

Evangelical Theological Society Eastern Region, April 12, 2025 Business Meeting

Minutes

Present -meeting began at 8:30 a.m. with 12 in attendance.

Approval of Minutes of April 13, 2024 Business Meeting (posted on website, www.etsjets.org, Eastern region page) – Motion, second and passed.

President's Report (Jordan Jones) – Jordan expressed his Thanks for being able to service. He shared his own personal call to teach and train while serving as a Youth Pastor, that eventually led him to his full-time academic position. And now, in these uncertain times for academic institutions he challenged everyone to follow the call to teach and train others for ministry in the Kingdom regardless of the changing demographics and financial strain on schools.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report (Mark Deckard)

Finance Report, 5/1/2024-4/3/25

-Income of \$ 1255 (Registrations) + Liberty Support of \$3900= \$5155 less Expenses of \$1586.66 (Square Fees-63.18, Conference Expenses -1523.48) = \$3568.34 Net. Cash balance = \$10,548.46 (starting balance) +\$3568.34 =\$14,116.80

-Expected Income for Remainder of April - \$100 for registrations, \$900 for Book Sales, \$ \$1000 less conference expenses of \$3000 = -\$2000 net. Total estimated net for conference = \$3568.34-2000 = \$1568.34. Final financial report will be compiled by the end of May.

-Additional Income - \$1100 ETS National Stipend to Region.

-Attendance for Conference (as of 4/12) = 110

-Officers met in June 2024 to work up specific Job Descriptions for Officer positions and to develop a more precise timeline for conference planning.

Report accepted by Consensus

Student Paper Prizes (Tony with Jordan)

First Place – Daniel Sisler (Southern Baptist Theological Seminary) –*“A Theological Unity of Markan Intercalations: Juxtaposition of Old and New Covenants”*

Second Place – Amy Kimble (Ridley College) – *“No Need for Code-Switching to Worship God: The Importance of Worshipping God within Your Own Imago Dei”*

Third Place – Phil Theis (Lancaster Bible College) – *“Poetic Contributions to the Power of Wisdom: ‘Wisdom and Power are His’”*

2025-2024 Officer Candidates (Jordan)

President – Tony Shetter, Lancaster Bible College

1st Vice-President – Carrie Wood, Regent University

2nd Vice-President – Executive Committee nominated Ronnie Campbell from Liberty University. No other nominations received, so motion, second and approved Ronnie Campbell unanimously.

Secretary-Treasurer (3-year term/repeatable) – Executive Committee nominated Mark Deckard. No other nominations received, so motion made, second and approved unanimously

Resolutions

Resolved to offer our Thanks to Dr. Daniel Estes for delivering our two Plenary messages this year and for his lifetime of committed research to the subject.

Resolved to offer Thanks to Liberty University and Liberty Theological Seminary for hosting us this year, providing us with logistical assistance and helping to financially underwrite the costs. A special Thanks to Bryan Liftin from Liberty for all his help with planning, setup, and running of the conference.

Resolved to Thank the Publishers who donated books to the benefits of everyone attending – B&H Academic, Baker Academic, Banner of Truth, Crossway, Glossa House, Hendrickson Publishers (Tyndale), IVP (who gave away free books to attendees), Kendall Hunt, Kregel, Langham Publishing, Lexham Press, Moody Publishers, P&R Publishing, Reformation Trust Publishing/Ligonier, Thomas Nelson, and Zondervan (who gave away free books to attendees and had a representative present to provide information on publishing).

Resolved to Thank Jordan Jones for his three years of service to the Eastern Region.

Motion to adjourn, second and passed at 8:55 a.m.