

# Evangelical Theological Society Eastern Region, April 13, 2024 Business Meeting

## MINUTES

Meeting opened in Prayer at 8:36 a.m. with 21 present.

**Approval of Minutes of April 22, 2023 Business Meeting** (posted on [www.etsjets.org](http://www.etsjets.org), Eastern region page)

**President's Report** -by Daniel Gilbert

Thank you for allowing me to serve as President of ETS Eastern Region. The world needs to know there is an Academic group of men and women who stand for the world of God. I'm glad to say that ETS is not drifting as too many have done, so I encourage all of us to keep the standard high. I've been honored to serve for 3 years as second VP, then first VP (it was a joy to see what was on everyone's hearts by reviewing paper proposals). This year as President has been a year of ministry transition for me so the other Officers have handled things. I am grateful for Jordan, Tony and Mark. Closed by inviting those present to join in verbally affirming the ETS Doctrinal Statement and Purpose.

**Secretary-Treasurer's Report** – by Mark Deckard

Finance Report 5/1/2023-4/10/2024:

Income of \$2460 (Registrations) less Expenses of \$1654.64 (Square Fees - \$94.36, Conference Expenses \$1560.28) = \$805.36 net. Cash balance = \$7767 (starting balance) + \$805.36 = \$8572.36.

Expected Income/Expense for remainder of April – Income of \$2200 (\$100 for Registrations, \$1000 for Book Sales, \$1100 Annual Stipend to Region from ETS Main) less conference expenses of \$600 = \$1600 net. With Friday income we are up to around \$2700 net.

Attendance for Conference – 101 as of 4/12.

Still have two email lists we are working from – our local one and another at ETS Main. Still exploring how to best merge those together to reduce number of duplicate emails.

Officers will be meeting this summer to discuss administrative and logistics issues such as developing actual Officer Job Descriptions, pushing the planning cycle up further so more notice of the conferences, reworking the Paper Proposal guidelines to provide more clarity and other issues.

**Student Paper Prizes** – Jordan announced the Student Paper Prizes and they were each presented with a gift card and Thank you for their effort.

First Place – Lisa Jo Fanelli-Greer, Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary – “The Decline of the American Church: A Call for Ecclesiological Reform, Restoration, and Renewal.” This paper was also invited to be presented during the Conference.

Second Place – Trevor Hodges, Regent University School of Divinity – “How Should the Church Respond to a Secular Consumer Culture?”

Third Place – Jennifer Ilchishin, Reformed Theological Seminary – “Theological Anthropology of Dust.”

### **2024-2025 Officer Candidates**

President – Jordan Jones, Regent University

Secretary-Treasurer – Mark Deckard (3<sup>rd</sup> year of 3-year term), Retired

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President – Tony Shetter, Lancaster Bible College | Capital Seminary and Graduate School

President, Secretary-Treasurer, 1<sup>st</sup> V-P, 2<sup>nd</sup> V-P approved by unanimous vote.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President – Executive Committee nominated Carrie Wood, Regent University

No other nominations were received from the floor. Carrie Wood accepted by unanimous vote.

**Resolutions** – Mark Deckard presented the following resolutions from the Officers.

Resolved to offer our Thanks to Dr. Chuck Lawless for delivering our two Plenary messages this year and for his committed research to the subject, as well as to all those who presented Papers.

Resolved to offer Thanks to the Regent University School of Divinity for hosting us this year and providing us with many types of logistic assistance, including the Friday night reception. A special Thanks to Joshua Nangle (Director of Operations for the School of Divinity) for all his help with planning, setup and running of the conference.

Resolved to Thank the Publishers who donated books – Baylor University Press, Crossway, Kregel Academic, Langham Publishing, Lexham Press, Ligonier Press, Presbyterian & Reformed Publishing, and Zondervan.

Resolved to Thank President Daniel Gilbert for his three years of service to the Eastern Region.

Motion to Adjourn the meeting passed at 9:04 a.m.

-Submitted by,

Mark A. Deckard

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