

**MINUTES OF TRES DIAS  
32ND INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
BELMONT, NORTH CAROLINA  
SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2011**

**Welcome**

Hank Sadler, President of Mid Carolinas Tres Dias, welcomed everyone to the Tres Dias International Assembly. Reid & Liz McGraw headed the General Planning Committee for this gathering. Reid greeted the Assembly on behalf of the community.

**Invocation**

Dr. Chuck Baker gave a prayer of invocation prior to the commencement of the meeting.

**Keynote Address – “Sharing a Vision”**

Reid McGraw introduced The Reverend Dr. Joel McCall who provided the confirming and encouraging address, “Sharing a Vision”.

**Procession of the Banners**

Hank Sadler introduced the Process of Banners. Banners from many of the member communities of Tres Dias were displayed encircling the Assembly Hall. Delegates and Observers from each of the communities in attendance carried the banner representing the Pescadores of their communities. The grand procession brings to mind the thousands and thousands of men and women worldwide who have been touched by God during their Tres Dias experience.

**1ST BUSINESS SESSION OF THE 32ND INT’L ASSEMBLY (PAM BELKNAP)**

**Call to Order**

The 32nd Annual Assembly of Tres Dias International convened at 9:35 a.m. on Saturday, July 9, 2011. The meeting was held in Belmont, NC. The Chairman,

Pam Belknap, called the First Session of the Assembly to order in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

### **A Time of Prayer**

Annise Johnson led the Assembly of Delegates and Observers in a prayer of blessing and help for guidance in the work to be done.

The Chairman, Pam Belknap, presided. Pam began by asking William R. Boyd, Paula Boyd, Steve Boyd, & Ellen Boyd to speak about the Roots and the Branches of Mid Carolinas Tres Dias—our historical and our present day story.

### **Recognition of Communities in Attendance**

Richard Thornhill, VP Membership, then called the roll so that those present from all communities represented could be recognized.

### **The Two Governing Bodies of Tres Dias**

Pam then called on Paul Weis, President to discuss the functions of the two governing bodies of Tres Dias: the International Secretariat and the Assembly of Delegates. International Secretariat conducts year round work of Tres Dias through various committees. Officers and members are elected at the Assembly. The International Assembly meets annually and is the governing body that conducts the major business of Tres Dias.

### **Introduction of Appointed Parliamentarian**

Pam then introduced William R. Boyd as the appointed Parliamentarian. He briefly explained the meeting protocol as directed by the Roberts Rules of Order, newly revised edition, October 2000.

### **Introduction of Appointed Officers of the Assembly**

The following officers were appointed to serve the 32nd International Assembly: Jan Richards, Recording Secretary; Tim Chamness, Financial Secretary; Ken Parker, Treasurer; and Bev Sadler, Registrar.

### **Presentation and Approval of “Standing Rules of the 32nd Assembly”**

The Standing Rules of the Assembly were presented. Eric Borman of RIMA TD

made a motion to approve the Standing Rules. Ben Seal of Altoona-Johnstown Tres Dias seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Presentation and Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was presented. Judy Woolverton of Southeast Texas Tres Dias made a motion to approve the agenda. Frank Yarbrough of Central Savannah River Area Tres Dias seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Call for motions for New Business to be Presented to the Assembly**

Motions for New Business may be made in writing by a Delegate and presented to the Assembly Chairperson by 1 PM for consideration of discussion under New Business.

### **Last Call for Proxy Ballots (Elections, Budget and Assessment, Approval of Issues That Affect the By-Laws)**

The Chairman, Pam Belknap, made a last call for Proxy Ballots (on Elections, Budget & Assessment, and approval of issues that affect the By-laws). Judi LeMasurier of Central Connecticut Tres Dias made a motion to close proxy ballots. Mark Thunem of Fairfield County Tres Dias seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Lauren Thunem of Fairfield County Tres Dias, Chairman of the Elections sub-committee was ordered to tally the votes.

### **Attendance Report Presented**

Registrar, Bev Sadler of Mid Carolinas Tres Dias, presented the attendance report and verified a quorum. There were 119 total attendees: 81 Observers; 38 Delegates; with a total of 293 Delegate votes represented. Judy Ligon of Trinity Valley Tres Dias made a motion to accept the report of the Registrar. Heather Rankel of Southeast Texas Tres Dias seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pam then called on the current President of the International Secretariat of Tres Dias, Paul Weis to present the Annual Report.

