

Highlights of First Baptist Church Board Meeting August 23, 2008

Present: Bryan Black, Charles Davis, Rob McGinnis, Richard March, Jef Riley, Matt Solverson, Tim Swigart and Pastor Nate Whiteside and Russ Paul Youth Pastor

Absent: Brent Erickson, Craig Hunter, Dee Krumwiede, Rod Maurer and Dave Reed

There was no Board meeting since July due to the Green Lake camp-out falling on the same weekend as the regular Board meeting. Pastor Nate read to us out of 2 Timothy 4 which speaks to us about our responsibility to be prepared to correct, encourage and rebuke. We are to be prepared to speak the truth, be hard-working, evangelizing and discharging our duties. Nate also read to us from a book by Charles Spurgeon "Lectures to My Students". Pastor Nate led us in prayer about our being prepared to do what God calls us to do.

George Connors came to us before the meeting started to ask about assistance in feeding the SMASH kids on Wednesday nights. He and Geneva had been doing this each year and he would like to spread the responsibility and the privilege of this to others as well.

We discussed the payment of \$475.00 for the Midwest Sealcoat repair of the driveway. This payment will come from the building fund.

We recently were notified that First Baptist Church of Darlington was listed as a beneficiary in the will of Gladys Priestley for an amount of \$5,000.00. Several suggestions were made for the use of the money ranging from saving the money for future needs for students headed off to college for a small gift so it would be more of a perpetual benefit, using it for current expenses or using it for paying down our principal on the building loan. We do have a reserve of \$7,500.00 for the building loan payment.

Bryan Black moved that we put the money into the building fund and Charles Davis second, we voted on the motion and one opposing vote was made to the usage of the money for this purpose. The opposing vote was made with the thought that we should check with the stipulations on the usage of the money and if possible use it for monetary gifts for students headed off to college each year. This would lengthen the time that the money would be useful. The vote carried and we will use the money for the building fund.

The van still needs a transfer of title before we can insure the van. We have repairs for brakes, addition of seat belts and any safety related concerns that need to be done before we take it on the road. A suggestion was made that the driver of the van always checks the oil and the air pressure in the tires prior to taking it on the road. Pastor Russ Paul agreed that he would check both of those necessities prior to the van being driven each time. Russ will mark that as being done on the vehicle mileage chart.

A motion was made by Richard March and seconded by Robin McGinnis that we provide \$500.00 to the GLBC for assistance in meeting their physical year budget. The motion was un-opposed.

The GLBC annual meeting is being held October 23-25 at Ashland, WI. Pastor Nate is unable to attend. Dave and Lorrie Reed are attending, Dave will be a delegate. The cost is \$50.00 per person and \$75.00 per delegate. We need a second delegate. Sharon Davis is going and we will ask her if she wants to be a delegate. Richard March made a motion and Bryan Black seconded that we provide \$75.00 for Dave Reed to be a delegate and Sharon Davis will receive the \$75.00 if she agrees to be a delegate.

Pastor Nate and Emily Whiteside's son, Tommy, is going to be dedicated on September 7th. Assistant Executive Director of the GLBC is going to preside at the dedication. We will be starting our monthly Sunday potluck on that Sunday service. Pastor Nate mentioned that he really felt a powerful conviction on a reading from Luke this spring when it was read that we should ask those who are not able to pay back any gift to be invited to the potluck meal each week. We spoke briefly about the Community of Churches Food Pantry gifts to families that had made commitments to attend church after receiving food. The people that have received food rarely if ever actually attend a service.

On September 28th, Pastor Nate will be visiting a Satellite church in Richland Center to assess possibilities for future growth. He will meet afterwards with the site Pastor, Jamie. We had many questions about the ideas behind the Satellite church to become more informed of the intention and how it works for the people, what advantages and disadvantages are apparent. Richland Center has been doing this since last October and averages 100 people. They've had eight commitments to faith since that time. From a Pastor's viewpoint it works well for someone who is not yet ready to become a senior Pastor but would be quite comfortable with being an associate Pastor.

The Youth Fall Out Retreat will be the 26th through 28th of September in Lake Geneva, WI at the Lake Geneva Youth Camp. Pastor Russ said they will have a change in format from previous years. With several churches attending they will not have a keynote speaker but will instead each church will provide a speaker. They will have games for the kids as well plus the lake itself. There will be several sessions of teaching. There will 150 to 200 kids there who are in Junior and Senior High age group.

This September 15th and 16th Pastor Nate will be in Eau Claire attending a Pastor's Prayer Gathering.

On September 28th we will have to confirm who will give the sermon message. October 10th Emily Whiteside is scheduled for a C-section. Pastor Nate will be out that week and for Sunday service. Pastor Russ is tentatively schedule for giving the sermon on that date.

Rob McGinnis commented that Dave Reed has stepped down as Chairperson for the Cornerstone School after 12 years of service. The school will have a DVD series for teaching of the older students including one in ninth-grade. This is similar to distance learning.

Pastor Russ asked that we start thinking about the next year mission trip for the youth group. He had 12 kids go to New York this year; it cost about \$500.00 per student. Russ would like to go west this next year. He would like to start prompting the students to make plans for the trip and to start making payments toward the trip cost. Tim Swigart motioned that we authorize Pastor Russ to start the process for the fund-raising for the trip next year, seconded by Matt Solverson. We voted for the trip with one vote against which was for the reason that we receive better financial information from Russ so that he provides better documentation on expenses and does not over-extend the credit card.

Bryan Black brought up the Fall Sunday school curriculum. He wanted to know what classes were being planned. Pastor Nate is in the process of working this out and will report back to the Board of what classes will be offered.

Bryan also commented that we provide an exit interview with Rachael Olson for her summer internship for the office position. He would like to determine what she felt we could do better.

Craig Hunter called in prior to the meeting to request we speak on getting rock for the landscape committee. The cost for delivery is \$850.00 for the rock including delivery. Richard March offered to provide his dump truck for delivering the rock if the church will be charged for delivery. Charles Davis inquired about the cost of the rock for use on the front of the church. Richard March made a motion and Matt Solverson seconded that we approved \$300.00 for the purchase of the rock from the building fund and we will haul it ourselves if necessary. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully,

Jef Riley

Jef Riley-Board Member