

Skillman Church of Christ
Town Hall Meeting
April 27, 2022

Written Statement by Donna Lake

Donna Lake's statement to be added to record of meeting:

"I am deeply concerned that monumental decisions have been made regarding the future of Skillman without an open and honest conversation within the church.

These decisions are the death of a church that has been active since 1911.

Why haven't these decisions involved the members from the very beginning?

My concerns are as follows:

1. Leadership did not convene a meeting with Skillman's members before initial agreements with The Hills. Members were purposefully left in the dark regarding the demise of our congregation.
2. A misleading, response-biased and statistically incorrect "research survey" question has been referenced as providing the approval of negotiations with The Hills. This is categorically incorrect.
3. Why is Skillman being given to The Hills for absolutely no compensation? I have not heard an answer to this question.
4. Why are we not *selling* the assets to The Hills?
5. Why are our members being subjected to divisiveness and anger so that we can be given away to a multi-million-dollar mega-church?
6. Why can't they buy our assets? Why aren't they buying a building in Dallas? They have gladly bought other buildings. Why are we giving ours away?
7. Why are we being asked to choose between remaining who we are versus being dissolved into a mega-church?
8. If folks are eager to change their worship experience they can easily attend a different church. Why kill Skillman in order to have a worship experience & mission programs & youth programs desired? Please leave Skillman alone instead of destroying it.
9. Those of us who have asked for answers to these questions and asked for a delay have been ignored. Why?
10. Those of us who have differing opinions have been denied an opportunity for a free exchange of ideas within the membership. Why?
11. The only opportunity approved has been 15 minutes within this week's Town Hall. 15 minutes allowed versus months of campaigning for The Hills.

12. Those with differing opinions have not been allowed to speak until the meeting on April 27. Less than one month before the vote.
13. So much contention could have been avoided had the members been involved in open and honest conversations. Suppression of open dialog is to blame for the current discord between members.
14. Why has a poorly negotiated agreement already been signed, before the vote for/against this takeover?"