### **Annual Report Presented**

Paul presented the highlights of the Annual Report of the work of the Secretariat over the course of fiscal year 2010-2011. He highlighted that TDKR is hosting the next International Assembly in 2012 and stressed the importance of the ecumenical nature of Tres Dias. Paul introduced each of the current Secretariat Officers and 5 Committee Chairs as follows:

Executive VP –William Boyd of Mid Carolinas TD, Executive Committee Chairman

Secretary – Heather Rankel of SouthEast Texas TD

Treasurer – Jeff Mentz of Mid-Hudson TD (absent)

Financial Secretary – Sue Loveland of Mid-Hudson TD (absent)

VP Administration –Pam Belknap of TD Cleveland, Chairman of Administration Committee and Chairman of International Assembly

VP Membership –Richard Thornhill of North Texas TD, Chairman of Membership Committee,

Chairman of Policy Committee –Harry Davis of Southeast Tennessee TD,

Chairman of Services Committee – Ned Heffington of Birmingham TD,

Pam encouraged observers and delegates to participate in International Secretariat and the various committees. Paul indicated that there is consideration for moving the date of next year's Assembly from July to September to obtain better airfares and take advantage of better weather in Korea. He also encouraged participation in the committee meetings.

### **VOTING RESULTS**

Pam thanked the Election sub-committee including Lauren Thunem, Chairman,

Brenda Aldridge and Paula Boyd for their work. Lauren explained the voting policy and procedures and then presented the Voting Results. There were a total of 135 proxy votes received.

**ISSUES SENT TO PROXY VOTE:**

- **135 FOR: PASSED - A Change in the By-laws 2.7.3 to include the secretary as a member of the Executive Committee**
- **135 FOR: PASSED - A Change in the By-Laws 1.2, entitled Purposes and Authority of the Assembly, to amend and break out bullet #7 to read:
 
  - **Approve the budget of the International Secretariat**
  - **Approve the financial assessments of secretariats to TRES DIAS****
- **135 FOR: PASSED - Approve of keeping the Per Unit Assessment for FY 2011-2012 at \$56 Per Unit**
- **135 FOR: PASSED - Approve Budget for FY 2011-2012 at \$32,350**

**Officers elected:**

<b>Administrative VP</b>	<b>Lauren Thunem</b>	<b>Fairfield County TD</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Heather Rankel</b>	<b>SouthEast Texas TD</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Merv LeMasurier</b>	<b>Central Connecticut TD</b>

**Members elected (10)**

<b>Brenda Aldridge</b>	<b>Mid Carolinas TD</b>
<b>Doug Aldridge</b>	<b>Mid Carolinas TD</b>
<b>Cathy Allen</b>	<b>Trinity Valley TD</b>
<b>Beau Bruce</b>	<b>North Georgia TD</b>
<b>John Brunette</b>	<b>Sabine Creek TD</b>
<b>Carolyn Davis</b>	<b>Southeast Tennessee TD</b>
<b>Ned Heffington</b>	<b>Birmingham TD</b>
<b>Charles Ligon</b>	<b>Trinity Valley TD</b>
<b>Tom Morrison</b>	<b>Music City TD</b>
<b>Judy Woolverton</b>	<b>SouthEast Texas TD</b>

Ruth Matthews of Cumberland Valley Tres Dias made a motion to approve the results of the Elections subcommittee. Eric Borman of RIMA Tres Dias seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Break/Workshops/Lunch/Workshops**

At 10:40 a.m., the Chairman, Pam Belknap, announced a recess in the Business Session for a short break, the first Workshops of the Assembly and lunch. She also announced that there would be an informal session during lunch and requested any topics be provided to her in advance.

### **2ND BUSINESS SESSION OF THE 32ND INT'L ASSEMBLY (PAM BELKNAP)**

#### **Meeting Reconvenes**

At 1:59 p.m., Chairman, Pam Belknap, called the Second Session of the 32nd Tres Dias International Assembly to order in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Prayer Palanca was shared.

