

Highlights of First Baptist Church Board Meeting February 9, 2008

Present: Bryan Black, Brent Erickson, Craig Hunter, Dee Krumwiede, Rob McGinnis, Rod Maurer, Dave Reed, Jef Riley, Matt Solverson, Tim Swigart and Pastor Nate Whiteside and Russ and Nichole Paul for as Youth and Children's Pastor

Absent: Charles Davis and Richard March

Guest: Mark Ranum

Bryan Black gave us a report today in Shelly Black's place. Shelly has been working on reducing some incorrect charges to First Baptist Church, she has also looked into expenses in phone billing to FBC. Shelly has written up a budget of proposed versus actual so the Board can be aware of what is actually happening on the budget items.

Bryan Black has installed virus software on our office computers since we are now on DSL service for our protection.

Dave Reed commented on how much money Shelly has already been finding that will offset the cost of having her on a weekly salary. We've determined that the current dumpster contract is more expensive than what we can do if we move to Faherty's service out of Platteville which is what the city has moved to this year. The new pickup would be a lesser cost and would be picked up weekly. Faherty is concerned about the gate on the front of the Dumpster service, we will talk to them about this concern and find a work-around for it.

Bryan Black will check with Charles Davis about the sewer connection we share with Farm Credit to see if we are still only paying 50% of the total bill and Farm Credit is paying their half.

A question came up about the snow removal vehicle fuel that is part of the total maintenance budget. We discussed paying the Men on the snow removal team for their services and they could decide to keep it or put it into the offering as they see fit. No motion was made on this discussion.

Mark Ranum appeared as a guest to inquire about new sound equipment to upgrade our ability to create CD's, also a second video projector so we do not have to move the current projector each time we want to use it in the gymnasium. Mark also needs a new CD burner, the current version is too slow and we need to have the capability of creating multiple CD's for people to take them after the service. We need different software for the ministry sound system as well. Mark will present us a proposal for the sound system with his most important needs up front. We also discussed our future capability of promoting our service on the website, we are already set up to do this with our current software. Craig Hunter made a motion not to spend more than \$600.00 on equipment at this time, which was, seconded by Dee Krumwiede. The Board voted on this issue and approved it unanimously.

Pastor Nate spoke to us about expectations of the office of the Board of Administers, Staff and Leaders of First Baptist Church. Nate shared a story about how someone cutting his hair lost perspective while visiting with him and gave his a buzz cut. We need to keep perspective in our roles, we shouldn't assume that everyone knows their role. Nate pointed out many shepherding illustrations from the Bible to help us understand the various aspects of our shepherd roles as administers of this church. We have received a spiritual charge when we act as shepherds. Overseers, Deacon, Elder are all examples of roles that each person is responsible for active duties in the church. Each and every one of the Board, and Pastors are responsible for our church and the congregation.

Pastor Russ Paul has a plan for a summer youth trip where he will need a van rental for a trip to Brooklyn, New York. The business has a requirement for \$900.00 up front before they will rent the van. The price for the van will also be a per mile fee, with one hundred free miles per day in the agreement. They will be gone for nine days, the free one hundred miles per day is pro-rated across the entire nine days. The deposit for the van is non-refundable, it is a fifteen-passenger van, and they have 12 open spots to ride in the van including Russ and Nichole Paul.

This trip would be over the Fourth of July weekend, the cost per child would be \$400.00. They trip would be ministry to the inner city children, there would be teaching opportunities each day. The program is part of Youth Works organization who provide many opportunities for youth ministry trips each year, coordinating the opportunities for many youth groups to come together. The trip is June 29th through July 8th for the Senior High group. Russ would like to take the older kids first because his future time with them is limited due to pending graduations coming in the following year. There was a motion to approve the \$900.00 for the van made by Tim Swigart and seconded by Brent Erickson. The Board voted and passed the motion unanimously.

Dave asked the members of the Board which if any of them are not comfortable in doing the public prayer up front during the service. Much discussion followed about including members at large and even Women to be allowed to pray. There was much dissension about this idea and several people were not in favor of opening this up to the congregation. We also considered the idea that people who are interested in public opportunities to pray should make a greater effort to attend the corporate prayer meeting which is currently held at 7:45 before church and again after church service is over each Sunday.

Respectfully,

Jef Riley

Jef Riley-Board Member