

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Richmond, Kentucky

MINUTES OF THE CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING
January 17, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Bob Seifert, Assistant Moderator, at 1:00 p.m., 98 members attending.

Mr. Seifert expressed appreciation to the Social Committee for their work in preparing for the potluck meal.

Mr. Seifert reminded the members that any motion made from the floor should be presented in writing to the church clerk. Forms are available on each table.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the November 22, 2009, business meeting, were approved as presented. Mickey Ballard made a comment on a question that was asked in the November 22 business meeting concerning budget item 040-73535 Guest Instrumentalists: "This was a practice in place before I (Mickey Ballard) became Minister of Music. This is a common practice in churches to get college students involved. It only applies to college students. High school students and adults that are members of the church are not paid. We conduct a Bible Study for the orchestra members and in the last two years we have had three professions of faith."

Mr. Seifert recognized special guests: Mr. & Mrs. Hamp Valentine and Job Juarez. Mr. Valentine is Director of Missions for the Tates Creek Association. Mr. Juarez is with the Bluegrass Hispanic Missions Cooperative and will be working with First Baptist Church to establish an effective Hispanic ministry.

ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Mike Reed

Mr. Reed expressed appreciation for all the work Nancy Jo Wallace does keeping everything related to church finance organized and in order.

Year-to-date receipts are \$1,676,905.05 which is 13% below budget. Adding Miscellaneous Receipts, the total is \$1,836,056.32 which is \$31,000 (11.7%) under total budget. Total Expenses is \$1,760,650.98 which is 14% below budget. The staff has done an excellent job of keeping expenses under control.

At the November business meeting, the Finance Committee proposed that we make four additional payments in 2010. The church voted to send this to a special-called business meeting because of the amount of money being proposed outside the budget. This will be held during Sunday morning services in the next few weeks.

The complete Finance Report was distributed with the agenda and a copy is attached at the end of these official minutes.

Finance report was approved as presented.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE by Lynn Collins

Mrs. Collins asked that any committee which has not met to elect a chair, vice chair, secretary to please do so ASAP.

Mrs. Collins noted that an "X" indicates a vacancy to be filled and new additions from last month are in bold print. The following additions were announced:

St. Andrews Representative – Dianna Ackerman has completed her tenure and a new person will be appointed.

Carol Horn from the Missions Committee is added to the Bluegrass Hispanic Ministry.

Second Staff Liaison for Bluegrass Hispanic Ministry is the Senior Pastor.

First Staff Liaison for Disaster Relief should be the Facilities Mgr. and Second Staff Liaison should be Minister of Education.

Kim Kincer will serve as State Missions Coordinator on the Missions Committee.

Melanie Metcalf will serve on the Recreation Committee.

Mike Reed should be listed as the Finance Chair on the Property Acquisition Committee.

The Nominating Committee report was approved as presented.

The complete Nominating Committee Report was distributed with the agenda and a copy is attached at the end of these official minutes.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE by Carol Horn

The complete report was distributed with the agenda and a copy is attached at the end of these official minutes. A separate report on the Disaster Relief Activities for 2009 was also distributed with the agenda and a copy is attached at the end of these official minutes.

Mrs. Horn highlighted the new Hispanic Ministry being started by the Tates Creek Baptist Assoc. in partnership with the Bluegrass Hispanic Missions Cooperative which provides us with the services of Job Juarez, Hispanic Strategist for new work. Job Juarez was introduced and he explained how the partnership will work.

The Bluegrass Hispanic Ministry Cooperative (BHMC) is made up of four regions in the state. We have spent four months working out plans to enable churches to reach out to Hispanics and help them become self sufficient. There are already eight self sufficient Hispanic Churches.

There is a Hispanic Mission Team coming from Florida in June to help us.

We are searching for a pastor/church planter to partner with the Tates Creek Association.

There were several questions from the members.

Question: Will this be onsite or offsite?

Answer: Initially onsite. A church within a church.

Question: How much money is needed from KBC, Tates Creek Association (TCA), and First Baptist Church (FBC)?

Answer: \$7500 for 2010. KBC and TCA qualify for \$10,000 over a three-year period. We were thinking of First Baptist Church sharing with a church in Lancaster. 75% of the cost would come from First Baptist Church. There is \$3000 in the Nannie Lee Lackey Fund designated for Hispanic work.

Question: How does this church within a church work?

Answer: The Hispanics can meet in corporate worship or hold a separate church service. One church tried to do a real time translation of the service and that was not successful. Generally the children and youth speak English so the problem is among the adults who may not speak English or very poorly. Meeting separately usually works best. The Hispanics generally live in trailer parks, are low income with high mobility—they go where they can find work.

Question: We are already short on space. Where would they meet?

Answer: One group meets on Saturday night, others meet Sunday afternoon. Just wherever and whenever it is convenient.

Comment I am familiar with another church which has had a Hispanic ministry for several years. They meet on Saturday night and the church provides supper for them. They have become contributing members and it is working out very well.

Question: What is the number of worshippers?

Answer: Nine self sufficient, 70 total.

The team from Florida will need housing and food when they come in June.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE by Marsha Elliott

Lifeway Consulting will conduct a retreat this coming Friday and Saturday at church to review information that they have gathered from the four months of working with the church staff, members and from demographic information. Around 35 church members/staff who are in leadership roles will be participating.

After the retreat the Long Range Planning Committee will review the information and recommendations and present it to the church body.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Church Letter:

Geoffrey Schott from Bethel Baptist Church, Frankfort, KY
Janice Worrell from Red House Baptist Church, Richmond, KY
James E. Chrisman from Lighthouse Baptist Church, Berea, KY
Letters granted.

Request for Removal of Names

Cherry Lynn Pinson from First United Methodist Church, Winchester, KY
Kenneth and Sharon Henson from First Presbyterian Church, Hilton Head Island, SC
Scott and Pamela Turpin have united with the First Christian Church

(personal written request)

Requests granted.

Other Correspondence

None

The following reports were distributed with the agenda and are attached at the end of these official minutes:

Sunday School
Grow
Women's Ministry
Youth Ministry

Meeting Adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Nancy Garriott, Church Clerk

Explanation of Phases

Detailed report is attached at the end of the official minutes.

A verbal or written report was presented at the business meeting. A summary is contained in the minutes. The complete/detailed report is on file with the clerk's minutes. Available in the Church Office during normal business hours.

Filed with the Clerk. Attached at the end of these minutes.

Report was not presented at the Business Meeting. A copy of the entire report is attached at the end of the minutes distributed to attendees.