

**First Baptist Church**  
**January 14, 2018 5PM**  
**Council of Stewards Meeting**

**Call to Order:** 5:00 pm

**Members Present:** Casey Campbell, Ron Chandler, Harold Gragg, Lynn Meinershagen, Mike Miller, Brett Pettibon, Josh Ryals, Ron Schowengerdt Donna Wagner

**Opening Prayer** Harold Gragg

**Devotion** – Donna Psalm 91:1-2

**Approval of Minutes** Josh Ryals motions to approve, Lynn Meinershagen seconds, approved

**Election of Officers for 2018**

Ron Chandler – chairman  
Lynn Meinershagen - vice chairman  
Casey Campbell - secretary

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Senior Pastor Search Team-** The team is meeting weekly and currently putting together a church wide survey to be distributed Jan 21<sup>st</sup> and Jan 28<sup>th</sup>. Dustan Campbell is serving as the team chair, Jennifer Conley is the co-chair, Marla Foreman is the secretary, Lyle Catron is the prayer leader, and Helen Holzer provides a scripture devotion each week.

**FBC Constitution and By- Law Revision Team** advertised one more time this week, we will compile this team and have work on putting them in place in the February meeting.

**Discussion of Church Security-** looking for members, gathering examples of security plans from other churches, facing some challenges including the age of our security system (20 years) and there is a need for an upgrade to the system.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Celebrate Recovery-** Dawn Breckenridge is the only ministry leader at this moment. Any questions and concerns regarding CR should be directed to Dawn. There was a meeting to recruit new leaders. From this meeting several new step studies will begin as a way to develop new leaders.

**Letter addressed to the council from Linda Dorsey:**

3 questions were in the letter.

1. The first question asked referred to a personnel matter that cannot be discussed but the council is aware of and is addressing it.
2. Question regarding hiring of an interim.

*We had a candidate lined up for the interim position, however, prior to the end of the year that fell through. The personnel team had a telephone interview with another candidate this*

*afternoon. We will be following up this person this week. The goal is to have an interim in place by the end of the month*

3. Question raising concern regarding people teaching Sunday School classes and then leaving and going to worship in other churches.

*The council is not aware of anyone currently serving in this way but would encourage anyone with concerns to address them with those people directly or to bring specific names to the council so those conversations could be had.*

## **TEAM REPORTS**

**PERSONNEL** – items for closed session

### **FINANCE, monthly reports**

-ended year with \$191,358 and in a much better situation than we originally anticipated

-averaged \$16,414 during December

-averaged about \$14,393 per week through the year

The church staff was frugal and did well with the budget this year.

## **BUILDING and GROUNDS**

We had an issue with a pipe and an open and exposed hole through an access area in the ceiling that was from a previous project and never closed up.

Pipe in the boys bathroom in the children's wing broke but has been repaired.

LED lights are being installed in place of some high traffic fluorescent bulb

Bulbs in the sanctuary are being replaced and are no longer being turned up to full strength to extend their life and prevent glares.

## **Miscellaneous Items From Members**

- **Regarding the Costa Rica Mission trip:** Can we take the left over from the youth budget from last year and apply it to the Costa Rica mission trip?
  - Lynn Meinershagen motions that we move the remaining amount youth budget (\$2856.00) to the Youth Mission Trip Expense restricted line item. Ron Schowengerdt seconds the motion. Motion passed. Ron Chandler and Lynn Meinershagen will follow up in the office with Diane Monday morning.

## **Adjourn to Closed Session If Needed**

**Next Council Meeting Sunday February 11, 2018 5PM**