

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Richmond, Kentucky

MINUTES OF THE CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING
March 15, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Greg Powell, Moderator, at 1:00 p.m., 85 members attending.

In the absence of Mike Kettler, Parliamentarian, Tom Bratcher, Chair of the Constitution & Bylaws Committee made the following motion: In the absence of the church Parliamentarian, and since an Assistant Parliamentarian has not been approved by the church, I move that we elect Allen Engle as Parliamentarian Pro Tem for the March 15, 2009, business meeting.

Motion approved.

The Moderator asked that anyone wishing to make a comment, ask a question, or make a motion to please approach one of the microphones set up for that purpose. He also asked that any motion be written out and given to the church clerk.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the following business meetings were presented for approval:

Regular Business Meeting, Nov. 16, 2008	Approved as presented
Special-Called Business Meeting, Dec. 7, 2008	Approved as presented
Special-Called Business Meeting, Jan. 11, 2009	Approved as revised: <i>The answer to the question, "Why?" on page 2 should have stated, "The committee did not want to burden Sam with the financial responsibility."</i>
Special-Called Business Meeting, Feb. 8, 2009	Approved as presented

ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS

MISSIONS COMMITTEE by Irv Yoder

The Missions Committee report was distributed with the agenda. Mr. Yoder highlighted the mission work that took place in January, February, and March, the local missions First Baptist Church participated in during the first quarter of 2009, and the two upcoming events still scheduled for March: Empty Bowls on March 20 and State-wide Kentucky WMU annual meeting March 27-28 to be held at First Baptist Church.

Angie Elkins made a report on goals adopted by the Missions Committee May 15, 2006, pertaining to the (then) newly adopted ALIVE church mission. The third goal, Expand God's Kingdom – "Establish teams to seek God's timing and guidance in planting churches to expand God's Kingdom" has recently been addressed by the Missions Committee. The Missions Committee is seeking God's guidance in regard to the possibility of a local Spanish-speaking church plant. Ms. Elkins' complete report was distributed with the agenda.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Mike Reed

Mr. Reed presented the financial report through January 31, 2009. The figures are not complete for February. The financial report for January was distributed with the agenda. Offerings were down some, but we had some extreme weather in January and hopefully offerings will rebound in the coming months. Two-thirds of the money in designated funds is Building to Glorify money.

Financial report approved as presented.

TRUSTEES by Ken Clawson

Mr. Clawson reported to the church that the insurance contract for 2009 was awarded to the insurance companies represented by Roberts Insurance Agency of Richmond. The annual cost will be within the 2009 budgeted amounts.

Report approved as presented.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE by Lori Cobb

Ms. Cobb presented the updates to the Committee and Organizational Manual (COM). She commented that the COM had not been updated for several years and additional updates were needed. The COM was distributed with the agenda with the updates bolded and underlined. Ms Cobb highlighted the following updates:

Page 5 – The title, Flower Committee, has been changed to “Decorating Committee” since the staff now handles flowers for the sanctuary.

Page 6 – New committee, Disaster Relief, previously this was part of the Missions Committee, but has become a very active group and is now a separate committee.

All Services Committee members will serve on a year to year basis with the option of continuing on a committee the following year if they wish. There will be no maximum number of members.

Question: On page 16 it says Church Council will meet quarterly. When did Church Council last meet?

Answer: October 2008

Question: On page 16 the Budget Advisory Committee is listed, but does not list who is on that council.

Answer: On page 3 of the Officers and Committee Roster, it lists the Church Council as the Budget Advisory Council.

Comment: We need to work through this more.

Comment: (Lynn Collins, Nominating Committee) The main reason we ask for approval at this time is to get the service committees operating. They were not completed in 2008. We contacted all the committee chairs plus other individuals for their approval of this.
We are also trying to match up the COM with the Constitution & Bylaws. We want the church to function, but we do not want to be in conflict with the Constitution & Bylaws.

Motion by Mike Reed: I move that the proposed update of the Committee and Organization Manual be tabled until the next regular business meeting to give the church membership and committees an opportunity to study the proposed updates.

Motion seconded.

24 Yes votes to table the motion; 34 No votes to table the motion.

Motion was not tabled.

Motion to approve the Update to the COM passed.

Ms. Cobb asked that anyone with concerns about the COM feel free to contact the Nominating Committee with their concerns.

Ms. Cobb presented the report from the Nominating Committee for officers and committee members for 2009. The complete roster was distributed with the agenda. The following committees still have vacancies: Baptism, Decorating, Lord's Supper, and Stewardship.

Dianna Ackerman asked that the following names be added to the Women's Ministry Council as she had failed to notify the Nominating Committee they had accepted: Bobbi Swinford, Leila Alhusaini, and Charmaine Nichols.

Officers and Committee Roster for 2009 approved as presented.

The following reports were distributed with the agenda: Discipleship Training, Sunday School, Deaf Ministry, Senior Adult Ministries, Women's Ministry, Youth Ministry, Preschool/Children Ministry, Learning Center.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Church Letter:

Candy and Abby Flynn from Berea Baptist Church, Berea, KY
Steven and Stacy LaBarbera from Highview Baptist Church, Louisville, KY
Kathryn Lippman from Anchor Baptist Church, Richmond, KY
Brandon McCoy from First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, KY
Adam and Amber Nash from Berea Baptist Church, Berea, KY

Letters granted.

