

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Richmond, Kentucky

MINUTES OF THE CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING
September 20, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Tom Collins, Deacon Chair and Vice Moderator, at 1:00 P.M., 93 members attending.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the July 26, 2009, business meeting were approved as presented.

ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Mike Reed

Although our giving is down 8% from 2008, the staff has done an excellent job of curtailing expenses which are down 4%. So far we have been able to do the things we planned to do this year.

Formal budget planning by the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) will begin October 1.

Assets are fairly healthy as are our Liabilities. We made an extra payment in August on our loan. We try to make one extra payment each year to further reduce our debt.

70% of Designated Funds is Building to Glorify contributions. We added \$9000 to the Continuing the Way Fund which is a reimbursement from apartment expenses. The Lifeway consulting expenses will be paid from the CTW Fund.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE by Lori Cobb

The following updates were presented:

Disaster Relief – Steve Tribble, 3 year term

Marriage & Family Council – Couple Time, Pam & Greg Hembree

Marriage & Family Council – Mission & Discipleship, Deniece & William Bell

Preschool Council – At Large, Mandy Perkins, Carla Hagan

Sunday School Council – Youth Div. Dir., Josh Corum

Sunday School Council – ALIVE Representative, Chae Hudnall/Prayer Ministry

Money Counting Committee – David Mauck, Delores Barnes, Charlie Horn

Wedding Committee – Remove Melanie Marhover; add Dana Gayheart, Pam Withers

These updates were attached with the agenda.

Updates approved.

Ms. Cobb made the following announcement to Service Committee Chairs: You were given the names of people interested in serving on your committee. Please contact them for verification and report to Lori Cobb.

CHURCH COUNCIL by Dianna Ackerman

The Church Council moves that the following Sunday schedules be observed on the noted dates:

Sunday, December 27, 2009

9:40 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
No 8:00 A.M. or 6:00 P.M. services

Sunday, April 4, 2010 (Easter Sunday)

8:00 A.M. Worship Service
9:40 A.M. Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Worship Service
No 6:00 P.M. Service

Sunday, July 4, 2010 (Independence Day)

8:00 A.M. Worship Service
9:40 A.M. Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Worship Service
No 6:00 P.M. Service

Sunday, December 26, 2010

9:40 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
No 8:00 A.M. or 6:00 P.M. services

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS by Tom Bratcher

Mr. Bratcher presented the changes to the Constitution & Bylaws recommended by the Constitution & Bylaws Committee. These were attached to the agenda along with the required procedure for changing the Constitution & Bylaws. These recommendations are attached at the end of these official minutes.

Question: Mickey Ballard: Shouldn't we add Holy Scriptures to Article 5, Section 5.1?

Answer: If you read the constitution & bylaws, the entire document is based on the holy scriptures.

Motion Mickey Ballard, "The Governance Documents 5.1.1 should read "Holy Scriptures" if we are going to delineate with the term "framework of our beliefs."

Seconded by Syble Miller.

There were several comments and suggestions in the discussion of the motion:

"This is a Bible-based church. The Constitution and Bylaws govern how we conduct our business."

"We need to put the Bible first."

"We will have a copy of the Baptist Faith & Message, the Church Charter, and the Constitution & Bylaws, how will we include the Holy Scriptures?"

"Put one of the pew Bibles with them."

"Down the road, someone may say the Holy Scriptures is not part of our governance documents."

"How do we select which version of the scripture to include?"

"Perhaps we need to change the "framework of beliefs?"

“Without Holy Scriptures someone could say if we are based on the governance documents, we don’t believe in the Holy Scriptures.”

“There are different versions of the Bible, but they are all the Holy Bible.”

“Suggestion: In the second sentence, after ‘These documents’ add ‘which are based on Holy Scripture.’”

“Or we could add ‘as defined in section 2.1.4.’”

“Can this be referred back to committee?”

“If we don’t approve it today, it will probably be next year to vote on the changes.”

Mike Kettler, Parliamentarian, explained the procedures available.

Mr. Ballard permitted a friendly amendment to his motion by Pastor Bill Fort:

Syble Miller agreed to the amendment.

Add 5.1.1 Holy Bible.

Motion Carried.

The section will now be stated:

- 5.1.1 Holy Bible
- 5.1.2 Baptist Faith & Message (1963)
- 5.1.3 Church Charter
- 5.1.4 Constitution & Bylaws

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE by Shelley Park

Ms. Park gave an informational report on the LifeWay Consulting progress. She commended the staff for all the work they are doing to assemble the necessary information for the consultants. In October interviews will be conducted with a representative group by age and church involvement/non-involvement. In November a retreat will be held with a group of members. Results will be presented at the January business meeting.

The following reports were attached with the agenda:

- Discipleship
- Sunday School
- Senior Adult Ministries
- Missions
- GROW
- Women’s Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Preschool & Children’s Ministry

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The Pastor presented the Annual Church Profile that will be sent to the Tates Creek Baptist Association. A copy was attached with the agenda and a copy is attached to these official minutes.

The following people were elected as alternates to the October Tates Creek Associational Meeting:

Lillie & Harry Johnson
Ron Boyd
Carl Powell

Request for Church Letter:

Russell and Vickie Hensley from White Hall Baptist Church, Richmond, KY.
Letters granted.

Other Correspondence

None

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.