

# **BY-LAWS OF FAIRVIEW TEXAS CHURCH OF GOD, A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION**

## **ARTICLE I ORGANIZATION**

1. The name of the organization shall be The Fairview Texas Church of God.
2. The organization may at its pleasure by a vote of the membership body change its name.

## **ARTICLE II PURPOSES**

The following are the purposes for which this organization has been organized:

1. We, as individuals sharing a common set of beliefs, and accepting our individual responsibility for our own relationship with God
2. As a Congregational Sabbatarian Group we:
  - a. meet together on a regular basis to hear His word as presented to us in The Holy Bible
  - b. strive to identify the gifts granted to each of us individually by our Creator and to use those talents to the best of our ability
  - c. provide spiritual care, support and assistance to persons who are sick or in need
  - d. live according to the Biblical description of a Christian
  - e. live our lives as an example so that others would want to be Christians
  - f. allow God to work through us to accomplish His will whenever and however He may choose
  - g. actively and individually support the work done by any other organization(s) which hold similar beliefs to those contained in our "Statement of Beliefs"

## **ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in this organization shall be open to all who attend regularly held weekly services.

#### ARTICLE IV SERVICES

The weekly services of this organization shall be held on the Sabbath (Saturday) every week.

The service schedule will be published in the weekly bulletin.

Regular meetings of this organization shall be held at 1201 Farmstead, Fairview, TX 75069. This location can change if approved by the organization.

The presence of not less than 10 of the congregation shall constitute a quorum and shall be necessary to conduct the business of this organization.

#### ARTICLE V VOTING

At all services, all votes shall be by voice.

#### ARTICLE VI ORDER OF BUSINESS

Typical weekly organization meeting:

1. Opening 3 songs
2. Discussion of Prayer List with updates

3. Opening Prayer
4. Short Business Session
  - a. Discussion and vote on requests for assistance
  - b. Discussion and vote on future special occasions
5. Special Music if available
6. Message
7. Closing Song
8. Closing Prayer

This sequence and content may be changed if approved by the congregation.

#### ARTICLE VII ELDER(S), DEACONS AND DEACONESS(ES)

The business of this organization shall be managed by the Elder, Deacon(s) and/or Deaconess (es) consisting of up to 5 members if a decision is needed before the next service. Others may be appointed by the congregation to assist. This group of people will be referred to as “the business leaders” in following paragraphs.

The business leaders to be chosen shall serve until no longer a member of the congregation

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The business leaders shall have the control and management of the affairs and business of this organization.

Each business leader shall have one vote and such voting may not be done by proxy.

Vacancies in the positions of business leader shall be filled by a vote of the majority of the remaining members of the congregation.

A business leader may be removed when sufficient cause exists for such removal. The congregation may entertain charges against any Elder, Deacon and/or Deaconess.

## ARTICLE VIII OFFICERS

The initial officers of the organization shall be as follows:

Elder: Wayne Hinton

Deacon: Steve Seachord

The Elder shall preside at all membership meetings.

He shall appoint all committees, temporary or permanent.

He shall see all books, reports and certificates required by law are properly kept or filed.

He shall be one of the officers who may sign the checks or drafts of the organization.

He shall have such powers as may be reasonably construed as belonging to the chief executive of any organization.

The Deacon(s) shall in the event of the absence or inability of the Elder to exercise his office become acting president of the organization with all the rights, privileges and powers as if he had been the Elder.

The business leaders shall submit to the congregation any communications which shall be addressed to them as representatives of the organization.

The business leaders shall review a written account of the finances of the organization at least annually. A summary of the finances will be posted on the bulletin each week.

No business leader shall for reason of his office be entitled to receive any salary or compensation, but nothing herein shall be construed to prevent an business leader for receiving any compensation from the organization for duties other than as a business leader.

## ARTICLE IX SALARIES

No salaries shall be paid.

## ARTICLE X COMMITTEES

No standing committees are appointed at this time.