

First Baptist Church

Board of Trustees
October 18, 2014

Present: Annabel Robinson, Mark McKim, Derrick Bellows, Martha Pauls, John Hillmer,
Heather Holtslander, Esther Wiens, Joel Russell-MacLean
Regrets: Murray Wolfe

1. Prayer

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved that we adopt the agenda as circulated

Moved by Esther, seconded by Derrick

Treasurer's Report needs to be added after Pastor's Report.

Carried

3. Approval of minutes, Sept. 20, 2014

Moved that we adopt the minutes of September 20, 2014

Moved by Derrick, seconded by Esther

Carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

Tabled from last meeting:

a. Values document: "Loving God with our hearts" addition

Moved that we approve this addition to the Values Document

Moved by John, seconded by Esther

Carried

b. Congregational retreat?

i. Do we plan one (like Spiritual Care Commission used to offer)?

ii. What kind of topic? Values document, part 2, topic? Both? Leader?

Action: Joel, Esther, Martha will discuss and bring something to the next meeting.

c. Audio/visual Ministry (Kevin's report)

We will defer the discussion of financial support to the budget discussion.

5. Report of the Chair

None

6. Pastor's Report

- i. Follow-up Visits
- ii. Lenten devotional

Invitations to write have been extended, and several replies have been received.

7. Treasurer's Report

Budget

Derrick acknowledges the hard work of all the Commission Chairs in providing excellent information for the preparation of the budget and thanks them for their efforts. This, along with their careful stewardship, has allowed us to present the lowest balanced budget since 2011.

Audio/visual

Kevin Rich is working with a committee to develop a longer-term plan to improve quality of sound.

There are two financial points:

1. An evaluation by an expert is needed soon. (\$3300 budgeted, but it should take less)
2. On the basis of evaluation, make a long-term plan (which may take several years to implement).

Derrick proposes that A/V should be part of property, and in discussion with Kevin, Kevin suggested that anything that is insured should be the responsibility of the Property Commission, which is something we should consider for future budget planning.

Website

So far, Merv has been paying website costs out of pocket and being acknowledge with a receipt from the church. We need to change this structure of financial support for this ministry.

We would like to form a group to work with Merv to develop the vision and direction of the website. This group should include a representative from the Diaconate, but mostly be comprised of non-Diaconate members.

Bond Interest Rate

Moved that we maintain the bond interest rate at 3.65% for 2015.

*Moved by Derrick, seconded by Esther
Carried*

First Karen Baptist Church

They are no longer in our budget as they have taken over their own financial management. FKBC makes a monthly contribution to assist with costs such as maintenance, heat and lighting. It is noted that for 2015 year FKBC, without any request from us, has budgeted to increase the amount of this monthly contribution.

Building Fund

There should only be a few thousand dollars in this fund by the end of the year, but that is good, as it means the money is being used to keep up the building.

Benevolent Fund

Several questions were raised about the benevolent fund. Besides meeting arising needs in members and others, the Benevolent Fund supports the Community Food Bank in the amount of \$1600/year.

Moved that we accept this budget as proposed for 2015.

Moved by Derrick, seconded by John

Two changes to be made:

- take out the cents in the 2015 budget
- correct the date under the Bond Redemption Fund on the Special and Capital Accounts sheet

Carried

8. Governance Proposal

Summary of the meeting that took place on Monday, October 13. The first portion was a discussion about what is happening in Commissions, with input from Commission Chairs. The second part was a discussion of the proposed changes to the governance structure.

There was discussion about the meeting and how to proceed.

We should meet again to discuss just this issue.

Moved that we adjourn.

Moved by John

Adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Holtslander, Secretary