



## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Church Council of First Baptist Church of Midland, Texas met for its regular meeting on Monday, January 16, 2017. Members present were: Danny Campbell, Doug Noah, Perry Taylor, Clark Butts, Randy Cotton, Roland Moreland, Lucretia Franklin, Debbie Gilliam, Dennis Johnson, Pete Schrenkel, Sid Vanderland, Tom Scott, Charlotte Cooke, Tracye Vaughn, Craig Freeman, K'Lynn Roberts, Keith Skaar, Denise Beckham, and Art Hobbs. Staff members present: Darin Wood and Larry Grimes.

Chairman Danny Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and led in prayer.

The minutes for the December 12, 2016 meeting were approved as presented.

### **REPORTS**

#### **1. Staff Reports**

##### **Senior Pastor - Darin Wood**

1. Key Initiatives for 2017: evangelism and family relationships. Evangelism training for Deacons will begin next week. Dr. Wood wants the church to lead out on a biblical example of families.
2. Update on server and wireless projects. With Brian Davis no longer contracted, the IT projects are on hold. In the meantime, the Church website is close to being finished. The Go Live date for the server conversion is February 14<sup>th</sup>.
3. Dr. Wood proposed the idea of moving the Church Conferences to meeting every other month instead of every month. The Council discussed the matter and will revisit the idea at the February Council meeting.
4. Dr. Wood mentioned that a new retreat center is being proposed to be built in Midland County to be named The Way Retreat Center.
5. Dr. Wood mentioned and encouraged the Council members to attend a leadership event on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Wagner-Noel Performing Arts Center which will include Andy Stanley and John Maxwell.

##### **Business Administrator - Larry Grimes**

1. Mr. Grimes referred the Council to his published report in the Ministerial Report section of the Council meeting packet.

**Ministerial Reports** - Reports in meeting packet reviewed individually by Council members

#### **2. Deacon Body - Justin Dockrey**

No Report

#### **Chairman's Report - Danny Campbell**

No Report

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### **3. Committee Reports**

#### **Missions – Keith Skaar**

Mr. Skaar made the following report: Approved \$10,000 for Africa missions trip. Funds were provided to various mission partners. Hope 1:8 approved \$50,000 in Baptist University of the Americas scholarships and approved \$50,000 to Arab Baptist Theological Seminary for scholarships and Haiti relief.

#### **Child Care – Perry Taylor**

No Report

#### **Finance – Sid Vanderland**

1. Mr. Vanderland presented the December 2016 financial report. (see last page)
2. 2016 Accounting Internal Controls Audit. Johnson, Miller & Co. completed a 2016 fiscal year end internal controls audit in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2016. A draft copy was presented to the Finance Committee at the January Finance Committee meeting. The management report stated that much improvement had been made from last year in the various accounting procedures. The management report opinion showed to be unqualified with a final copy to be provided to the Church next month.
3. The Finance Committee is continuing to prepare a Designated Funds Policy. Work continues on that item with the intention to present it to the Council next month.

#### **General Nominating – Lucretia Franklin**

No Report

#### **Maintenance and Expansion – Tom Scott**

Mr. Scott made the following report: Committee met in January to review the maintenance budget, maintenance projects, the facilities use agreement, and a facilities security plan template.

#### **Membership – Denise Beckham**

The Council reviewed the additions and losses to the membership. The additions to the church totaled three with seven membership losses. These three will be voted on at the January 2017 Church Conference. Total church membership is 8,513.

#### **Personnel – Danny Campbell**

Mr. Campbell reported that the Music Minister search is progressing. Student Minister and Minister to Singles and Young Families position descriptions are being updated. A new Financial Assistant, which is currently an open position, is in the process of being filled.

#### **Transportation – Pete Schrenkel**

Mr. Schrenkel reported that the committee met in January to plan the upcoming year. The



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objectives for the year are to recommend and implement best practices on: 1) What the church fleet should look like; 2) purchasing process for vehicles; and 3) commercial versus “in-house” transportation.

### **4. Other**

1. Selection Criteria Subcommittee – Art Hobbs reported that the subcommittee had met in December to begin its work, and had meetings scheduled for January and February.

### **Unfinished Business**

1. None

### **New Business**

1. None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53PM. Respectfully Submitted,

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Art Hobbs, Secretary

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Date Approved