

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

1923

February 28 Regular conference—"Bro. W.L. Farrell made some remarks that there was nothing to show that we had any trustees for this church and made a motion that we elect three, and that he would place in nomination Mrs. R.P. Johnson, Mr. H. G. Beard and Mr. G. J. Griffin. The motion being carried, they were elected trustees of this church."

1962

Proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws related to four Articles. (unknown what passed)

1969

November 16---Church voted (90 for, 29 against) to rescind the action of Feb. 3, 1963 and to allow all who come to worship in an orderly manner to be seated.

Official wording from the 1969 ballot:

On Feb. 3, 1963, the PBC disapproved of the recommendation from the Deacons and Pastor to seat all who came for worship. Now the Deacons and Pastor are making a motion to rescind the action by allowing all the freedom of worship in our church.

1971

Proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws related to seven Articles (unknown what passed)

1986

Motion passed to allow deacons to accept gifts to the church up to \$500 without a vote of the church. Would require a constitutional change. Constitutional change passed.

Ellen Bowing Estate gift was added to be part of church constitution.

Constitution change made to deacon election method.

Because no deacons were nominated by the constitutional change regarding deacon election, a recommendation to suspend Article V, Section 3 was suspended for the year 1986.

Constitution Committee formed to study the way we elect deacons, making a recommendation for change. Jim Hix was to study the entire constitution and recommend changes.

1987

Proposal set forth for change in constitution for election of deacons, passed 4/5/87.

Motion passed to accept proposed constitutional changes and accompanying Staff Manual (July 5, 1987).

Diaconate motion passed to proceed with necessary items to incorporate the church.

1988

Motion made to amend the constitution to include Baptist Men's Director as a member of the nominating committee to be voted upon at the next conference. Passed 1/8/89.

1990

Matter of incorporation still being worked on (1/7/90 and 4/1/90)

1991

May 8, 1991-- A special church conference was held to vote on the documents needed to incorporate our church –a charter, a set of by-laws and a policy manual. To incorporate means to create a new legal entity. A vote by the church was taken.

Our church became the Pittsboro Baptist, Incorporated as a result of the vote.

2000

By-laws Committee - Changes made regarding financial section.

By-laws Committee- Conference meeting –conferences held second Wednesday in each quarter instead of second Sunday in each quarter, would be carried out at regular Wednesday night services. Would not affect second Sunday in September when business of the church in calling new deacons, budget and nomination report.

2006

Motion passed to suspend constitution to change process of deacon election: church members select names of candidates by vote, deacons count and rank candidate to number of votes each candidate had, 3-6 names would be presented to church for final vote.

2009

Boyce Wilson's 2007 audit report: recommendations include –update by-laws, motion made that By Laws committee have deadline of June 1 for initial recommendation report with final report to the PBC membership at church conference Sept. 15, with amendment for membership to have one month to review, both approved.

2018

At the July 11 conference, changes to the By Laws were approved in the following areas: a quorum would now consist of the number of members present at a business meeting; guidelines for removing members from the church roll by exclusion were set; the method for election of deacons was established; the number of committees was reduced in some cases by combining existing committees and some new committees were added or their scope expanded.