

**Yates Baptist Church
Business Meeting
November 23, 2008**

Linda Mercer, Chairman of Deacons, called the meeting to order.

Gayle Davis, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the 2009 Committee Roster (Attachment 1). She thanked the members of the Nominating Committee for working diligently over the past months to fill 379 slots on various committees. Gayle made the motion on behalf of the Nominating Committee that the Committee Roster be accepted. There were no questions or comments. The motion was approved.

Linda Mercer, Chair of the Deacon Nominating Committee, presented the 2009 slate of deacons. Members of this slate are Sean Fenton, Eric Glenn, John Hart, Warren Jones, Sandra Nelson and Pam Riley. The slate of deacons was approved.

Lindsay Cook, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the motion that the 2009 budget be approved (Attachment 2). He thanked the members of the Finance Committee for their work. Members of this committee were Harold Burch, Lib Byrd, Sean Fenton, Debbie Griffin, Susan Guyton, Sam Haithcock, John Hart, Mark Hutchins, Paul Rigsbee, Judy Smith, and Tom Wooters.

- Bill Howie asked for an explanation of the transfer of \$8400 from the Cooperative Program to Staff Expense. Lindsay explained that this expense is for benefits for our staff (insurance and retirement) that is included in our contribution to the Cooperative Program and was moved to more adequately reflect how it is used.
- Larry Strawbridge asked for clarification of line item #5707 of the CDC budget – Director Scholarship. Last year, this amount was \$6000. In the 2009 budget, the amount listed is \$0. Deedra Nunnally, Chair of the Wee Committee spoke to this change. The \$6000 is a scholarship that applies to CDC Director, Krissy Snyder's, daughter's annual tuition at the CDC. In 2007 and 2008, the director's scholarship had been added to Krissy's taxable income. In the 2009 budget, this amount is named as tuition reduction so as not to be included as taxable income. Therefore, the amount of income to the CDC is reduced by \$6000.

The motion to adopt the 2009 budget as submitted by the Finance Committee was approved.

Felicia Cothran, Deacon Secretary, presented the motion from the deacon body regarding the Team 24/7 Recommendations (Attachment 3). The motion read as follows: The deacon body moves that the recommendations, associated actions and timelines contained within the 24/7 Recommendations Report be approved for implementation.

- John Shelton stated, for the record, that he is not in favor of Recommendation #1 under Worship. The recommendation reads as follows: Explore an alternative number and schedule of worship services with the intent of providing a choice of service time with approximately the same blended-style worship service and the same sermon at each service.
- Linda stated that the exploration team would consider the pros and cons of our holding two worship services in their evaluation.

The motion to accept the Team 24/7 Recommendations was approved.

Mark Hutchins, Chair of the Parking Ad Hoc Committee (PAHC), presented the following proposal: The Parking Ad Hoc Committee recommends a \$1500 option to secure the Parham property for the intended future purchase by Yates Baptist Church. At the time the property becomes available, the committee will further recommend purchasing the property for an agreed upon price of \$97,000.

Mark recognized the committee members and thanked them for their work. Members are Andy Cruickshank, Paul Harris, Donna Hudson, Paul Rigsbee, and Ricky Tharrington.

The PAHC assessed the number of parking spaces used during the month of September. There are 108 spaces located on church property. In September, 168 spaces were used. As the church grows, more parking spaces will be needed. Mark showed a preliminary drawing of a future parking lot on the property that the church owns on Chapel Hill Road. It is not known at this time exactly the number of spaces that we will gain when the new lots are constructed. It is also expected that we will lose some spaces in the North Lot when it is redesigned. The loss of these spaces would be due to zoning changes, set backs, beautification, etc.

- Morgan Waugh asked about the tax implications of the church owning property. It was explained that there is no impact as long as it is used for non-profit purposes.
- Harold Burch asked if the committee had done an analysis of the benefit from the additional parking vs. the added cost to the church of building the lots. Mark answered that the benefit vs. cost would be determined as the committee continues to plan.
- Brian Nunnally remarked that the church has been dependent in the past on the kindness of our neighbors. Shell's Steakhouse, the gas station, and Rogers-Herr have allowed us to park on their property. He commented that the amount we would spend to secure the property would be a small amount of money compared to the benefit we would receive from the additional parking spaces.
- Andy Cruickshank reminded the congregation that much more information would be brought before the church before this purchase is made.
- Doug Wheeler asked if the option would reduce the selling price. Mark said that it would.
- Gene Smith questioned the wording of the motion. After paying the \$1500 option, are we **obligated** to purchase the property when it becomes available? Mark said that we would lose only the \$1500 if we do not decide to purchase the property.

John Guyton made a motion that we strike the second sentence of the motion. The motion was seconded. John withdrew the motion in favor of a statement by Larry Strawbridge. Larry made a motion that the second sentence of the proposal be reworded to state that "**we will further consider purchasing the property when it becomes available**". This substitute motion was seconded. The motion carried.

The congregation voted on the original motion as amended.

The motion is now stated as follows: The Parking Ad Hoc Committee recommends a \$1500 option to secure the Parham property for the intended future purchase. At the time the property becomes available, we will further consider purchasing the property for an agreed upon price of \$97,000.

The motion carried.

Linda closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Stickle, Church Clerk