

## **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

Richmond, Kentucky

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### **MINUTES OF THE CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING**

November 16, 2014

#### **OPENING BUSINESS**

Pastor Bill Fort opened the meeting with prayer. The meeting was called to order by Mike York, Moderator, at 12:55 p.m. Attendance was 70.

Citing his desire to take care of the "important" business first, Mike called retiring Nancy Jo Wallace to the front and thanked her for her diligence and faithfulness in her position as Finance Manager of First Baptist Church. This will be her last business meeting.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the September 21, 2014, business meeting were reviewed and unanimously accepted as presented.

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS**

**Finance Committee** by Mark Brooks, Chairman

Mark called attention to the Finance Committee Summary that was distributed before the meeting. He explained that per the year-end Cash Flow Analysis, August had above-average offerings, but September's were below average. These offset each other, but we are spending more than we are receiving so far in 2014. He pointed out that we are doing reasonably well with the debt retirement campaign.

As Mark prepared to address the proposed 2015 Budget, Mike pointed out that the Budget Advisory Council has given the Church committees the amounts allotted to them, and they are charged with deciding how their money is spent; so the purpose of our consideration today is not to question individual line items, but to examine the total proposed budget.

Ken Clawson moved that we accept the 2015 budget as proposed. Discussion began with Wade Hollinger asking how this budget compares to last year's. Mark replied that the actual dollar

amount is identical, but that this year's budget includes a detailed presentation of the Learning Center's part of the budget since it comprises a significant percentage of the total. The Learning Center's budget was distributed as a separate document for review.

Joe Elliott asked if, with approval of the proposed budget, the individual line items are being approved. Mark agreed that they are.

With no further discussion forthcoming, a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Nominating Committee** by Chairman Jim Austin

Jim drew attention to the Administrative Committees on page 33 of the Agenda. He explained that Sallye Kiper and Daniel Evans will be filling unfinished terms on the Constitution & Bylaws Committee, and that Jim Austin will serve as an alternate on the Money Counting Committee. He said there is still an opening there, and Ellen McMahan volunteered to serve as an alternate.

In the Program Councils, Bert Gay and Judy Gay have been added to the Senior Adult Council. Kay Hacker is now on the Single Adult Council, leaving the Director position open. Jim noted that Jim and Bonnie Gullett's recent move has left openings in the Sunday School program.

Regarding the Service Teams, Jim encouraged leaders to recruit volunteers and pass their names to the Nominating Committee.

**Life Development Reports** attached were noted by Mike York as documenting the work that the Church is doing, as follows:

Missions

Women's Ministry

Request for Church Letters

Sunday School Attendance report.

Mike also gave the overwhelmingly positive results of the Deacon vote taken in November: 257 votes Yes, 3 votes No, 3 votes Blank.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mike said the Temporary Restricted Funds Policy will be listed until it is dealt with.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the meeting, there was a motion to adjourn made by Danny Presnell, seconded by Charlie Horn. Upon a vote, the meeting was adjourned at 1:22 p.m. Pastor Bill Fort thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Hutcheson, Clerk