

First Baptist Church

July 8, 2014

Meeting of the Trustees

Present: Mark McKim, Annabel Robinson, Derrick Bellows, Murray Wolfe, Martha Pauls, Esther Wiens, John Hillmer, Heather Holtslander

1. Board of Management

-Trustees

-if the Diaconate and Board of Management are parallel, the Trustees would be the legally responsible group, and the group that would resolve any disagreements

-we would have to create this group

Chair of B of M

Chair of Deacons

Treasurer

Church Clerk (new position)

-this group would be legally responsible

-the B of M could be the Board of Directors as far as the government is concerned

Moved that we adopt model #1 as presented in the minutes from April 12, 2014 (parallel Deacons and Board of Management, overseen by a Board of Trustees)

Moved by Derrick Bellows, seconded by John Hillmer

Carried (with one dissenting vote – Heather Holtslander)

2. Response to Planned Giving

Moved that whereas we affirm and give thanks to the Planned Giving Committee for its extensive work, and in particular for the various seminars it has arranged and for the idea of an annual spring financial campaign which has been adopted and successfully implemented and is something that will continue, and whereas we are grateful and humbled that simply by making the financial need known to God's people, and then relying on the Holy Spirit to speak to them, without heavy programming, repeated announcements, multiple bulletin inserts or pressure, the need was not only met, but the financial target was greatly exceeded, and whereas we agree with Planned Giving Committee that there needs to be continued teaching from the pulpit on stewardship in the "holistic, big picture" sense, that all of our lives belong to God and we also agree that this should be tied, where feasible, with specific needs, be these financial, the work of the nominating committee, or some specific project, and whereas we have heard the concern which Planned Giving Committee has expressed about the need for at least one or more outwardly focused projects in order for us to be a healthy congregation, and we are giving prayerful consideration to this, we have decided not to proceed with the implementation of Free and Joyous or any other highly structured financial campaign

*because historically, imported programs are not successful in CBWC Baptist churches,
and we will proceed with our own approach to whole life stewardship.*

*Moved by Murray Wolfe, seconded by Esther Wiens
Carried Unanimously*

Moved that we recommend that Mark take a week away with pay.

*Moved by Murray Wolfe, seconded by Esther Wiens
Carried Unanimously*

3. Values Document addition

Deferred, as we have not received the document

4. Letter from Klaus Link

Mark presented a letter

Moved that we send the response letter as amended to Klaus.

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

5. Follow-up from retreat

Deferred to the next meeting.

6. Newsletter

Deferred to the next meeting.

7. Adjournment

Moved to adjourn.

Murray Wolfe

8:55

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Holtslander, Secretary