.

John then discussed Mission CVA, the new mission initiative through Middle District and invited Heather and Ellen to talk about Circle Center, a non-profit adult day service. John then talked about Bridging RVA providing meals for teachers, M40 providing car repairs for needy folks, and the upcoming Beds for Children event on October 26th. The Middle District should not stop but expand.

Pastor Nate Travis from Chester Baptist encouraged everyone, especially Pastors to support MDBA in its endeavors to help us get where we need to be in responding to the Great Commandment and Great Commission. He referenced Isaiah 43:18-19, then adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m., and closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted by: Jeannie Beales, Clerk