

Midwest District Council,
Minutes June 26-28, 2024
Des Moines, Iowa

At 9:00 am, Clemente Maldonado called the district council to order. Devotional: Clemente Maldonado shared about "We want you" Isaiah 6:3

Roster Report: 9:32 am.

Ordained: 40

Licensed: 17

Certified: 11

Delegates: 35

Total: 103

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT'S:

Supt. Maldonado turned the meeting over to Assist. Espinoza so that he could present his report. Clemente Maldonado presented his report.

A motion was made by Wilfredo De Jesus to receive the report. Seconded/Passed.

Clemente Maldonado resumed as the chairperson of the meeting.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Efraim Espinoza presented his report.

A motion was made by Victor Valdez to receive the report. Seconded/Passed.

SECRETARY- TREASURER REPORT:

Rafael L. Cruz presented his report. He presented 2022 & 2023 Balance Sheet and Income and Expense reports.

A motion was made by Victor Valdez to receive Rafael reports. Seconded/Passed.

Manuel Murillo asked about church planting accounts of the Missouri section. He asked about the mission's funds. Clemente Maldonado and Rafael Cruz answered the questions. Patricia Figueroa asked about the Speed the Light deficit. Rafael Cruz explained that SPTL contributions are sent directly to Springfield and that the account is not supposed to be used anymore. Juan Murillo explained that vouchers coming from AG as rebates should be going to Youth fund's account. He also asked about the KC, MO section balance difference in the beginning and end of the year balance difference of 42,000. Rafael Explained that it was a Loan approved by the Eps to Hosanna church in Springfield Missouri. Efraim Espinoza mentioned that they will be paying the loan.

A motion was made by Victor Valdez to receive the 2022 reports. Seconded/Passed.

A motion was made by Jose Gutierrez to receive the 2023 reports. Seconded/Passed.

Teller Report:

Ordained: 40

Licensed: 17

Certified: 11

Delegates:35

Total: 103

A motion was made by Todd Clair to begin voting before reports. Seconded/Passed.

ELECTION: SUPERINTENDENT

Rafael Cruz read the duties and qualifications for Superintendent. The 1st electoral ballot was received, and balloting was closed. Robert Belfort asked for the candidates to come forward and to give a vision for the district. Clemente Maldonado stated that he was out of order since we were voting already.

1st ballot results: 1. Rafael Cruz - 10, 2. Jerry Flores - 38, 3. Todd Clair - 43, 4. Jose Gutierrez - 5. Eliseo Vega - 3. No election

Women Director Report: Cynthia Flores presented her report.

A motion was made by Jose Gutierrez to receive the report. Seconded/Passed.

Men director report: Ezequiel Torres presented his report.

A motion was made by Victor Valdez to receive the report. Seconded/Passed.

The 2nd ballot was received, and balloting was closed.

The 2nd ballot results: 1. Todd Clair 54; 2. Jerry Flores 38; 3. Rafael Cruz 2; 4. José Gutiérrez 4; 5. Eliseo Vega 1. No Election.

Christian Education Report - Patricia Figueroa presented her report.

A motion was made by Jose Gutierrez to receive the report. Seconded/Passed.

The 3rd ballot. The two highest candidates will go to a final vote by majority.

A motion was made by Wilfredo De Jesus about suspending the constitution so we can change the voting process. Pastor Maldonado explained that it will not be possible.

The 3rd ballot was received. And balloting was closed. We have an election.

1. Todd Clair – 57; 2. Jerry Flores - 42

Superintendent elected Todd Clair shared words of appreciation.

At 12:05 pm, Clemente Maldonado dismissed the meeting for lunch.

At 2:00 pm, Clemente Maldonado called the meeting to order. Rolando Ithier prayed for the meeting.

A motion was made by Javier Manrique of privilege to accept the two highest in the voting and move forward for final vote. Oliver Lora spoke against the motion. Seconded/Passed (45/37).

Roster: 2:15 pm.

1. Ordained: 39
 2. Licensed: 17
 3. Certified: 12
 4. Delegates:33
- Total: 101

ELECTION: ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Rafael Cruz read the duties and qualifications. The 1st electoral ballot was received. Balloting was closed.

Results: 1. Rafael Cruz – 6; 2. Jerry Flores – 36; 3. Edwin Marroquín – 27; 4. Víctor Valdez – 7; 5. Ezequiel Torres – 11; 6. José Gutiérrez – 11; No election.

Missions Report- Presented by Edwin Marroquin.

A motion was made by Jose Gutierrez to receive the report. Seconded/Approved.

The 2nd Ballot was received. Balloting was closed.

Results: Edwin Marroquin - 52. Jerry Flores-46. We have an election.

Assistant Superintendent elect gave words of appreciation.

Church Planting Report: Victor Valdez presented the report.

A motion was made by Jose Gutierrez to receive the report. Seconded/ Approved.

SECRETARY ELECTION:

Rafael Cruz read the duties and qualifications. Clemente Maldonado explained the new position. The 1st electoral ballot was received. Balloting was closed.

