

First Baptist Church

September 10, 2017

Council of Stewards Meeting

Call to Order 5:30

Members present: Casey Campbell, Ron Chandler, Harold Gragg, Lynn Meinershagen, Mike Miller, and Donna Wagner

Opening Prayer Lynn Meinershagen

Devotion- Donna Wagner Luke 6:27-36

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve with the addition of Mike Miller to the attendance

Harold Gragg 1st, Lynn Meinershagen 2nd, approved

NEW BUSINESS

Participation of Members Registered to Speak

Kyle and Kari Newton

originally prepared to speak about leadership, want Love restoration justice and truth- Ephesians 4:15; Speaking on church discipline: Hebrews 12:10-13, think that the real issues were not really presented to David and therefore did not have a real chance for repentance (Romans 12:18).

Key verses regarding church discipline and moving forward Biblically: Matthew. 18:15-17; 1 Timothy 5:19-20; Galatians 6:1-2; James 5:19-20; Numbers 5:6-7; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9
Originally planned to recommend to 1. Investigate the claims of church members, 2. Ask for a public apology 3. Accountability 4. Withdrawal from council committees

what now?

What now? Use this interim to evaluate our place in the church, bi-law changes regarding pastoral role on the council, regarding discipleship, accountability and personal disciplines and council's responsibility over the pastor; church vision→ we need to keep working, focus on becoming disciplined with God's word, discipleship, and reaching the lost.

Lewis Dunkeson

1. Inactive members and voting privileges: what do we do with people that have left and actively done things on social media with other churches

2. Current status of youth pastor: this is urgent and we are losing it. There are people in that ministry that aren't a part of that church what do we do with that? It has been too long. We are dragging our feet.

3. Council members have always been at odds with each other or the pastor and there is a power

struggle. What is the problem? LD's conclusion is that the council is not biblical. Recommends that we move past the council → form Elders, and get Deacons on board to help the pastor.

Marvin Davison

Marvin said he did not have anything unless the council has questions.

Harold Gragg asked "What took place on Wednesday morning?" Marvin deferred to Steve Dean. Attempt to rectify the situation of people leaving and withholding tithes. He told DC "we are not here as an official delegation." They told David the following: A. God intended for David Crook to be here. B. God helped developed skills. C. following 30 yr pastor is hard. D. having a pastor that knows everyone and greets everyone but DC is not there. E. used to having a pastor that works well with staff and meets with members and takes their advice. F. used to knowing where the pastor is.

Steve said that Pastor Crook's time here has made it clear that we need to unify and get together. We have lost our teams and our worshippers. Why?

Several people had attempted to give him advice and guidance but it has been perceived that he hasn't listened.

Donna Wagner asked "What was the final outcome of the meeting?" The men offered to pay a severance for the rest of the year.

Harold Gragg asked: Who went? Dan Coffman, Marvin Davison, Steve Dean, Dean Henry, John Ogle, and Lawrence Tally

Harold asked: Who did you confer with ahead of time? Council? No; Deacons? No; Congregation? No;

Harold asked: How will the pay be made up? Did you obligate the council of stewards to pay the severance? Steve responded that the council was not obligated. If required the six guys would pay it.

Marvin: We went there with a solution in the best interest of the David, the Church, and everyone involved. We had high hopes when David came, this meeting came after many prayers, tears and hard work. We want what is best for everyone. This doesn't take any love away.

Helen Holzer

Bible study and Sunday school has been leading to focus on what is right and positive. If we are expecting one man to fix what is wrong with this church we are wrong. Only GOD can fix what is wrong. Peter is told by Jesus to keep his on in him, also told to feed my sheep,

Pouring rain are the things that makes it difficult to see, wind is like tense and dissatisfaction, waves are like each pastor leaving, the storm doesn't die until Jesus steps into the boat. We need to pray for Jesus to step into the boat. We praise God because he has compassion

Things we have to praise God for: salvation, freedom to worship, place to worship, Bible to read, ability to discover spiritual gifts, discipleship groups, single parent ministry

Even though today saddened me and some of my joy has left me, I will continue to serve because this is where is God has put me. I will identify groups to show love and be specific on how to

love them.

We should be a church known as one that loves not that bickers

Betty Hoenshell

Chose not speak at this time

Linda Ogle

Chose not to speak at this time

Sunny Chei

Let people with selfish intentions leave the church

Lyle Catron

We need to stop hurting people. If we would spend the amount of time sharing the good news that we spend that we spend fussing at each other the only problem we would have is where to put everyone.

Report from Youth Pastor Search Team

2 members have resigned, David will be leaving, and Megan Hold is at college, only remaining members are Will, Lisa, and Bill

There is a candidate that would like to bring forward. He is aware of what is going on and is still considering the position.

Details about the youth pastor candidate:

Michael Abruzzo- from Neosho; the team unanimously agreed to bring him. They would like to bring him on a Wednesday and a Sunday.

Lynn Meinershagen made a Motion to bring the candidate in for the next step in the process. Donna Wagner 2nd the motion; Motion did not pass 4 yes and 2 no.

OLD BUSINESS

TEAM REPORTS

PERSONNEL

Nothing to report in open session at this time.

FINANCE, monthly reports

we are averaging \$10,000 a week and the bank balance has taken a significant hit. Reserves are at \$118,000 from over \$200,000 at the beginning of the year.

We are constantly monitoring the financial state; only the essentials and salaries are being spent right now. Hopeful that the giving will be going up again.

We will begin working on the new budget of

Mike Miller made a motion accept Harold Gragg, Lynn Meinershagen, Donna Wagner, and John Ogle as new check signers. Casey Campbell 2nd the motion. The motion passed.

BUILDING and GROUNDS

Wrapped up our summer work with successfully cleaned all the A/C units (35 minus one double unit), stripped and waxed a number of classroom floors in the children's wing, cleaned numerous carpets including the Family Life Center and replaced ceiling tiles at the Green Room.

New ovens have been installed. The old was sold for scrap (a buyer could not be found).

Contracted construction at the Green Room has been completed. Minor work is still remaining but will be complete this month.

Facility staff got things ready for Nevada R-5 Preschool classes held in the FLC → small group classrooms were relocated, misc. items were stored, partition walls moved, carpets cleaned, etc. This has added more to the custodial work load but things have gone smoothly.

Facility use outside of regular church activities: *R-5 preschool M-F 7:15 am - 3:30 pm, R-5 cheerleaders Wed 3:30 pm to 5:50 pm, Narcotics Anonymous T/Th/S 7 pm – 8 pm, and The Caring People Monday 6 pm to 8 pm.

Current maintenance issues:

1. upcoming replacement of an air conditioner coil in one of the units in the Children's Wing. Ast Heating and Air has ordered the new coil - cost \$600. They have offered to replace it labor free.
2. The on demand hot water heater in the Way Preschool had to be replaced, at a cost of \$387.00.
3. An exterior faucet leak along the east wall of the Children's Wing that will have to be replaced. The parts are on order.

Insurance adjusters found no significant damage on the roof from the storms last spring. There are few dents in a couple attic vent covers which if replaced would cost less than our \$500 deductible.

This fall some in house painting projects will be pursued.

Miscellaneous Items from Members

The council of Stewards will look into appointing to a committee to review the bi-laws.

Adjourn to Closed Session

Next Council Meeting Sunday October 8, 2017 at 5:30PM