

## Highlights of First Baptist Church Board Meeting September 6, 2008

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

Absent: Russ Paul-Youth Pastor, Richard March

We opened in prayer; Pastor Nate led the prayer, thanking God for all his Grace, love and mercy.

We moved into training with discussion of the five dysfunctions of a team pyramid. The first level of the pyramid is TRUST. Like a building needs a foundation a team needs TRUST to operate efficiently. Conflicts usually start with a lack of communication. As an exercise in communication we each received a form to fill in with a little background on our lives. One of the quotes in the training pertained to our level of trust and communication with the other team members helps to develop better results.

Summary of the training:

- Trust is the first essential for teams, it is the foundation of all we do.
- Trust is all about vulnerability.
- Building trust takes time, but the process can be accelerated.
- Like a good marriage, trust on a team is never complete; it must be maintained over time.

The scripture that relates well to this is Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 it helps us to understand teamwork, commitment and a trusting relationship.

Pastor Nate asked each of us to write down two thoughts on what is important to us at this time. What we are doing right and the second thing is what we can be doing better. Each of us noted various ideas; some of the thoughts came up more than once. This helped us to understand what are important ideas that we need to commit more effort and thought to working on.

Old Business:

The title on the van has been transferred; registration and insurance have been taken care of as well. The van was in need of brake repair before we could take it to a service station for further inspection and estimate of repair.

We voted via e-mail that we would donate \$500.00 to the GLBC to assist them in a budget shortfall; they are currently behind \$7,000.00 for their fiscal year.

The annual GLBC meeting is coming up in Ashland, Wisconsin October 23 through the 25<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Nate will not be attending because of a planned C-section for Emily Whiteside for the delivery of their next child. Sharon Davis and Dave Reed are attending as delegates.

Marleen Knutson provided a report for Sunday school classes for the Fall.

- Adult classes-finish the Minor Prophets by the end of September. Gary Swigart will start a study of an Old Testament book, to be determined.
- Senior High-study of the book of Romans
- Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Matt Solverson will doing a study from a book, to be determined.
- Grades 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Nichole using a book from David C. Cook, "Go for the Godprint" which is on creation to early church with Bible stories and activities.
- Pre-school 1<sup>st</sup> grade will be taught by Cindy using a book on Bible stories and crafts

We discussed the Executive Assistant position which we feel needs to be filled as soon as possible, even with a temporary setup until we hire.

Charles Davis asked about the dumpster contract, which will expire next year. Dave Reed said we will switch to Faherty out of Platteville when that contract expires.

Dave Reed advised everyone that there has been a serious water problem in the Cornerstone schoolroom that needs to be addressed.

News, upcoming events:

Tommy Whiteside dedication, September 7<sup>th</sup> by Dr. Stu Dix, communion and potluck same day

September 15-16 Pastor's prayer gathering

Youth Fall Retreat, September 26-28

Pastor Nate's new e-mail is [nswwhite@mchsi.com](mailto:nswwhite@mchsi.com)

September 28, Pastor Nate is out of town visiting the Satellite church in Richland Center to assess future possibilities for growth. He will meet afterwards with Site Pastor, Jamie.

October 12<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Nate will be out due to Emily Whiteside's C-section on October 10<sup>th</sup>

Respectfully,

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