

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Richmond, Kentucky

MINUTES OF THE CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING
September 21, 2008

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Bill Fort and called to order by Lance Neal, Moderator, at 1:05 p.m., 102 members attending.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the July 20, 2008, business meeting were approved as presented.

Nancy Garriott, Church Clerk, made a motion to accept corrections to the minutes of May 18, 2008:

The number of votes cast in favor of dividing the question should have been reported as 24 and the number of votes cast against dividing the question should have been reported as 71.

Minutes have been revised accordingly.

And to accept corrections to the minutes of the special-called business meeting of June 1, 2008:

The part of the motion dealing with building the classroom annex was read in the special-called business meeting and printed on the ballot, but inadvertently not reported in the minutes.

Minutes have been revised accordingly.

Motion passed.

ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS

MISSIONS REPORT by Jeff Prosser

Jeff Prosser, Assoc. Pastor, reported on the ribbon cutting ceremony of Liberty Place, There were over 200 people attending. He also reported on the Single Mom's Oil Change Ministry. Over 70 oil changes were performed. There will be another oil change event in March and next summer.

A written report prepared by Ervin Yoder, Missions Chair, detailing all mission projects for the past quarter and upcoming events was distributed with the agenda and a copy is attached at the end of these official minutes.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE by Jenny Blakeman

An Officers & Committee Roster with new appointments and revisions bolded was attached with the agenda and a copy is attached at the end of these official minutes. A new committee has been created: Evacuation. A previous Ad Hoc Committee, Scholarship, has been made a permanent committee.

Motion that these appointments be approved as presented.

Motion passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Brian Mullins, Vice Chair

Mr. Mullins used a PowerPoint presentation to report the current financial situation of First Baptist Church. YTD Plan Receipts is \$1,218,684 Actual Receipts are \$1,201,300 through August 31, 2008. We are 98.6% of plan which is excellent. YTD Plan Expenses are \$1,377,302 with Actual Expenses of \$1,235,783. That is a savings of \$141,519 (89.7% of Plan).

Last year at this time we had a deficit of \$15,834 and this year we have a surplus of \$111,472. We are using the extra cash to pay down our loan. On January 1, 2008, the loan at Chase was \$4,072,979 and as of August 31, 2008, our loan balance was \$3,983,852.

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached at the end of these official minutes.

The Budget Advisory Council will meet on October 16. At the November 16 business the budget for 2009 will be presented for discussion and vote.

Motion to approve the Finance report passed.

CONSTITUTION & Bylaws Committee BY Vivian Bowles

Ms. Bowles presented proposed amendments to the Constitution & Bylaws and moved for their adoption. According to the Constitution & Bylaws, these proposed amendments must be distributed to the church membership in writing with a proposed date for discussion and voting. The amendments will be discussed at the November 16 business meeting. Voting will take place at a special-called business meeting during the morning worship services on a Sunday following the November 16 business meeting. The following amendments are proposed:

- 7.1.4 New for exception of use
- 7.5.5 New provision for absentee voting
- 8.2.2 Revision
- 9.1.1.1 New addition to 9.1.1

The complete proposed amendments and rationale were distributed with the agenda and are attached at the end of these official minutes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT distributed with agenda

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES REPORT distributed with agenda

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Richard Landers, Church Administrator, reported on the proposed annex.

Sealed bids were received on September 19 based on the architectural drawings by Brandon Powell. Five wanted to make a bid, but only two bids were received and both of these were 25% and 34% respectively higher than our approved amount. We can either try to get within the amount approved or ask the church to approve more money for the project. We may need to have a special-called business meeting for this. We can use members who want to donate their services and this will reduce the amount of funds needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Church Letter:

Brian and LeEllen Blackstone from Broadway Baptist Church, Lexington, KY

Bill & Charlotte Ellis from Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, KY

Letters granted.

Request for Removal of Name

Beth Wren has united with the Southland Christian Church, Lexington, KY

(The Southland Christian Church made this request by letter.)

Comment: Past practice has been to not accept this type of request unless received from the individual.

Request disregarded.

We need messengers for the Association Meeting in October. Contact Dorothy in the church office if you are interested in attending.

The Church Profile for the Kentucky Baptist Churches and Tates Creek Baptist Association was distributed with the agenda. It was noted that First Baptist Church met or exceeded all special offerings this year. We had 54 baptisms, 97 other additions, and SS Weekly Average Attendance of 691.

Motion that the Church Profile be accepted as presented. Motion seconded and passed. A copy of the Church Profile as attached at the end of these official minutes.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:45 P.M. and closed with prayer by Pastor Bill Fort.

Nancy Garriott, Church Clerk

Explanation of Phases

Detailed report is attached at the end of the official minutes.

A verbal or written report was presented at the business meeting. A summary is contained in the minutes. The complete/detailed report is on file with the clerk's minutes. Available in the Church Office during normal business hours.

Filed with the Clerk. Attached at the end of these minutes.

Report was not presented at the Business Meeting. A copy of the entire report is attached at the end of the minutes distributed to attendees.