

Highlights of First Baptist Church Board Meeting July 26, 2008

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

Absent: Charles Davis

Pastor Nate read to us from Isaiah, starting in Chapter 40 verse 12 through the end of the chapter. We discussed how this chapter impacted each of us, we have many insightful comments about the immensity of God, and how God provides and directs us. Those who don't know God put their faith into things instead of into God.

We discussed the last Board meeting highlights, made some additions and corrections to those notes. The previous Board highlights follow with changes or additions made in italics.

Revisions: We discussed an announcement from Assistant Executive Director of the Great Lakes Baptist Conference, Stu Dix, that there will be a prayer summit in September. *On July 26, Dave Reed expanded on this comment that this would actually be a prayer summit that would be held here. Some discussion was considered about having this on a Wednesday night. Pastor Nate commented that we could invite other churches as well. Richard March will check with Stu Dix to verify if he is free on a Wednesday night in September.*

We discussed the corporate prayer, which usually takes place on Sunday morning at 8:00 AM prior to church adult Sunday school. No one had a strong preference for moving the time. *Note: On July 26, Dave Reed informed us that he and Lorrie Reed have done prayer on Friday night at 6pm. On both Friday and Sunday only Dave and Lorrie have been the only participants last week.*

After discussion of the previous meetings highlights we moved on to other issues. Rachel Olson will be leaving in September to be a student teacher. We will need to discuss fulfilling her open position with additional volunteers.

We discussed the Executive Secretary position. Pastor Nate said he would like to see this position fulfilled but not at the expense of the current staff. He wants us to be certain of our ability to pay existing staff before adding new staff.

Richard March inquired about the church plants, when they would be financially capable of supporting themselves. Pastor Nate has been in touch with the two church plants in Verona and Stoughton. It appears that Verona is more financially healthy at this time. Bryan Black said church planting should be an on-going expense, when one church is financially healthy enough to support itself then we should be looking to create another church plant. Pastor Nate discusses the financial status of the church plants with their Pastors quarterly.

Pastor Nate will be camping out at Green Lake on August 10th, he would like some volunteers on the Board to introduce a sermonette where several Board members will come to the Pulpit to read selected passages and introduce discussion topics.

Financial Officer, Shelly Black came to our meeting at 8:00 AM to discuss the financial status including the Youth trip, but mostly to discuss the upcoming van insurance needs. Some money was given back to the students who had paid in more than \$300.00 where the difference of \$100.00 was refunded to them if they had paid in \$400.00. We still came out \$649.12 ahead after refunding the money.

The proposed gift of the van has some restrictions that need to be applied for insurance reasons. Shelly created a document which she handed out to the Board so we could review each of these points. We cannot use the van for personal uses, it cannot be rented out. It can be provided to another church provided our driver is in the vehicle. The van is rated for a 50 minute radius of Darlington; it can be used 10% of the time for a longer trip. This 10% would be determined by the log use over a period of time.

One concern is from online research Shelly performed is that a typical 15-passenger van is three times more likely to roll over if they filled to capacity and have under-inflated tires. If the van has is properly loaded with less than 10 passengers with proper tire inflation then research has not shown that this type of van has not been involved in roll-over accidents. The van driver should not overload the van, put anything on top of the van, or talk on the cell-phone. No one who is not listed on the policy should be driving the van under any circumstances since if there are any accidents the driver could be sued for the full extent of the law.

Pastor Russ commented that there are four definite trips he would like to take that would be in excess of the normal 50-minute radius. Shelly said that the Board should be notified whenever those trips are being taken prior to the event. Shelly said that any impromptu students must have telephone consent from their parent on file prior to attending any FBC events. We must have permission before any student participation for our protection. Russ inquired about taking the van to the Mall of America in Bloomington, MN before August 18th. We discussed this and we felt that the experience of driving the van might not be sufficient by that date; we might have to rent a van.

Bryan Black commented that the information that Shelly Black provided was a first draft and that she was looking for our input on any additions. Matt Solverson commented that we might look at combining these forms into a single form for permission for other activities so it all fits onto one form.

Tim Swigart commented about the Board protection on insurance needs. Are we completely covered for all decisions we make on the church umbrella policy? Dave Reed said that Bob Larson has contacted us to confirm our insurance needs.

Dave commented that we need to consider fall class scheduling for teachers.

Dave is waiting for a callback on the Midwest Sealcoat of the parking lot. Midwest Sealcoat has come and patched the defective area of the parking lot on the driveway.

Dave Reed ended the meeting in prayer for the health of all Board members.

Respectfully,

Jef Riley

Jef Riley-Board Member