

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Richmond, Kentucky

MINUTES OF THE CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

September 15, 2013

Roy Madden opened the meeting with prayer. The meeting was called to order by Mike York, Moderator, at 12:40 p.m. Attendance was 43.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the July 21, 2013, business meeting were reviewed and accepted as presented.

ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS

Finance Committee by John Roden, Chairman

John presented an overview of the Church's finances through June 30th, noting that YTD receipts minus YTD expenses leave us with a Budget Surplus of \$80,000+. He also complimented the Long-Range Planning for the work they are doing, and pointed out that we have been able to retire our debt at roughly \$4,000 per month YTD with the help of a large gift of \$100,000 this year. John also noted that the Finance Committee is already beginning preparations for next year's budget. There were a question about the US Bank loan; John responded that it was for one of the Church vehicles and that it will be retired soon.

Mike thanked John and the Finance Committee for their continued hard work.

Constitution and By-Laws Committee by Chairman Daniel Tucker

Daniel explained the purpose of the Committee and then directed attention to page 29 of the Agenda, showing proposed changes to our Constitution and By-Laws and noting that bold print indicates additions and lines through print show deletions. Dan moved that the proposed changes be approved for a vote by the Church membership. There was extensive discussion centered on Section 7.5.4 regarding non-budget expenditures exceeding \$50,000 (excluding emergencies). A vote was taken, and the motion passed with a vote of 26 for and 6 against.

Mike then directed our attention to the Annual Church Profile attached at page 33, pointing out that Sunday worship attendance is averaging around 750. Other **Written Reports** were Life Development, Request for Church Letters, and Sunday School Attendance.

There was no **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**.

NEW BUSINESS

Long-Range Planning Committee by Chairman Jim Laarsgard

Jim Laarsgard reported that several of the Church committees, including Finance, Trustees and Property, had met with the Long-Range Planning Committee recently. Notable from these meetings was the fact that oversight, versus management, of Church properties has not been well defined. He pointed out that the Facilities Manager is a member of the Property Committee. Jim moved that the Property Committee be given the responsibility of oversight of the First Baptist Church properties, including the apartments and the Magnolia Drive property. Ken Clawson seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and it passed unanimously.

Disaster Relief Council by DR Resource Coordinator Keith Stinson

Keith Stinson presented a request from the Madison County Emergency Management Agency for FBC, along with other area churches, to participate in the Safe Haven program. This program would allow for residents of mobile home parks to come to FBC during tornado watches as part of a 10-county pilot program in Kentucky. Familiarizing those residents with the Church can be a positive outreach. Three or four Church members would be needed to monitor the Youth Area/lower level for a short time during these times, and the Red Cross would take over if a tornado actually hit. Keith moved that the Church enter into a memorandum of understanding that we are willing to participate and provide a Safe Haven facility for mobile home residents during tornado warnings. Dawn Kozar, Learning Center Director, and Rachel Cobb, Director of Preschool & Children's Ministries, expressed concern about safety should a warning occur when the Learning Center is in session. It was decided that Dawn and Rachel will meet with Keith and our security personnel to study these issues, and the motion was withdrawn for the present time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, there was a motion to adjourn made by Debbie Madden, seconded by Jim Austin. Upon a vote, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m. and Roy Madden closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Hutcheson, Clerk