

Highlights of First Baptist Church Board Meeting January 10, 2008

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

Absent: Charles Davis, Dee Krumwiede, Russ Paul-Youth Pastor

Guest: Shelly Black, Financial Officer

We opened with a scene from a movie, "The Forbidden Kingdom" to teach us about unity and how we portray ourselves to others who want to become part of God's Kingdom.

Old Business:

The Nominating Committee Report was waived as we are all familiar with who is on the lists we were given. The Personnel Committee report was given by Brent Erickson; he said there are 10 candidates for the Executive Assistant position. There are an equal number of men and women so far, so from out of the county. There will be three interviews performed for the final series of candidates.

New Business:

Pastor Nate commented on the annual meeting set for tomorrow. He gave us an overview of what will happen from his perspective. Nate and Moderator-elect Tim Swigart had a meeting where they discussed forming the current 12 member Board of Administrators into four separate sub-committees to streamline the process of different aspects of management of ministry activities.

News:

Bob Larsen will be coming o speak and sing on February 1st.

There is a re-tooling seminar on January 30 and 31st.

There is a LEAD team meeting in LaCrosse where Pastor Nate will attend and not be at FBC on those days.

There is a conference in Madison on February 23 through 25th, Mon-Wed. This is a preaching conference, Pastor Nate will attend.

Pastor Nate is planning on developing our assistance ministry so we can do more to reach the people who come to FBC for assistance.

We are officially on Emmaus College list for summer worship and youth events; we may be able to receive a person for a summer commitment.

We discussed the need for salt for the parking lot. Dave Reed picked up 500 pounds of water-softener salt to use on the lot. We've used much more salt than previous years.

We will ask the congregation for a donation for salt. Richard March commented that Tom Jean, Lafayette County Highway Commissioner may sell us some salt, he will check that out.

Financial News-Shelly Black

Shelly said this fiscal year has been an exciting year, it's the first year that we've had an actual budget of this information. We were having difficulty making our expenses before May. In June we brought this to the congregation and God blessed us from that point on. Expenses were under budget on some areas and were over-budget on other areas. We received money from the congregation to support specific ministries which helped to offset the expenses of those ministries.

We have seen a drop in missions giving over the past several years. We discussed how we could bring this concern for our missionary support to the congregation to highlight the need for increased giving in this area.

Jef Riley

Jef Riley-Board Member