

First Baptist Church  
Minutes of the Meeting of the Congregation  
November 23, 2014

1. Call to Order: Annabel Robinson
2. Devotional and Prayer: Dr. Mark McKim. Basing his devotional on Eph: 4:1-3, he spoke of our need for humility, gentleness, patience, and agape-love.
3. Thank you: Annabel thanked Kathy Brown and her helpers for the lunch and announced that we are looking for someone to organize church meals on an ongoing basis.
4. Appointment of parliamentarian: Kevin Rich.  
Moved by William Crook and seconded by George Mackenzie. Carried.
5. Approval of Agenda: moved by Owen Winter, seconded by Eric Zeitler. Carried.
6. Approval of AGM Minutes: moved by Tracy Sailor and seconded by John Hillmer. Carried
7. Business Arising from Minutes of AGM: none.
8. Questions for Commission Chairs:  

Worship Arrangements: The question was asked, What is included in under worship arrangements? Answer: appointment and supervision of the following : elevator operators, greeters, ushers, cleaners, flower arrangers, vergers, communion arrangers.

Missions Commission: Rob Sentis explained the CBM project entitled “She Matters” and showed a short video on the topic. He reported that FBC has designated \$3000 towards the campaign and mentioned that we support both foreign and home missions.

Property Commission: Annabel gave a vote of thanks to the Chair, Mavis Olesen and her team, for the outstanding work done within the last year. Special mention: Len Pauls, Marvin Fuller, Hilary Ryan, Dean Gilchrist.
9. Values Document (see Appendix 1)  
Dr McKim briefly reviewed the work done on Part I of the document and mentioned those aspects of it that have already been implemented. The upcoming Part II will address the question: What is God calling us to do? The “Values document” is not written in stone, and there will doubtless be the need to make changes and

additions at some stage in the future.

General congregational response:

- Rewording is needed in places to change negative statements to positive.
  - Nothing was said in the document about our being more inclusive.  
(Response: The church will consider the LGBT question some time in the future. It was mentioned that CBWC is currently studying the matter and will report in 2015.)
  - What mechanism is there for members to raise neglected issues?  
(Response: Any person may move an amendment at a general meeting or may speak to a leader.)
  - How would congregants know of changes made by the deacons?  
(Response: they would be brought to the body.)
  - We should meet during Learning for Life to work on changes.
  - We are looking inward rather than focusing on going forward in our world (Great Commission).
  - The document should include biblical references.
  - Revisions should be dated.
  - What was recently added to the document?  
(Answer: The section on Loving God with our Hearts)
- Several people expressed warm appreciation of the process used in preparing the document.

Moved by Dr. McKim moved and seconded by Lauren Snook to adopt the document in principle.

Carried.

#### 10. Proposed 2015 Budget

Derrick Bellows presented the budget for 2015. (Appendix 2 Fiscal Year Operations, Capital Accounts)

Adoption moved by Derrick and seconded by William Crook.

Carried.

#### 11. Other Business:

Rev. Russell-Mclean spoke warm appreciation of the work of the church and requested prayer for our leaders.

#### 12. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Moved by Norma Holtslander.

Carried.