

Annual Church Meeting
Saturday, February 25, 2023

I. The 2023 annual church meeting of the Bronx Bethany Church of the Nazarene was called to order in the BBCN Sanctuary at 3:15 p.m. by Pastor Richard Griffiths. He led us with a reflection on Psalm 51 and prayer.

The secretary Bro. David Mendes assumed the chair of the meeting at 3:38 p.m. Sis. Nichelle Maynard Elliott moved for the acceptance of the agenda, and this was seconded by Sis. Annette Lovelace.

II. Participants read the minutes that were published on the church's website or hard copies that were available in the sanctuary. After the reading of the minutes a motion to accept minutes was moved by Sis. Vigla Allison and seconded by Janet St. Hill
Questions arising - Marcia Constable - page 3 assigning of Board Members. Sis. Nichelle explained that we would vote for Board Members. The members with the highest votes will then be assigned roles in the first board meeting.

III. Pastor's Report was presented by Pastor Richard Griffiths.
Pastor Richard Griffiths noted that Carol Pitter needs to be added to the Pastors Report as a valuable member of the Production Team.

Motion to accept the report was moved by Sis Joy Nicholson and seconded by Sis. Bernadette Stevens.

Questions Arising: Sis Lana Hoshing mentioned that there is an invisible group that is in this church. She would like to recognize that there are vibrant, intelligent and have many prayer warriors and gate keepers of Bronx Bethany. Sis Lana Hoshing would like more integration. This group meets every Thursday. Pastor Richard Griffiths assured that the Golden Pearls are valued and will make sure that they feel valued and integrated in the church life.

Pastor Carlene Reynolds noted on page 5 should say Spring Valley Church of the Nazarene

Sis. Judith Clarke noted the decrease in the mortgage and asked for the plans for the property. 4041 Paulding Ave. Pastor Richard Griffiths said discussions have now begun with architects about the entire infrastructure of the church and not just the 4041 property.

Sis. Marilyn Maye said he knows a Christian black person who is interested in Church Development. Sis Marlyn Maye asked if his writings were published. Pastor Richie said they were not published but available. Sis. Maye encouraged Pastor Richie Griffiths to publish the works.

Sis. Tierra Meschelle asked about Volunteerism. She asked about the App and the website to have more clarity and asked if there could be wider communication of this section.

Sis. Loisen Jacobs mentioned Sis. Jahaira Arthur should also be recognized as one of the facilitators of the Women's meeting.

Sis. Erma Clarke asked about the After School Enrichment Program. Pastor Griffiths responded that the After School program is a Hall-mark program of the church and that there are plans to revitalize it. However, due to the on-going renovations of the basement, the program was put on hold. There are plans in the works to reinstate it but under a new label in a different format.

Dr. Stephen Levy and Dr. Cecil Wright. Have been in talks about using College Students to help high school students in Robotics. They have a booth in the basement area.

Sis Ena Wright asked about the change in people who lead Praise and Worship. Pastor Richard Griffiths said that there is a change since COVID with personnel due to social dynamics as well as personnel dynamics. (relocations, off to college, etc.)

Sis. Vigla Allison asked if we could continue with one service. She also asked about the Marriage and Family ministry. Pastor Carlene Reynolds is the Pastor that oversees the Marriage and Family Ministry. Resources will be available after Easter. The goal will be to have the Retreat reconvene in 2024. Pastor Carlene Reynolds added that they will be focusing on Married and Single Families.

Pastoral, Latino pastors and the leadership will meet to discuss the one service. One service will continue for now.

Brother Patrick Hoover asked about Teen Camp. Pastor Richard Griffiths said that the district is exploring options for the Teens.

Sis. Judith Clarke asked about the onboarding of the student pastor. Pastor Richie Griffiths said it was noted in the Pastor's Report. The priority of Volunteers needed to be communicated. Sis. Judith Clarke also asked about discipleship. Discipleship as a small group will be better developed and relaunched. He also mentioned the youth group going to Tampa to attend the Nazarene Youth Congress (NYC).

Pastor Ric, commented on the stellar work of the communications team lead by Clifford and Jocelyn Turner.

Stacy Ann Hibbert mentioned that no one called her sister back when she completed the Connect card. She asked if that was a job for the Golden Pearls. Sis. Lana Hoshing said the groups would not like that job. Pastor Richie apologized for not getting a call. Pastor Richie said that we are working on the workflow process to get better.

All in favor Aye

IV. Voting

Bro. David Mendes explained that although the meeting was available via live stream, voting will only be done in person. Sis. Nichelle Maynard Elliot who is the chair of the Nomination and Governance Committee gave the following directions:

There are 13 nominees on the ballot. Vote for at least 9 of the nominees. If you vote for more than 9 nominees your ballot will be invalid. The church will get the opportunity to vote for the entire board this year. Voting will occur again in 2 years unless someone steps down from the Board next year.

Delegates for District Assembly will also be voted on the ballot by checking Yes or No.

Board Profiles were presented online and projected on the screen. The ballots were distributed for voting.

The results of the voting are as follows:

Name	Votes Received	Elected
Richard Ashmeade	55	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Curtis Dale	56	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wayne Elliot	64	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nichelle Elliot	77	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Toshi Hamilton	32	<input type="checkbox"/>
Glen Reynolds	73	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
David Mendes	69	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sharon Davis	62	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shubert Jacobs	59	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Loisen Harris-Jacobs	49	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sandra Morris	61	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rose Rubin	33	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barrington Tugman	28	<input type="checkbox"/>

Choosing 9 board members and checking yes or No for the slate of delegated to the General Assembly.

– 73 Yes votes

V. Bro Glen presented the Treasurer's Report and the Auditor's Report. He recognized the work of the Audit and Assets Committee, Staff, and various ministries. Bro. Shubert Jacobs moved the motion that the Treasurer's report be accepted, this was seconded by Sis Marcia Constable.

There were no questions.

Sis Rochelle Reid said her mom is a shut-in and would like more hymns. Pastor Riche noted that there is a deliberate intent to include the hymns in the flow of the service.

Motion to adjourn Bro. Richard Ashmeade seconded by Sis Vigla Allison

The meeting ended at 5:57 p.m. with prayer.