



**Church Family Business Meeting**  
**January 27, 2019, 6:00 PM**  
**LBC Activity Center**

## **AGENDA**

1. Open in Prayer
2. Approval of Minutes from September 24, 2018 (see attached)
3. Finance report
4. Sale of assets
5. Remodel update
6. Church staff update
7. Affirmation of Lay Elder Ryan D'Cruz for a second three-year term (see attached)
8. Q & A
9. Closing prayer

## MINUTES

- 1.0 **Opening Prayer** - Thank you, Pastor Eric.
- 2.0 **Approval of minutes from May 20, 2018** - Mike Haddon made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2018 business meeting. The motion was seconded by Tim Nord and the motion carried.
- 3.0 **Financial report and approval of annual budget for 2018-2019** - Leonard Denney (LBC Treasurer) shared the good news regarding last year's general fund giving. Leonard also shared the GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) report for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Leonard succinctly summarized the 2018-2019 proposed budget. Tim Nord made a motion to approve the budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. It was seconded by Glenn Marshburn and the motion carried.
- 4.0 **Approval for sale of assets** - Pastor Eric explained that LBC has too much unrelated business income. This issue could possibly result in the loss of 501(c)(3) non-profit status. Selling some of our condos/apartments will help solve this problem. This sale will also help with much-needed campus improvements and help build reserve accounts for future maintenance needs. Eric answered questions from the membership about the possible sale. Steve Rowlee made a motion to approve the sale of the assets. The motion was seconded by Tam Hodgson. There was a membership vote via ballot and the membership approved the plan to sell assets; therefore, the motion carried.
- 5.0 **USMB Update** - Pastor Eric gave an update about several changes made at Fresno Pacific and USMB. Eric wrote an email on the church's behalf to the president of the university thanking him for his strong leadership.
- 6.0 **Time of Q & A** - There were no questions from the membership.
- 7.0 **Closing Prayer**- Thank you, Pastor Andy.
- 8.0 **Meeting Adjourned**- Leonard Denney made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Lois Pearsey and the motion carried.

## Ryan D'Cruz Elder Testimony



I was raised in a Catholic home in India, following all the beliefs and practices. At a young age I was exposed to Jesus being the only way to heaven, but also to idolatry, religious rituals, and good works. I attended school with other Catholics but also with Hindus and Muslims. It was a high-pressure and competitive environment where your identity was based on your academic performance.

In my teenage years and young adulthood, I tried to be a "good" Catholic by maintaining a balance between my sinful behavior and good works. My inability to find this balance led me down a path of alcoholism and immoral conduct that continued after I immigrated to the US in 1996. In short, I was a child deserving of God's wrath pursuing the American Dream.

In 2000, I met my future wife Jena, who was a very positive influence in my life. I quit drinking right away. We had many conversations about faith and religion. I started to examine my depravity and question my Catholic beliefs. I finally accepted Jesus as my savior before we were married in 2001 but continued to live the life of a cultural Christian. I wanted to attend and serve in a church for all the wrong reasons.

In 2005, our first child, Livia, was born with a medical condition that resulted in several surgeries and hospital stays that lasted for about two years. God used that time to break me and I finally surrendered all to Him. During that time, several people from LBC provided us with meals and prayers, including a prayer quilt. It became abundantly clear to me that the Lord was leading us to LBC as our home church. We started attending LBC regularly in 2008 following the birth of our son, Miles, and eventually began serving in children's Sunday school ministry.



taught a Move class, and, on occasion, the seniors' Sunday class. I currently serve as chairman of the elder board and as a helper in AWANA.

It has been an amazing journey these past three years serving on the elder board. I have had the privilege of seeing personal growth in my faith and in our church family. I feel the gentle voice of God calling me to serve another three years, and so I respond in obedience. My experience thus far on the board has repeatedly taught me to fall to my knees and surrender to the Lord of all. While I am ill-equipped, I trust that our God is faithful and through Him all things are possible for His glory.