

Highlights of First Baptist Church Board Meeting February 21, 2009

Present: Bryan Black, Craig Hunter, Rod Maurer, Dave Reed, Matt Solverson, Tim Swigart, Pastor Nate Whiteside, and Richard March

Absent: Charles Davis, Matt Singer, Dee Krumwiede, Russ Paul Youth Pastor, Jef Riley, and Brent Erickson

Pastor Nate opened us in prayer.

Presentation and approval of Executive Assistant position

Discussion: Tim Swigart said four candidates were interviewed by Rod Maurer and himself for the Executive Assistant position. After discussion Richard March made a motion to accept the recommendation to hire Mark Ranum as executive assistant. Dave Reed seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Youth Intern: Brianna Tichler

Discussion: Pastor Nate had a one-hour telephone conversation with Brianna Tichler about doing an internship where she would work 40 hours per week from June to December. She has visited our website and is very excited about our congregation. Brianna has interest in working with all ages in the church and may also be available if time allows to help start the discipleship program at our church. Russ and Nichole Paul will be meeting her in Chicago. Pastor Nate stated the goal of the intern program will be to help her achieve her long term goals with training in ministry. The benefit will be for us to have her work at the church. Pastor Nate wants to ensure that the goal of education for her is maintained with her work at the church. Brianna is from Morrison, IL and is engaged to be married January 2010.

Dave Reed and Pastor Nate Left to go to short term mission conference in Oshkosh.

Tim reviewed old minutes from last meeting. First National Bank extended the building loan 2 more years that places the term of the loan for 5 years at 5.6%. Tim stated this would allow us to pay off the loan completely at the current pace of repayment. Nichole Paul is going to Children Desiring God conference April 30-May 2nd. Church and community assessments for the retooling process will have to be purchased. When we did the pastoral church we had attempted to get these resources from the GLBC, but were short on time and used a community assessment that was out of a book. This most likely will not be equal to the GLBC church and community assessment. Craig Hunter is going to talk with Pastor Nate about Board retreat with a tentative date of March 21 to discuss possible lodging and arrangements.

Shelly Black's Financial Officer report was reviewed. David Reed painted and shampooed the office. There is a new kitchen table in the kitchen. We are unsure of who is the donor. We received a donation of a nice used computer for the office. Bryan Black is updating the RAM and expects the computer to be very useful. Meeting was adjourned by Tim Swigart.

Respectfully,
Matt Solverson-Board member