

## Highlights of First Baptist Church Board Meeting October 18, 2008

Present: Bryan Black, Charles Davis, Craig Hunter, Dee Krumwiede, Rob McGinnis, Rod Maurer, Dave Reed, Jef Riley, Matt Solverson, Tim Swigart, Pastor Nate Whiteside and Russ Paul Youth Pastor.

Absent: Brent Erickson, Richard March

Pastor Nate opened with Proverbs 16:3. Commit to the Lord whatever you do and your plans will succeed. We discussed our viewpoints on this verse. Does this mean that all plans that we make will result in success. What if God decides this is not His will, will he honor those requests? Will everyone who is ill be saved? There were viewpoints on both sides of this argument. Paul for instance was not healed when he asked God three times to remove the thorn and God said His grace was sufficient.

We discussed if everyone would be saved. Again there was discussion on both sides of the table that some believed in election, some considered that everyone would be saved. There were verses that can be considered from both sides of this concern.

We discussed a recent book that the Board was requested to read, The Five Dysfunctions of a Team. One of the topics that came up was consensus where everyone in a group agrees on what is the best choice. Unfortunately consensus usually means everyone has to give up something, it also takes a long time to achieve. It delays results. Part of our teaching today centered on trust and commitment. We need to trust each other and be committed to the end result.

We prayed for several members of the Board with specific needs and concerns. We prayed for unity within our church.

Pastor Nate asked for our thoughts on accepting the GLBC Re-Tooling Kit. This is a three-year project which we discussed with Dr. Stu Dix when he was here in September. We discussed that there is a need for an Executive Assistant. We will discuss the possibility of this during November budget discussion during the Board meeting.

Charles Davis gave us some insight on the recent budget committee meeting, we briefly discussed the cost of living increase, copy machine is no longer leased-we own it now. Dave Reed commented that we are under-budget on some areas, the amount needed for Shelly Black as Financial Officer, the cost of operating the copy machine. We can cut back in some areas.

We discussed the bill that was presented to FBC for the estimate on repairs to the van. The business wants to be paid \$116.05 for looking at the van. We received a bill from City of Darlington for an excessive water bill during one period during the summer. We had a broken soaker hose and ran out more water than intended. The city will not credit back some of the excessive water usage payment. We discussed what we could do to prevent this in the future. One suggestion is to monitor the water meter for usage during off-times to confirm we do not have any broken pipes. Another suggestion was to put into a separate meter which the city confirms that we would have a lower payment since it would not go through the city sewer.

We discussed the fall youth trip. Youth Pastor Russ said they are going to Marshfield overnight, for Halloween Nightmare, it's an evangelistic event that is held. They would need to stay overnight; Russ is considering camping out for that event. We discussed some issues related to renting a van from a local business and insurance concerns related to that.

Susie Osterday, a member of the Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Committee inquired about having a representation from the local churches for the Holiday Parade at Christmas. We discuss having a Nativity scene down by the riverside. Dave Reed is going to make further inquiries.

Craig Hunter asked if he could store his boat in the garage. That was approved by the Board.

During discussion of finance we discussed if there would be a savings on our building payment if we were to pay on our loan more often than once a year. Bryan Black will discuss this with Shelly to inquire how much we might save by paying more often on a voluntary basis. This could be considered quarterly if we have sufficient funds to make early payments.

Dave Reed commented that there was a foul smell in the Sanctuary. He did an inspection and he and George Connors removed some insulation that had fallen into a heating/air-conditioning duct where he also found some mouse feces. They vacuumed out the duct as best as they could.

Respectfully,

Jef Riley

Jef Riley-Board Member