



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Church Council of First Baptist Church of Midland, Texas met for its regular meeting on Monday, February 19, 2018. Members present were: Doug Noah, Roland Moreland, Lucretia Franklin, Debby Gilliam, Denise Beckham, Randy Cotton, Richard Jolly, Tom Hanna, Jason Sims, April Paris, Holley Pinson, Kim Ortega, Greg West, Perry Taylor, and Jimmy Bridges. Staff members present: Darin Wood and Larry Grimes.

Chairman Doug Noah called the meeting to order at 7:05PM, and prayer was offered.

Meeting Minutes for January 22, 2018 were reviewed and approved as amended.

Special Guest- Danny Campbell

Danny Campbell joined the meeting to explain a situation from 2012 involving FBC and a family that was homeless. Members from FBC helped this family rebuild a home that was given to them. No federal funds were used. A lot of time and effort have been poured into this family. Education was provided concerning taxes and insurance payments. Over time, regardless of warnings, the family has been delinquent in paying taxes. Midland Central Appraisal District has filed a tax foreclosure lawsuit and needs FBC to remove the lien or pay the taxes. Estimated back taxes are \$5,026.65 through 2017. Individuals plan to continue ministering to this family.

Danny Campbell was dismissed and discussion followed.

Greg West moved to authorize the FBC trustees to release the Note or Lienholder on the Turner House at 300 S. Stonewall St. to allow the Midland Central Appraisal District to recover or file lawsuit for the collection of delinquent property taxes without FBC (No Personal Liability) as a Defendant. Tom Hanna seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Pre-K Report with Special Guest Jayna Hobby

Holley Pinson reported that the preschool search committee has reached a decision. After narrowing the search to two candidates, the committee felt strongly about calling Amy Brand in view of a call for the preschool ministry position. Holley gave a brief preschool history account since August 2014 and brief detail concerning the process in which Amy was selected. Discussion followed.

Holley Pinson moved to call Amy Brand as Preschool Minister. April Paris seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

A town hall meeting will be scheduled for March 24th, and Amy will come in view of a call on March 25th. If approved by the church, Amy will begin on a part-time basis until her contract ends with MISD.

Jayna Hobby was excused.

REPORTS

Staff Reports

Senior Pastor – Darin Wood

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1. Hank Henry has resigned. His resignation will be public March 1st and the reception will be March 25th. Please pray for Hank's health and his family's health.
2. Jim Cawthon resigned and has taken a position at Rock Springs Baptist Church in Easley, South Carolina. His last Sunday will be March 11th. Aaron is involved in the search for the new media minister.
3. Blane Dickson has also resigned.
4. Currently working on a plan to transition well from the current media staff. Two individuals have been interviewed.
5. Abigail Davis has resigned.
6. Cooperative Baptist Fellowship recently changed their hiring policy. Effective February 9th, an individual who is actively engaged in the homosexual lifestyle may work in the CBF administrative offices. The issue was presented to the missions committee. The committee decided to continue the budget with CBF until September, but re-direct monies from the CBF administrative offices to the mission field. After September, FBC will no longer partner with CBF. Discussion followed.
7. On a high note, a car was donated to the church to be given to someone affected by the South Texas hurricane disaster. Dr. Wood contacted a pastor in Rockport. The pastor found a recipient, and the car will head to Rockport in the next 2 weeks.

Business Administrator – Larry Grimes

1. The Child Development Center roof is currently being replaced. Surplus monies are at work.
2. A settlement was finally reached to repair roof tiles damaged by wind. Additional repairs will be made. We have signed a new contract with Church Mutual for a policy with a \$25,000 deductible. Other bids were considered including a bid from Guidestone.
3. Future possibility may be a new roof over the Fellowship Hall- approx. \$400,000.

Ministerial Reports – Reports were inserted in meeting packet for review by Council Members.

Deacon Body – Greg West

1. Mr. West would like to encourage Church Council, deacons, and staff to attend the Personal Practical Evangelism classes offered by Chad Clark.
2. Mr. West also encouraged Church Council to take part in Pastor Prayer Partners. It is an opportunity to spend time in organized prayer for our staff and pastors.
3. Deacon Family Ministry – Tom Hanna made a brief review of Deacon Family Ministry. He would like to increase opportunities for members who need a deacon assigned. Mr. Grimes also suggested perhaps there are families who have temporary needs in which deacons may come alongside and minister.

Committee Reports

Chairman's Report – Doug Noah

Please keep personnel resignations and additions confidential.

Missions – Jimmy Bridges

Mr. Bridges gave a brief report of missions meeting for February 2018.

Lucretia requested a review of designated funds concerning David Wall. Jimmy Bridges said he would contact Hank Henry the following day.

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Child Care – Charlotte Cooke

No report

Finance – Randy Cotton

*Mr. Cotton presented the January 2017 financial report (see report attached).
Mr. Cotton reviewed the year-end forecast and bank account monies that were moved to the CDARS program.*

General Nominating – Lucretia Franklin

No report

Maintenance and Expansion – Clark Butts

No Report

Membership – Denise Beckham

- 1. The Council reviewed the additions and losses to the membership. The additions to the church totaled nine with eight membership losses and four deaths. These nine will be voted on at the February 2018 Church Conference. Total church membership is 8,526.*
- 2. Ms. Beckham gave a brief review of Membership Committee meeting regarding the church directory. Ms. Beckham encouraged council members to sign up for pictures and encourage others to do so also. Pictures are scheduled to be taken April 3-21. Denise gave a brief review of the instructions for online sign-up. Dr. Wood will send out an email encouraging FBC members to participate in the directory. Membership committee is trying to be proactive in getting people signed up early and not waiting until the last minute.*
- 3. Upcoming receptions are as follows: Robbie and Paula Boyd on March 4th; Jim Cawthon on March 11th and Hank Henry on March 25th.*

Personnel – Doug Noah

In Pastor's Report

Transportation – Roland Moreland

March 11th is the next transportation meeting.

Safety and Security Committee- Tom Scott

Next meeting will be held February 21, 2018. Perry Taylor reported that the most committed and knowledgeable individuals are serving on the Safety and Security Committee.

Unfinished Business



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Discussions resumed concerning the committee selection criteria. Several proposals and ideas were presented. Council members committed to continuing praying through the process. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

New Business

Motion by Committee on Committees Chairman Greg West to approve Felicia Kelley as 2017-2018 Transportation members, Perry Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

09:55 PM adjourned with a closing prayer.

Holley Pinson, Secretary

Date Approved