

First Baptist Church, Sept.11, 2016, 5:30 P M

Council of Stewards Meeting

❖ Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by President, Harold Gragg at 5:34 p.m.
- Members present were: Harold Gragg, Will Smith, Casey Campbell, Lindsay Jackson, Ron Chandler, Bruce Pettibon, Brandon Fisher, Donna Wagner and Pastor David Crook. Proposed council members Lynn Meinershagen and Mike Miller were also present.

❖ Opening Prayer was offered by Lindsey Jackson

❖ Devotion

- Devotion was from Proverbs 1:1-9.

❖ Approval of August , 2016 Minutes

- Ron Chandler moved that the minutes from the August 14th meeting be approved as presented. Casey Campbell seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

❖ NEW BUSINESS

- Kyle Newton and Brian Majors addressed the council
 - Presented information on how the budget has been allocated in the past
 - There has been an increase in giving
 - Propose that local giving be increased from .6% of the budget to 15% of the budget.
 - Some of the places this money could be used are the homeless shelter, Moss House, Community Outreach and some in benevolence in order to create relationships in order to spread God's word in the community
 - When asked if an increase in all missions giving would be the same, they feel the increase in local giving would be best because that is the level that builds relationships. Giving to missions organizations cuts off what gets out to the people.
 - Harold Gragg assured them that the council will take this under advisement as we move into work sessions on the budget.

❖ OLD BUSINESS

- None

❖ TEAM REPORTS

○ Personnel

- Casey Campbell suggested that when the budget is presented , the salaries be presented in categories, i.e.: pastoral staff, administrative staff, etc. and not list individual salaries. The salaries would be available for anyone who

would like to see them. It was mentioned that this has been tried and we can discuss it at budget work sessions.

- Harold Gragg reminded the council that when the accompanists' salaries were cut due to budget constraints, they were promised that it would be revisited when the finances were better.

○ **Finance**

- Ron Chandler reported that expenses are about \$33,000. less than total giving for the year at the end of August.
- Pastor Crook made a motion to authorize \$2,000.00 be given to New Life Shelter at \$500.00 per month in addition to current giving. Brandon seconded the motion and the motion passed.
 - This money allows the shelter to help with rent for the manager of the shelter for a period of time from September to December.
- Ron asked about using the money that has been in a savings account for back lot improvements. The account has \$500.00 in it. Discussion followed about closing the account or using it. The money will be used for mowing, etc.
- On- line banking was discussed but it was decided that we can check into it, but probably not interested at this time.

○ **Building and Grounds**

- Asphalt at the Green Room is installed.
- Bruce Pettibon presented a bid for installing a drain to prevent water from coming in at the southeast doors
 - Other ideas were discussed
 - Will Smith moved that we accept the bid from Buildet to install the drain, Brandon Fisher seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- The plan to remodel the office area in order to make that area safer was discussed. This will be taken into consideration for next year's budget.
- Pastor Crook reported that the roof repair will be completed with installation of flashing. The check has been prepared.

❖ **PASTOR'S TIME:**

- Procedures for the congregational meeting scheduled for Sept. 25th were discussed.
 - Brandon expressed concerns about the letter sent from the church. His interpretation was that the letter asked for permission to spend money based on projections perhaps before the money actually came in.
 - Pastor assured him that this was not the plan. This would only authorize council to use money that has been given over the amount budgeted.

Council will present to the congregation the reason additional funds may be needed before the end of the year since there have been several costly projects to keep the building in good repair as well as some mission expenses. This would save the need for several specially called business meetings before the end of the year.

- Casey Campbell suggested that we move forward with the meeting, giving the congregation the list of potential needs.
 - The meeting will include discussion, then a vote by ballot for the approval of spending as outlined in the letter and for council members.
 - Casey also nominated Harold Gragg as moderator.
 - Pastor will e-mail the list of potential projects to the council before the meeting.
- The finance committee will meet before the next regular council meeting to begin looking at preliminary budgets

Miscellaneous Items From Members: there were no miscellaneous matters from council members

The meeting was adjourned to closed session but no action was taken.

Next Council Meeting, October 9, 2016 at 5:30.

ADJOURNMENT: the meeting was closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna wagner