

First Baptist Church
Minutes of meeting of Trustees, June 21, 2014

A meeting of the Trustees was held at the home of Annabel Robinson, 91, Windfield Road.

Present: Rev. Mark McKim, Rev. Devin Seghers, Murray Wolfe, Esther Wiens, Heather Holtslander, Derrick Bellows, Martha Pauls, Annabel Robinson (chair).

1. Prayer

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved (Pauls/Seghers) that the agenda be adopted with the following changes:

8, 9, 10 were moved to after 5.

“MYM organ fund” was amended to “MYM and organ fund”

CARRIED

3. Approval of minutes of March 15

Moved (Seghers/Pauls)

CARRIED

Approval of minutes of April 12

Moved (Wolfe/Pauls)

CARRIED

4. Approval of minutes of May 30

Moved (Wolfe/Pauls) **with the addition of “amount of \$14,000” ?**

5. Report of the chair

None

The following items were moved forward in the meeting:

8. New Business

The following items were reported:

a. First Baptist Place

It was reported that Rev. James Frost has resigned as chaplain, and that Rev. Jennifer Dietrich has agreed to take over the role.

b. Balcony Ushers

Contrary to what was originally reported to us, it has been agreed that we can keep the balcony open during the summer, and that this is in fact the preference of the ushers.

9. Treasurer's Report

- We have reduced our debt by between \$55,000 and \$60,000
- The loan from CBWC is paid off
- Bank balance is about \$20,000
- Overall, the year has been strong
- A letter will be sent to all bond holders identifying their options for when the bond matures. It was agreed that the letter would be signed by the Treasurer, Chair of Deacons and Senior Minister.
- Finance and Audit Committee plan to contact all bond holders, in person, to discuss their intentions.

10. Pastor's Report

Ray Schultz and Jackie Philips have requested membership by experience on the closure of St. Andrew's United Church.

Moved (Wiens/Bellows) that we accept them into membership.

CARRIED

6. Special Guests

a. MYM

Rev. John Nelson joined the meeting at this point.

He noted the following:

- MYM has run for 26 years before it was put on hiatus for this year.
- 10-15 major music publishers supply music resources, many for free
- grants are received from Sask Choral Federation
- many small choirs have participated

The name of the fund needs to be changed if donations for MYM are to be spent on the organ or visiting musicians.

John Nelson left the meeting.

b. Property

Mavis Olesen and Laureen Snook joined the meeting at this point.

They noted the following:

NW Cornice

- \$4500 is plenty enough to erect the scaffolding for the first portion of this project
- lots of things are in flux until we can assess what needs to be done
- there is a need to know about liability for people climbing the scaffolding

Youth Centre Roof

- Marv Fuller recommends we go with the proposal from Optimum

Moved (Seghers/Wolfe) that we replace the shingles on the Youth Centre roof, by contract with Optimum.

CARRIED

Duct cleaning

- It was recommended that we invited Dominion Pro Vac to clean the ducts.

Circulating Furnace (Laureen)

- the majority of the work is done, with the exception of the controller
- cost of remainder of work estimated at \$500??

It was agreed that we hold \$5000 in reserve from the Building Fund for the completion of furnace work.

Mavis Olesen and Laureen Snook left the meeting.

c. Planned Giving

Jim Olesen and Bill Silver joined the meeting at this point. They noted:

- the need for positive stewardship climate at FBC
- need to focus it on biblical principles
- need to base it on the need of the giver to give, note the church's need to receive
- the concept of stewardship needs to include stewardship of all resources
- Brian Wonnick recommended the stewardship model (Free and Joyous Response) from the Lutheran Church.

Jim Olesen and Bill Silver left the meeting.

After the guests had left, the Diaconate discussed the presentations made.

a. MYM

There was discussion as to whether MYM should be resumed in the future. The following questions were raised:

- Does MYM still fulfill what FBC wants to do in ministry?
- Does the Festival of Praise (held this year in place of MYM) more closely align with our present priorities?

Several deacons spoke highly of the Festival of Praise, particularly the variety of soloists and different styles of music.

Moved (Seghers/Wolfe) that as we recognize the importance of music to FBC, we support the continuation of the Festival of Praise, Christmas Glory and Easter Alleluia.

CARRIED

Moved (Wiens/Bellows) that if it seems to the Minister of Music that MYM should be held in the future, he should approach the diaconate with a proposal.

CARRIED

b. Duct cleaning

It was recommended that the Property Commission pay for duct cleaning (if it is necessary) from their own budget and not use the Building Fund for this purpose.

It was moved (Wiens/Wolfe) that we appoint Mavis Olesen as Chair of the Property Commission.

CARRIED

It was agreed by consensus that we allot from the Building Fund

\$4,500 to NW cornice work

\$10,000 to Youth Centre roof

up to \$8,000 for organ work, as a loan to be repaid to the Building Fund from the organ fund

that we hold \$5,000 in reserve for completion of the circulating furnace.??

c. Planned giving.

The diaconate did not have copies of the document "Free and Joyous Response" that was recommended by the Planned Giving Committee. It was agreed that we defer making any decision about this recommendation until we had time to study the document.

11. Next meeting: June 30, 8:30 a.m. at the church.

12. Adjournment

Moved to adjourn (Wolfe)

CARRIED

