

## First Baptist Church Council of Stewards Meeting

Sunday, Aug. 14, 2016

- **Call to order**
  - The meeting was called to order by President Harold Gragg at 5:34 p.m.
  - Members Present: Harold Gragg, Casey Campbell, Donna Wagner, Bruce Pettibon, Will Smith, Brandon Fisher, Pastor David Crook.
  - Members Absent: Ron Chandler, Lindsey Jackson
  
- **Opening Prayer**
  - Harold Gragg opened the meeting in Prayer
  
- **Devotion**
  - John 3:3-6 and John 15:26
  
- **Approval of July Minutes**
  - Casey Campbell suggested the minutes be changed to show that the Building and Grounds report was given under “Old Business” rather than “New Business”. With that change, Casey moved that the minutes be accepted, Harold Gragg seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.
  
- **New Business**
  - Lynn Meinershagen read a letter asking for \$7,500.00 to be used to replace the roof of Missionary Ron Goombi’s home. He serves as missionary in Macey, Nebraska and has lost funding from NAMB due to budget cuts.
  - Lynn shared personal experiences and feelings about the situation as well as 2 bids for the roof work.
  - We have partnered with this church and missionary for the past few years. Other churches are doing repairs to the church, both in funding and man power.
  - Pastor Crook made a motion that the council authorize \$7,500.00 to pay for the roof of Ron Goombi’s home. Casey Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- **Old Business**

- Council discussed replacing the standard bulbs with LED lights. We have had one proposal.
- Jerry Phipper reported that the cost of replacing all of our current lights would be \$1,560.00 labor and \$800.00 for the bulbs.
  - We usually change bulbs 2-3 times a year when there are 5-7 bulbs burned out; there are currently 8 bulbs burned out.
  - After discussion, the motion from July to replace all bulbs in the sanctuary with standard bulbs stands.

- **Team Reports**

- **Personnel**
  - Donna Garwood has been hired to be the new office secretary
  - Harold Gragg suggested that the personnel committee meet to begin the process of job evaluations.
  - Pastor Crook presented a letter from Hubert Fox regarding him vacating his office at the church and working 10 hours per week from his home. He would still lead Greif Share and other small groups, continue his hospital visits, etc.
  - Harold Gragg thanked Hubert, who was in attendance, for his continued service to the Lord in our church.
- **Finance**
  - Dianne McElwain presented the monthly financial reports, a summary of monies in all church accounts, a comparison of the past two years revenue and expenditures as well as a preliminary 2017 budget worksheet.
  - Questions about the monthly expenditures included the difference between the youth mission trip line item and the youth activity line item. The youth activity is youth camp. Although the line items are over budget, there will be money coming in for both of them.
  - The Christian Action line item is also over the budget, but includes food for funeral dinners, etc.
- **Building and Grounds**
  - Jerry Phipper presented a budget request to be considered for the end of 2016 (if funds are available) and 2017
    - Projects that need to be completed before the end of 2016 include:

- Asphaltting both driveways and area between them at the Green Room
  - Install a sidewalk on the SE corner of the building to reduce flooding in heavy rains
  - Carpet Cleaning (majority of the church)
  - Sanctuary light replacement – all bulbs
  - Materials and labor for room dividing walls at Green Room
  - FBC parking lot resealed and striped
- Pastor Crook made a motion that the money from the debt reduction line item be used to cover the cost of these improvements, totaling approximately \$13,110.00. Brandon Fisher seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- Pastor proposed that we begin fundraising campaign for a new sound system. The current system is not working through a whole service and must be “rebooted” at least once each week.
  - Pastor has given the council a proposal with three levels of equipment, the best choice being a system designed to work in both contemporary and traditional services.
  - Harold Gragg suggested tabling the discussion until next meeting, giving the council time to commit the proposal to prayer and to have all members present.
- **Pastor’s Time**
  - Pastor asked the council to authorize \$500.00 more per month to New Life Shelter in order for them to pay housing expenses for their manager until February, 2017. He asked Donna Wagner to work with Diana to see if the council can authorize the \$2500.00 it would take from the 2016 budget.
  - Casey Campbell moved that we authorize \$500.00 to be paid 7/15/16. The motion was seconded by Harold Gragg and passed.
  - Pastor presented a proposal for “Right Now Media”, an online subscription service that would allow members access to Christian videos, movies, etc. These can be used for small group studies, or for personal use. The subscription is \$168.00 per month. It will be taken out of “Literature and Supplies”.
  - Pastor asked that the council consider paying for the pastoral staff and their wives if they want to go on the Israel trip next spring. The cost would be \$3500 each.

- This would serve as a professional development opportunity for them as well as an expression of appreciation from the church.
- Council took this under advisement for time to commit it to prayer
- The meeting was adjourned to executive session, but no action was taken.
- **Next Meeting** will be Sept. 11, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.
- The meeting was adjourned in prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Wagner