

Highlights of First Baptist Church Board Meeting May 17, 2008

Present: Bryan Black, Charles Davis, Brent Erickson, Craig Hunter, Rob McGinnis, Rod Maurer, Dave Reed, Jef Riley, Tim Swigart and Pastor Nate Whiteside and Russ Paul as Youth Pastor

Absent: Dee Krumwiede, Richard March, and Matt Solverson

Pastor Nate started the meeting with a discussion about Titus for appointing elders. Paul describes the attributes of an elder, how we should act, what we should do as having these qualities. We should be good husbands and fathers, teaching our children so that they know and believe. We should be temperate in our behavior. These characteristics should not be limited to only elders but to all people in God's church. Everyone should aspire to these behaviors. We should appreciate and love what is good. We should be sensible, just or righteous, filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.

We should love what is good, be hospitable, devout to the Lord, self-controlled, imitating the attributes of God through the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Russ gave us an update on his activities as Youth Pastor. He shared with us his projected mission trip expenses. He has 12 children who have decided to attend this trip, plus he and Nichole will make 14 people on this trip. He has a car wash fundraiser scheduled for the 10th and 31st of May to raise money. He hopes to raise \$100 to \$150 from this event. He is still in the process of collecting the \$400.00 from each child who is planning on attending. Russ has a movie and dinner planned at the church for Friday, June 6th in the evening. Russ has asked children to plan \$10.00 per meal in addition to their \$400.00 payment. They are leaving the 28th of June at 4:00 AM. On the way back they will spend a night at Nichole Paul's parent house in Fort Wayne.

There is another trip that the Youth group will attend later this year in Oklahoma called the Nightmare trip. It's an event that is evangelistic through a play style, a bit scary in nature since it's an enactment of how Hell would be like, complete with darkness, cages and people in make-up portraying demons. *(note: these are evangelistic events, with a high amount of decisions for Christ in the churches that come)*

Russ' discipleship class for the Senior High group is going well. They go through a workbook; it includes a memory verse for them to learn each week. It's every week through the school year on Tuesday mornings at 6:30 AM.

The group usually meets on Wednesday night at the swimming pool, which opens May 30th. Not all of the kids like to swim so there is an alternative to swimming, which includes Frisbee. Russ is considering other ideas for alternatives in addition to Frisbee. During the summer George and Geneva Connors usually like to have a break from providing the food for the youth group. Brent Erickson will look into scheduling some of the small groups to provide food and support for these events.

On July 13th Russ will report on the mission trip. Nichole Paul is planning a video presentation to add to the report for a visual aid.

As a side note for other activities we discussed showing movies at FBC or downtown. We have been approached last year to show movies in the campground park area on Friday night. Some of our concerns were related to moving the projector, which has two bulbs that cost \$1,200.00 to replace. Also, do we have to pay someone to show a free movie to the public?

We moved on to the discussion of the youth van, which a congregation member would like to donate. We discussed who would own the van, who would pay for upkeep, insurance etc. We discussed FBC would pay for the insurance and any gasoline required for church related trips. In the past we rented a van for \$100.00 per day which amounted to several hundred dollars per year. We felt that van should be used for trips in and around the community since this is a 1994 vintage vehicle. Another use of the van would be to provide a ride to church on Sunday morning for those who do not have a ride.

A separate idea that came out of this discussion was that we could consider having membership of the congregation provide rides to children in areas outside of town so they could make a Sunday morning service.

We discussed the seal-coat that was applied to the driveway early last fall. The seal-coat finish appears to have disappeared, the parking lot lines have mostly disappeared as well. Dave Reed has attempted to reach them several times but the company called Mid-West Sealcoat, which is in Dodgeville, has not responded. He did reach someone initially to discuss these problems but no one has called him since that time.

Last Sunday we had a blowing North wind. We noticed that the carpet inside the Cornerstone schoolroom was wet and the carpet in the both of the classrooms on the west side was wet also.

We discussed the Youth Pastor job description. Pastor Nate provided the Board with a tentative job description. He and Pastor Russ have spoken at length about this list of duties. Pastor Nate commented on how Russ has filled in several times for hospital visits and preaching as well as other activities. We discussed the announcement at the January annual business meeting to have a full-time position for the Youth Pastor role by this June.

Dave Reed suggested we have a semi-annual business meeting to discuss the budget. This would normally be preceded by an announcement for two weeks prior to a business meeting. We will announce the next two Sundays that the business meeting will be June 1st. A motion was made by Charles Davis and seconded by Tim Swigart that we increase the salary package for Pastor Russ. Dave Reed called for a vote and we decided to increase his package as discussed. This will be announced at the semi-annual business meeting we are calling for June 1st.

Pastor Nate that tomorrow will have a guest speaker for the sermon, Pastor Carlos Bulalayao from Rock International Church, Janesville, WI.

We moved on to the financial section of the meeting as prepared by Shelly Black, Financial Officer. We were running short on time and several members had to leave for meetings so we didn't have a discussion of the budget.

Dave Reed commented on how Cornerstone School needs to have a second room to use permanently for the next school year as they will have 15 students in attendance. There is a proposal to add a satellite dish to the church so they could have satellite classes.

Respectfully,

Jef Riley

Jef Riley-Board Member