

Myself, and many others were thoroughly disappointed with the outcome of the Wednesday meeting. Instead of an expected open "unbiased" forum, you did no more than create another one sided hard sell sales pitch for the Hills. Literally very scheduled speaker (excluding John Mark) was obviously very pro takeover and either shared the same statistics we have already heard over and over or spoke of messages of doom if the takeover does not happen. It was especially disappointing and most inappropriate that Bill Minnick, who is not even a Skillman member (and obviously a paid spokesman) was permitted to attend, to speak, and then rudely give a totally uncalled for rebuttal after John Mark's video. That was a rude and cheap shot and not at all a Christian attitude. All comments from the elders also came out as negative promises of doom. You are supposed to be our leaders, our guides, our cheerleaders, and not prophets of doom. You have not been at all transparent throughout any of this process. Also extremely disappointing at the closing was Craigs rather rude rebuttal remarks. His comments and David's "devil" ramblings were totally inappropriate, especially for an elder. With the meeting under total control of sellout forces, I felt as if I was the proverbial "fly on the wall" watching what is the obviously biased January 6th committee of specifically hand picked people who are not searching for the actual truth, but have only one agenda in mind.

None of the great "pie in the sky" promises of the Hills is unique. Who even knows if the Hills can keep up the same momentum with Rick Atchley's upcoming retirement. The fact is, with true leadership and dedication, Skillman could revive and again be a great church, saving souls, and be a great asset of service to our neighborhood. In my opinion, it appears that all of you have just given up on your spiritual charge, you have thrown in the towel, and are trying to pass off your obligations of leadership as quickly as possible. This attitude, coupled the lack of transparency, has been the primary catalyst for all of the division and distrust we are all now experiencing.

It is still a mystery why the eldership is ramrodding this takeover at such a rapid pace and squelching out any time, as you promised, for true unbiased discussion. The majority of the meeting, with the exception of John Mark's very short agenda time was solely dedicated to promoting the takeover. There should have been equal time given for both sides. Our congregation, as the potential sellers and the holders of valuable property and finances should have been stronger in negotiations. We should have been in the drivers seat but it appears that you have done nothing but waffle and bow down to all of their demands.

The May 15th voting date must be postponed. Before any final vote is taken, we must have the opportunity for a truly open and unbiased meeting of MEMBERS ONLY, NO EXCEPTIONS, starting on a Saturday morning and going as long as needed until everyone, pro or con, has had ample opportunity to comment and all questions are answered. If the Hills really want the property and funds, they should be willing to wait. If not, you have a confirmation of a bad deal.

I hope that each you will strongly and prayerfully consider slowing down this mad rapid pace and open up the opportunity for further unbiased discussion(s) and complete transparency.

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