

Congregational Meeting  
March 30, 2014

1. Call to Order – Annabel Robinson

12:45

2. Devotional/Prayer – Dr. Mark McKim

Psalm 33

3. Appointment of Parliamentarian – Annabel  
(Recommendation: Jim Olesen)

Moved by Carol Hepting  
Seconded by Norma Holtslander  
Carried

4. Approval of Minutes from November Meeting

Moved by David Hedland  
Seconded by Owen Winter  
Carried

5. Acceptance of Proposed Agenda

Moved by Murray Wolfe  
Seconded by Esther Wiens

One addition:

i. in the agenda will be an update on First Baptist Place by Owen Winter

Carried

6. Business Arising from Minutes

None

7. Reports

a. Senior Minister – Dr. Mark McKim

Explanation of the process of nominations and elections throughout the year through the Nominating Committee and by vote at the AGM in the spring.

b. Chair of Diaconate – Annabel Robinson

The Diaconate has been working on the Values document, planning for the future, praying for the congregation, and visiting people.

c. Music Ministry and Achievers – Rev. John Nelson

The Sanctuary Choir has been in existence since 1905. We have lost about 35% of our membership for various reasons  
Achievers averages over 45 people each month.

d. Christian Education Commission – Collin Carbno

e. Worship Arrangements Commission – Hilary Ryan

Thanks to all the people who volunteer to serve on Sundays. We couldn't have a service without all the people who turn on lights, hand out bulletins, work the elevator, etc.

f. Congregational Care Commission – Kathy Brown

Pearl Bretz, Irene Sotropa, Oscar & Pat Rivera: Thank you for your leadership and service.

Areas for improvement:

1. Prayer Chain
2. Telecare
3. Visitation Teams

g. Personnel Commission – Rev. Kayely Rich – not present, Norma Holtlander instead

Imagine arriving at church when no one on staff has been on the job, and then find a way to encourage a staff member.

h. Property Commission – Rev. John Nelson

We have a challenge as the building ages. We have a beautiful space. Maintaining the facility is challenging.

1. The roof is leaking into the sound room. This is an issue stemming from ice dams, not a problem with the new roof.
2. There is a big hole in the NW corner of the building where pigeons are getting in.
3. We've been without a circulating furnace for three years. As we introduce new parts, some of the other old parts begin to fail. This will be an ongoing challenge.

i. Missions Commission – Rev. Joel Russell-MacLean

j. First Baptist Place – Owen Winter

The Audit Committee of FBP wanted to communicate some things.

1. Our church is a legal entity. FBP is also a legal entity: it's not a charitable organization, but a senior's housing corporation. The board and the people who live there connect the two, but legally they are separate.
2. Financial reports. The reports all done following the proper legal procedures. They are currently with the auditor.
3. The First Baptist Place building is 28 years old, so some maintenance is becoming necessary. Financially we are doing well.

Questions

1. The water that's leaking into the basement smells like sewage. Will that require ripping out the floor?

We had the water tested. It is ground water, so no, the floor will not need to be ripped out.

2. What proportion of occupancy is connected to our church?

The answer is unknown.

k. Audio-Visual Ministry – Hilary Ryan

Sending out video and audio tapes to five people regularly. The people who receive them really feel like they're still part of the church.

l. Governance Advisory Committee – Kevin Rich

We deal with questions that come up regarding contracts or legal relationships. We have had a number of questions this year regarding the use of the building.

m. DULF – Merv Hepting

We have a lot of challenges. The fund isn't healthy.

Moved by Eric Zeitler to adopt these reports as a whole.  
Seconded by Devin Seghers

8. Treasurer's Report/Update – Derrick Bellows  
(Including 2013 Audit)

We finished the year with an excess of income over expenditures by about \$42,000.

We took another \$15,000 (down to \$50,000) off the operating line of credit limit. We finished 2013 with \$0 on that line of credit.

We started DULF. The balance is \$7,000.

Building Fund finished the year with a balance of \$56,000. With this, we can deal with things as they come up, instead of waiting to raise money.

Bond Redemption Fund is getting smaller. It ended the year at \$17,000. Bond Debt stands at \$607,400. The debt was reduced by \$12,500 in 2013. All bonds mature Dec. 31, 2017. The Finance & Audit Committee is working this year to engage with the bond-holders about their plans. Also, how we might proceed with any debts outstanding at the time of maturity.

Moved by Derrick Bellows to accept the audit as circulated.  
Seconded by Norma Holtslander  
Carried.

Moved by Derrick Bellows to accept the Treasurer's Report.  
Seconded by Bill Silver  
Carried

Questions:

1. From the DULF committee: if DULF ceases to exist, what will happen to that \$7000?

The Treasurer responded that DULF is a long-term fund, so it was meant to gather funds from legacies and estates, or windfalls of bonuses etc. It won't die unless by some resolution with Diaconate and then with the congregation.

2. There is a notation that just over \$400,000 of the bonds are held by members. Who holds the rest of the bonds?

We've always struggled with what "member" means when it comes to bonds. However, the vast majority of the bonds are held by people who are either still here in regular attendance, or who were part of this community but have relocated elsewhere.

The Treasurer said he wanted to thank the congregation for their financial support and faithfulness. We have such a variety of people who might not have anything else in common, but we all love God and love this church. I am so much better because I am part of this group. I want to thank our staff, our administrative staff, the Deacons, the Commissions (exemplary in their stewardship of resources), Merv, Krista. (Derrick Bellows)

9. Nominating Committee – Norma Holtslander

Deacons: Devin Seghers

Missions: five new people!

Worship Arrangements/Congregational Care: people are still needed on these commissions

Moved by Norma Holtslander to adopt this report.

Seconded by Murray Wolfe

Carried.

10. Other Business

There should be a correction to the membership report. There shows no change, even though we've had two baptisms. Those two have been accepted into membership.

By consensus, this change was accepted.

Adjournment

Moved to adjourn

2:20 p.m.