#### **Acknowledgement of Past Presidents and the Secretariat Executive Director**

The Chairman, Pam Belknap, acknowledged the past presidents of Tres Dias International who were in attendance. She announced them by name, community and number of terms served.

John McKinney, 1<sup>st</sup> President, Mid-Hudson, 1 term; and current TD Secretariat Executive Director

Bruce Cato, North Georgia, 1 term

Bill Boyd, Mid-Carolinas, 2 terms

#### **New Business**

The Chairman received one item of new business by the 1 PM deadline.

Richard Thornhill of North Texas TD moved that the Policy Committee of Tres Dias International review the presence and usage of recording devices on the

weekend to determine a TDI policy or recommendation to be adopted by all TD communities to protect the personal privacy and cloistered environment of a Tres Dias weekend. Eric Borman of RIMA TD seconded the motion. The floor was opened for discussion.

Pam called for a caucus of the delegations. Lauren Thunem, Chairman of the Election Sub Committee conducted a floor vote. The motion carried. Eric Borman noted that the delegates for the St. Petersburg community were not called for a vote. Bill Boyd, Parliamentarian, noted that due to the lack of impact on the vote, it would not be addressed.

### **Thank you to the Pescadores of Mid Carolinas TD**

Pam Belknap called on Hank Sadler, President of Mid Carolinas TD, to accept our thanks on behalf of the entire community of Mid Carolinas TD for their planning, hospitality, and great food. She asked Reid & Liz McGraw, Chair of the Mid Carolinas TD Planning Committee for the 32nd Annual International Assembly to come forward. On behalf of the International Assembly, Pam thanked Reid & Liz for leading the team that hosted the Assembly. Liz thanked and recognized the entire team.

### **International Secretariat of Tres Dias Meetings**

The first International Secretariat meeting of this fiscal year will begin this afternoon 4:15 p.m. All were invited to attend and to participate on the standing committees of the Secretariat. The International Secretariat meeting will be continued tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m. A continental breakfast is provided at 7:00 a.m.

The fall meeting is scheduled for **October 21-23, 2011** and will be hosted by **Long Island TD** in Long Island, NY. The spring meeting of the International Secretariat will be held **March 9 - 11, 2012** and will be hosted by **Central Arizona TD** in Phoenix, AZ. The fall meeting for 2012 is scheduled for **October 19 - 21, 2012** and will be hosted by **Fairfield County TD** in Connecticut and the spring meeting for 2013 is scheduled in **March, 2013** hosted by **North Texas TD**.

### **Invitation to the Next Annual Assembly**

Pam called on H. B. Park from Tres Dias Korean Regional Committee to issue the invitation to the 33rd Annual Tres Dias International Assembly and Secretariat meeting which is anticipated to be **September 14 - 16, 2012**, contingent upon approval by International Secretariat and the Assembly hosted by **Tres Dias Korean Regional Committee** in Seoul, Korea.

### **Passing of Banners**

Pam called upon Hank Sadler of Mid Carolinas TD and H. B. Park of Tres Dias Korean Regional Committee to conduct the symbolic passing of the banners.

### **Installation of International Tres Dias Secretariat Officers and Members**

The Assembly then entered into worship which highlighted an original weekend song written by Pam Belknap based upon the weekend verse, shared communion and affirmed our commitment to God's work. Pastor Bill Gittner officiated at the installation and consecration of the new Officers and members of Tres Dias International Secretariat.

Following the commitment service, the meeting continued with the Reading and Approval of International Assembly Minutes – Jan Richards

Hank Sadler, Mid Carolinas Tres Dias made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Richard Thornhill of North Texas Tres Dias seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The attendance roster was then distributed by the Registrar, Bev Sadler.

Pam requested that Paul Weis symbolically pass the baton to inaugurate the last year of his second term. Paul thanked the outgoing officers and Secretariat members for their service.

**Adjournment of 32nd Annual Assembly of Tres Dias International**

A motion was made by Chuck Allen of Trinity Valley TD to adjourn the 32nd Annual Assembly of Tres Dias. Frank Yarbrough of Central Savannah River Area TD seconded the motion. Motion carried. We adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jan Richards".

Jan Richards, Recording Secretary  
32nd Annual International Tres Dias Assembly