

First Baptist Church

Council of Stewards Regular Meeting

Sept. 13, 2015

Members Present: Harold Gragg, Bruce Pettibon, Steve Dean, Brandon Fisher, Steve Russ, Casey Campbell, Lindsay Jackson, Donna Wagner.

Call to Order: President Harold Gragg called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Casey Campbell offered the opening prayer.

Devotion was offered by Donna Wagner from Galatians 5:22-26.

Approval of Minutes:

Brandon Fisher moved to accept the minutes of the Aug. 11, 2015 meeting of the council. Casey Cambell seconded the motion and the minutes were approved with one correction. Steve Dean asked that to change the line that the heater in the sanctuary has not been fixed.

Harold Gragg moved to approve the minutes of a special meeting held Aug 11th. Brandon Fisher seconded the motion and the minutes were approved with the correction of the date.

New Business

AC and Heating Units – Bill Shafer

- ❖ *Estimates from Bryan Ast for heaters was \$3,450. 00.
 - Heater south of sanctuary is most important because of the expense of the organ. There has been no heat there for several years.
- ❖ *Half of the air conditioning system on both sides of the Family Life Center are not working properly. This does not include the Sunday School rooms. he east side air conditioners do not work at all and the west side are about 40% efficient.
 - Estimate for air conditioning was \$17,000.00.
 - There is only one bid at this time, but the council asked Bill to get other bids to look at before making a decision. He will do this and get back with the council. Some suggestions were Steve Pryor and Bruce Pettibon’s brother, and Ernsbarger Heating and Air.
 - Harold Gragg asked Bill to get several bids, reminding him that we may not take the lowest bid, depending on the bids. Steve also suggested that we get bids on service contracts at the same time.

- Bill will get the bids together and let Diana e-mail them to council. Bill suggested that the heater could be done now, and the air conditioning later, perhaps in February with next year's budget
- ❖ *The bid for painting and repairing the wall on the south side of the Sanctuary was \$4,200.00.
 - This includes repairing drywall, priming and painting the wall
 - This bid includes the Baptistry area. The bid otherwise would be \$3,750.00.
- ❖ Bill also reported that the LED light proposal from Sarin Energy can save the church money down the road. The price is just over \$16,000. and with the 10% discount, it could be less than that. This will be discussed in old business.
- ❖ Water coming in the S.E. doors is under control with sand bags. This is discussed further in Team Reports.

Old Business

- ❖ Sarin Energy
 - Casey Campbell: with all there is to do, there would not be enough of a return on our investment to warrant installing the LED lighting through Sarin Energy.
 - Lindsay Jackson: has checked on LED lighting for their office through Sarin Energy, and talked to Chris Davis Co. and found that they could replace the lights themselves at a lower cost.
 - Bill Shafer: Cottey College is changing to LED bulbs purchased locally as they need with some retrofitting. The lights in the sanctuary cannot be purchased locally because they are on a dimmer switch
 - Casey Campbell: the Sarin proposal figured the payback of investment within a year and a half, but in reality it would be longer. Bill had figured about 3 years.
 - Bruce Pettibon has googled the price of LED and induction bulbs and retrofitting the fixtures and feels like we could do it ourselves. Sarin did offer a financing package. He agrees that we have a lot to do without the lights at this time.
 - Harold Gragg suggested that we fix the heating and air as our first priority.

Team Reports

Finance Committee

- ❖ Harold Gragg asked about the Miscellaneous Gifts line item showing \$27, 390.00 spent. Diana McElwain explained that \$25,000.00 of the expenditures from that line were for a scholarship given to SBU.
- ❖ Harold acknowledged that we are behind on the budget in giving, but have also spent less than projected.
- ❖ Steve Russ made a motion to add \$100.00 (from the office budget) to the \$35.00 in offerings from the congregation for a love offering for Wendell Teagarden. Donna Wagner seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- ❖ The budget will be discussed in closed session.

- ❖ Casey Campbell suggested that we set the date for the annual business meeting so that we can set our schedule to have the budget ready for presentation. The tentative schedule is below:
 - Business Meeting: Nov. 15
 - Informational Session over budget: Nov. 1
 - Budget available for consideration: Oct. 18
 - Council budget work session: Sept. 27th

Personnel Committee

- ❖ No Report

Building and Grounds

- ❖ The sandbags are working to keep water out of the SE doors. Bruce Pettibon thought a bigger pipe might help the problem.

Miscellaneous

- ❖ Brandon Fisher: The pastor search committee met with a candidate and wants him to meet with the council and staff.
- ❖ Casey Campbell asked if there was a timeline for this visit and Brandon shared that Gary Hawkins is working on that.

The meeting was adjourned to closed session.

Harold Gragg closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Donna Wagner