

## Highlights of First Baptist Church Board Meeting June 28, 2008

Present: Bryan Black, Charles Davis, Craig Hunter, Dee Krumwiede, Richard March, Rob McGinnis, Rod Maurer, Jef Riley, Matt Solverson, Tim Swigart and Pastor Nate Whiteside

Absent: Brent Erickson, Dave Reed, Russ and Nichole Paul for as Youth and Children's Pastor

Pastor Nate led us in prayer to open. Youth Pastor Russ Paul and Children's Pastor Nichole Paul have left this morning at 4:00 AM with 12 youth to travel to New York on a mission trip. Pastor Nate read Psalm 91 aloud with discussion of what the passages speak to us. In this world we will experience trials and tribulations, we discussed several other passages that relate to the Lord and his desire to comfort and bring us through these difficult times.

We didn't have a meeting earlier this month due to the Canoe Fest falling on the same weekend as the Board meeting. We also experienced flooding from the Pecatonica River rising over its banks and cresting over the highway which closed the only bridge in town for passage across the river. (*Note: We handed out 2,100 bottles during the Canoe Fest parade.*)

We discussed the 15-passenger van and the accompanying expense related to insurance and upkeep. The church would need to cover the policy at a cost of \$300-\$400.00 per year plus the expense of maintenance and upkeep. We discussed whether it was necessary to for drivers to have a chauffeur's license; it wasn't clear whether we needed one. A question came up about when do we cutoff the repair expense someday in the future. We will monitor the expense of repair and determine when we need to consider stopping this maintenance and replacing the van.

We discussed the condition of the van, how far it should be driven, whether locally around Darlington or also for longer trips to Madison or the Mall of America in Minneapolis. We discussed the van safety aspect, several comments were made that the 1990's van is much safer than the previous version. Matt Solverson made the motion to approve the van, Bryan Black seconded the motion. We approved the van on a unanimous vote.

Julia Wolters is coming to speak to the Adult Sunday school class on July 6<sup>th</sup> to help raise support for her mission work in Germany. She is offering to teach German while she is here. She was raised in a bi-lingual home where German was spoken as well as English.

Bob Larson is coming to play special music on July 6<sup>th</sup>. The youth are presenting special music on July 13<sup>th</sup>, Youth Pastor Russ is giving the sermon. There will be a mission update on that Sunday as well. On July 20<sup>th</sup> Ellen Olson is leading worship music and Russ is preaching on Sanctification.

Mission trip income had a surplus from the money that was raised. There was some consideration of what to do with the extra money and how to use it, whether for the youth trip or for a gift to the church.

We discussed the Wednesday night youth group needs for the summer. George and Geneva Conners donate their time and talents to feed the kids throughout the rest of the year to feed the kids. We discussed having the small groups assisting the needs for feeding for the youth. We have all three small groups represented here and each of the groups has signed up for three nights of support. The menu has offered the hotdogs and hamburgers, macaroni was offered and the kids loved it. A main dish, fruit and/or vegetable is usually offered plus soft drinks.

We briefly discussed the need for a new whiteboard for writing on during Adult classes. Several ideas were discussed ranging in cost. Pastor Nate will do some research and determine what he can find and the accompanying prices for purchase.

Pastor Nate will be out of town July 11<sup>th</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup> for his 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and vacation time. Pastor Russ will be taking care of church needs during this time for pastoral duties.

Respectfully,

Jef Riley

Jef Riley-Board Member