Results: 1. Rafael Cruz – 25; 2. Jerry Flores – 36; 3. Ada Cruz; 4. Elvira García- 19. No election. The two highest goes for next voting,

The 2nd ballot was received. Balloting was closed.

CHE/LADSOM REPORT- Jerry Flores gave the report.

A motion was made by Jose Gutierrez to receive the report. Seconded/Approved.

Results: 1. Jerry Flores – 48; 2. Rafael Cruz-47. We have an election. Jerry Flores spoke words of appreciation.

TREASURER- Duties and qualifications were read.

Clemente Maldonado presented Efrain Munoz and his wife and explained that the executive Presbyters approved him. Efrain Munoz spoke words of appreciation.

ELECTION: EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER A 2-YEAR TERM

Rafael Cruz read duties and qualifications.

The 1st Electoral ballot was received. Balloting was closed.

Results: Rafael Cruz - 18, Elvira Garcia- 11. They were the two highest ones.

A motion was made by Efrain Espinoza for Clemente Maldonado resolution to become an honorary general presbyter. Seconded/Approved. Before the vote he read the resolution:

HONORARY GENERAL PRESBYTER CLEMENTE MALDONADO JR

WHEREAS, Clemente Maldonado Jr. has served our Lord Jesus Christ and our Assemblies of God Fellowship as a Licensed minister since August 1979 and as an ordained minister since July 1989 with integrity and stellar distinction, and

WHEREAS, He has served our Midwest District as a lead pastor and district Christian Education Director, and

WHEREAS. He has represented our district on numerous boards, including North Central University, Trinity Bible College, Evangel University, and Christ Mission College (Formerly LABI-TX) as well as a member of the board of Directors of Church Extension Plan, and

WHEREAS, He has served as executive district officer of the Midwest District for 26 years, including the past 18 years as district Superintendent, and

WHEREAS, it is proper and fitting to honor those whose service among us has represented the highest standards of integrity, ethics, loyalty, diligence, and hard work, and

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph j, page 18, of the General Council Constitution 4 makes provision for persons with such distinctive history to be chosen as an honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God; and

WHEREAS Clemente Maldonado, Jr meets all of the General Council Constitution and Bylaws qualifications for recognition as an honorary general presbyter. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Clemente Maldonado, Jr be elected by this General Council of the Assemblies of God.

The 2nd ballot was received, and balloting closed.

Results: Rafael Cruz - 50, Elvira García- 46. We have an election.

Rafael Cruz gave words of appreciation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Todd Clair presented the report about the **multiplication study** of the district. The members concluded that we do not qualify to multiply. 6 **The report was accepted by the majority.**

Johny Delgado presented the report about the **superintendent living in Chicago.**

Clemente Maldonado explained that there is nothing in the constitution and bylaws that call for the superintendent to live in Chicago. The Eps already voted that the superintendent does not have to move to Chicago. Juan Murillo asked about the district offices. They will be in Chicago up to 2026 when the lease is up. Robert Belford asked why the urgency of this committee. Clemente Maldonado reinstated that Eps voted on this issue already. **The report was accepted by the majority.**

ELECTION FOR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER FOR 4 -YEAR TERM

1ST Ballot was received, and balloting closed.

Results: Elvira Garcia-30, Ezequiel Torres- 10. Two highest goes to the next voting.

The DYD Study Report. Jerry Flores presented the report. There was a lot of discussion about it. The money issues were inconclusive. This will need to be revisited again for more brainstorming. Manuel Murillo stated that we should use the money that we have to cover the DYD salary. Clemente Maldonado explained about the finances that some of them are designated funds.

2nd ballot results EP: Elvira Garcia- 57, Ezequiel Torres- 33. We have an election. Elvira Garcia spoke words of appreciation.

Abe Garcia spoke about Pastor Wilfredo De Jesus last council motion about bringing s fulltime DYD. Joseph Ocasio spoke in favor. Alfonso Morales spoke in favor.

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER FOR 4-YEAR TERM

The 1st ballot was received, and balloting closed.

Results: Ezequiel Torres-40, Manuel Murillo-14.

The 2nd ballot was received, and balloting closed.

Results: Ezequiel Torres- 60, Manuel Murillo-30. We have an election.

Ezequiel Torres spoke words of appreciation.

A motion was made by Jerry Flores to send the DYD committee to the district Eps to seek about the salary for the director. Seconded/Approved.

Javier Manrique spoke in favor. Robert Belfort spoke against it.

GENERAL PRESBYTER VOTING

The 1st ballot was received, and balloting was closed.

Results: Jerry Flores-32, Javier Cruz-17, Pablo Chicol-4. Javier Manrique-20.

A motion was made by Abraham Barron that the two highest will be elected. Seconded/Approved.

Jerry Flores and Javier Manrique were elected as general presbyter.

At 5:47 pm, Clemente Maldonado dismissed the business meeting.



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