Request for Removal of Name:

David and Shannan Morris have informed us (by e-mail) that they have been members of the East Hartford Baptist Church in Hartford, KY. They request that their names be removed from our membership roll.

Kim Johnson has informed us (by e-mail) that she is no longer a member of First Baptist Church.

Other Correspondence

None

Other New Business

Kelley McBride made the following motion: I move that the church direct the deacons to look into changing the schedule of regularly scheduled business meetings so we can meet more than four times per year. Meeting at least 6-10 times per year would be more efficient in conducting

the church's business. Also, please look at meeting at alternative times such as Sunday nights, Wednesday nights. Meeting on a rotating basis during the year provides the congregation differing times and days to attend.

Motion seconded.

Comment: This was discussed in the Constitution & Bylaws Committee and our Bylaws only require business meetings at least quarterly. They can be held more frequently by just scheduling them.

Comment: We need to have business meetings when everyone can meet. It is important for everyone to attend. There are too many activities on Wednesday nights.

Comment: We have tried other times. Most attend at this time (after 11:00 service). I agree we need to meet more frequently, but think monthly is too frequent.

Comment: More frequently helps with keeping tabs on finances. Six a year may be more efficient.

Motion passed.

There was a lengthy discussion of the proposed annex building to relieve the problems with overcrowding in the Sunday School.

Chris Hager commented that Section 6.3.2 states: an ad hoc committee cannot be appointed to perform a task within the assigned function of an existing committee. No motion was presented.

David Graham commented that the (proposed) annex building has caused so much angst within the church, the wisest thing to do is step back and reconsider.

Mr. Graham made the following motion: I move to totally do away with the annex building program and start over.

The Parliamentarian stated that to rescind a vote that was taken in a business meeting requiring 10% of the resident members voting and a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote to pass must be rescinded under the same conditions, i.e. a special-called business meeting announced from the pulpit twice and also in writing to church members with 10% of the resident members voting and a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote to pass.

Comment: The Ad Hoc Committee was to be a guidance committee to determine the needs, prioritize, and arrive at a conclusion as to what to do.

Comment: Recommend we should do away with all efforts on the annex.

Comment: We are mixing two things here. The June 1, 2008, vote authorized the building of an annex building for a specified dollar amount and all bids came in over that amount.

There was much discussion and a long series of prayer meetings. All this grew out of looking at building an annex to address the more pressing need of housing a growing Sunday School.

Comment: We authorized the ad hoc committee to address only the annex building. Some thought the annex building could be built for the amount authorized. In my judgment we did not authorize any changes to the master plan.

Comment: Can we adjust the master plan to work toward meeting our needs?

Note: At this point, the Moderator asked the Ass't Moderator to assume the Moderator responsibilities. Tom Collins, Deacon Chair & Ass't Moderator assumed the Moderator responsibilities.

Mike Eckler read from Philippians 2. We need for healing to take place. We need to get back to loving each other and get more united.

The Parliamentarian again reminded the members that according to Article 8, Section 8.2.4 (which also refers to Article 7, Section 7.5.4) we cannot in this meeting take away by a vote of 65 or so people what many more people have voted for.

Jerry Goble asked that we unite in prayer around Pastor Bill Fort that we will be unified. Members gathered around the Pastor and Mr. Goble led in prayer.

The Parliamentarian asked Mr. Graham to withdraw his motion since it is out of order. Mr. Graham withdrew his motion.

Jason Fair made the following motion: I move to rescind the motion of the building of the annex building voted on June 1, 2008."

Mr. Engle, Parliamentarian Pro Tem, pointed out again that this body could not rescind a vote that was taken in a business meeting requiring 10% of the resident members voting and a 2/3 majority vote to pass. It must be rescinded under the same conditions.

Question: Then how do we do this?

Answer: It must be rescinded in a special called business meeting with 10% of the resident members voting.

Question: How do we get a special called business meeting?

Answer: According to the bylaws, Article 7, Section 7.4.3, The active deacon body or any three (3) of the following: pastor, church administrator, moderator, church clerk, parliamentarian, will have the authority to call a special business meeting

Mr. Fair amended his motion to read, "I move we request the deacon body to call a special business meeting to rescind the motion of the building of the annex building voted on June 1, 2008."

Question: There were two parts to the motion approved on June 1, 2008. Does this only rescind the part for building an annex or does it also rescind the part changing the Sunday School schedule?

Mr. Fair further amended his motion to read, "I move we request the deacon body to call a special business meeting to rescind the motion of the building of the annex building and changing the Sunday School Schedule voted on June 1, 2008."

Motion seconded.

The Moderator asked the following question: "If we put this to another vote and the church again affirms the procedure, will this end the decisiveness?"

Motion to end debate. Seconded and passed.

49 votes to end debate; 5 votes to not end debate. Debate ended

Vote on motion to ask deacon body to call a special business meeting:
28 yes; 16 no; motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Nancy Garriott, Church Clerk

Explanation of Phases

Detailed report is attached at the end of the official minutes.

A verbal or written report was presented at the business meeting. A summary is contained in the minutes. The complete/detailed report is on file with the clerk's minutes. Available in the Church Office during normal business hours.

Filed with the Clerk. Attached at the end of these minutes.

Report was not presented at the Business Meeting. A copy of the entire report is attached at the end of the minutes distributed to attendees.