

First Baptist Church

Council of Stewards Regular Meeting

December 11, 2015

The regular meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m. by president, Harold Gragg. Brandon Fisher opened the meeting in prayer.

Members present: Ron Chandler, Brandon Fisher, Casey Campbell, Lindsay Jackson, Bruce Pettibon, Harold Gragg, Steve Dean, Donna Wagner, Steve Russ and Pastor David Crook.

Devotion was from Jeremiah 29:11.

Casey Campbell made a motion to accept the November Council minutes and Brandon Fisher seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

**New Business**

- ❖ Ice machine
  - Harold shared Bill Shafer's approximate ice usage April through November was \$146.59
  - Bid for ice machine was \$1,473.00
  - During discussion, it was decided that an ice machine would be convenient for the staff, congregation, and others who use the church for events.
  - The discussion was tabled until January 2016. Bruce Pettibon will check with his brother who has access to wholesale equipment about the cost of ice machines.

**Old Business**

No old business

**Team Reports**

**Personnel:** Report in closed session

**Finance:** Monthly financial reports were discussed.

\*Income is greater than expenses.

**Building and Grounds**

- ❖ Repairs in the sanctuary look good
- ❖ There is a new leak in the foyer (May be due to "valley" in roof of east foyer)
- ❖ Everyone agreed that we need to take care of the roof problems and should look more at quality of work rather than expense in order to do this.
- ❖ Bruce Pettibon asked if he could contact a contractor for a consult, but not a bid at this time.

- ❖ Steve Russ reported that the Green Room has leaks
- ❖ Bill Shafer has ordered the metal to repair the steeple
- ❖ Discussed digging under parking lot to fix drain in east entrance.
- ❖ Steve Russ mentioned endowment fund as possible funding source.

#### **Pastor Time**

- ❖ Update on transition
  - Currently sitting down with staff to discuss how he can help them accomplish their goals
  - Wants to know from the council how he can help encourage them
  - Wants to move toward a “Jubilee Week” for pastoral staff (1 Sunday every 7 weeks or so) that they will not serve in a pastoral role.
  - Faithful First – for 2016
    - Would like to challenge the church to pay off the children’s wing, perhaps by July.
    - Would like to offer a tour to Israel after the debt has been retired
  - Housing
    - Still showing their home in Overbrook, and looking for a home in Nevada

#### **Miscellaneous**

Brandon:

- ❖ Insurance viewpoint on conceal and carry
  - Could hire police/ex-military to act as security, but we would incur a premium for liability insurance
  - Could hire a security company who would have their own insurance
  - Individuals could “carry” on their own w/appropriate paperwork and approval from pastor/council
  - Could incur liability if we don’t have a policy and there is an incident...we won’t have liability insurance and could be sued
  - Currently, you cannot carry within a church without approval
  - We currently do not have a policy, but the council feels we need to draft one.
  - This may be something for the safety/security committee

Steve Russ:

- ❖ Update on Macy Mission project
  - They need \$30-\$40,000 to repair sewer problems
  - Lynn Meinershagen will see if there are other churches that might partner with us to help them.
  - Possibilities for funding to help them include special offerings, the endowment fund as a special missions project
  - Waiting for dates for mission trip

Ron Chandler:

- ❖ People have asked what they can expect as far as office staffing. Will there be a minister available during business hours? During discussion, there should be a minister available, but that is not always feasible since they have duties that might take them outside the office. It is better to call ahead or make an appointment if at all possible.

Steve Dean:

- ❖ Update on India project
  - Thanked the church for their support and asked for prayer for people who live in flooded areas there
  - The well they had dug was not good, but has purchased more land with good well to pipe water
  - The focus will change in February to include 7, 8 and 9 year old girls

Harold Gragg:

- ❖ Thanked Steve Dean for his service on the Council of Stewards and thanked Steve Russ for his professional service while the church was in transition.
- ❖ Reminded the council that officers will be elected in January, be thinking about how you might serve.
- ❖ Shared his appreciation for the purchase of the Green Room, but would love to see the Youth on campus. There are plans for this, but the cost is \$788,000.

Delores Hovey and Ron Chandler reported on the outreach event held at Fairground Estates. There were 26 children and 4 parents who enjoyed a birthday party for Jesus with snacks, games and the Christmas Story read by Delores.

The meeting was then adjourned into closed session.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Wagner