

First Baptist Church

Meeting of the Deacons
April 12, 2014

Present: Annabel Robinson, Mark McKim, Devin Seghers, Murray Wolfe, Esther Wiens, John Hillmer, Heather Holtlander, Martha Pauls, Joel Russell-MacLean, Mark Anderson (for the organ report)

1. Prayer

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved that we adopt the agenda as circulated.

*Moved by Devin Seghers, Seconded by Esther Wiens
Carried*

3. Approval of minutes, March 15, 2014
tabled until next meeting

4. Business arising from the minutes
None

5. Report of the Chair

AGM

-it went well

-contrary views were presented and that was good

CBWC Meeting (Thursday)

-Joel

-the denomination is doing well financially, after taking a delayed hit from the world financial crisis

Board of Management

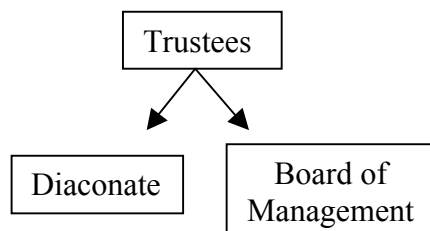
-Mark

-two possible models

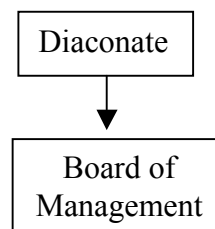
1. Trustees oversee two boards: diaconate and board of management

2. Diaconate oversees Board of Management, with big issues still coming to diaconate for approval

1.



2.



Insurance

- Eric Zietler would like to be relieved of this responsibility
- Kevin Rich will work with Eric until someone can fill this role

CBM Website

- they have produced some website banners for churches to use, with a link to the CBM website: we have installed this on our website

Learning for Life Class: Where do we go from here?

- Mark
 - coming up this week is the final session with four questions
 - please send notes from the Learning for Life sessions to Heather

Diaconate Retreat May 30, 31

- Joel
 - this is a weekend set aside for discussing the long-term outcomes of the Learning for Life sessions
 - the point of departure would be the notes taken
 - evaluate strength and points of growth
 - what we need:
 - original list of values
 - collated comments
 - Part II as it now stands
 - list of who is doing what now (there may be things we are currently doing that don't fit into our values, so need to be dropped)

Visitation/Lay Pastoral Care

- this group could use some other people to be involved
- current members:
 - Kathy Brown
 - Vi Maeers
 - Martha Pauls
 - Annabel Robinson
 - Margaret Ziolkowski
 - Erwin Ziolkowski
 - Marilyn Hedland
 - Jean Hillmer

Wind-up Concert

- May 25, with a possible hymn-sing, with a possible ice cream social with proceeds to go to bond redemption fund
- Motion that we support such a concert.*

*Moved by John Hillmer, seconded by Esther Wiens
Carried*

6. Pastor's Report

Rob & Deirdre Sentis would like to become members

Moved that we accept them as members.

*Moved by Martha Pauls, seconded by John Hillmer
Carried*

Pat Rivera has stepped down as Chair of Hospitality. The Chair of Nominations knows.

Action: Heather will send a note of thanks to Pat.

FBP will have a new chair as of July 1: Owen Winter will replace George Baxter.

George will have the title "Chair Emeritus"

Planned Giving

-Mark has met with Jim Olesen about the document that was circulated

-review the document circulated by Annabel via email

-they would like to have a yes or no, or a delineated list of agreements and disagreements, about the items

-once a year, a focus of three or four weeks, on the broad issue of stewardship

-not just financial stewardship (e.g. nominating committee work is a stewardship issue)

-Mark would like to indicate to Jim that the deacons are willing to meet to talk about things

-we will ask him to come to the June 21 meeting

YFC

-Mark is on their board

-he is working with some of their students in their credentialing process

7. Mark Anderson: Organ Report

-the report came from Mantle & Buck, not directly from Mark

-they are proposing some upgrades as well as regular maintenance

-these upgrades would increase functionality

-is it absolutely necessary right now? No. But it will need to be done at some time.

-Derrick would like to begin approaching the organ repair as part of the building fund

-can this be done in stages? Yes. But we should consider the economy of scale: they come from Winnipeg, so we pay for each of their visits.

-this is an official heritage building, so we should look into pursuing a grant through Arts Boards or something like that

Motion: that if there are enough financial resources in the Building Fund then we proceed with all the recommended work on the organ.

*Moved by Devin Seghers, seconded by Murray Wolfe
Vote deferred until the Treasurer can be consulted. Vote to be taken by email.*

8. Other Business

None

9. Dates of next meeting: June 21

-a note for next year (September), Deacons' meetings will normally be held on the third Saturday of the month

10. Adjournment

Moved to adjourn.

Devin Seghers

12:15

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Holtslander, Secretary

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Subject: For Your Information

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I forgot to forward this earlier. Mark requested that the following information be included in the April Minutes, but that meeting is done and the minutes reflect only what happened at that meeting. This new information will be included in the minutes of the next meeting, but Mark wanted you to have it now. Thank you, John, for the reminder that I hadn't sent this out.

"I (and I think most of us) was/were under the incorrect assumption that the organ fund was merely a "paper amount." GOOD NEWS! In fact, the organ fund at one point was merely a "paper amount" but two or three years ago it was segregated and in fact is a cash account with a little over \$9000.00 in it. There are people in the congregation who give, regularly and specifically to this fund. Consequently, if we proceed with the full organ maintenance/repair work which has been recommended by Buck & Mantle (about \$14,000), we would need to take only \$5000.00 from the Building Fund, not the full \$14,000.00"

Heather