

Yates Baptist Church  
Called Business Meeting  
August 24, 2014  
Minutes

Linda Mercer, Deacon Chair, called the special called business meeting of Yates Baptist Church to order on Sunday, August 24, 2014 at 12:13pm.

Mrs. Mercer stated the purpose of the special called meeting was for the congregation to consider a motion from the Deacons. She called for Jane Williams, Secretary of the Deacons, to read the following motion:

In response to the Facilities Planning Team Report dated May 21, 2014, the Deacons recommend that Yates Baptist Church approve the following actions:

- 1) Continue for up to 12 months the facilities development design and permitting process towards the implementation of plan 2. The 12-month period will begin with the signing of the design contract.
- 2) Allocate up to \$200,000.00 to complete the design and permitting process through the generation of the bid documents, with the \$200,000.00 to be paid from the Growing God's House account (restricted account 008200). The Finance Committee joins the Deacons in recommending the allocation from this fund.
- 3) Authorize the Deacons to establish, simultaneous with the design and permitting process, a Financial Planning Team with the responsibility to research potential funding strategies to accomplish the facilities development plan 2 and, under the direction of the Deacons and with the agreement of the Finance Committee, provide a recommendation to the Church within four months of creation of the team.
- 4) Authorize the Nominating Committee to establish, simultaneous with the design and permitting process, a Facilities Development Ad Hoc Committee with responsibilities including but not limited to overall oversight, spiritual preparation, design and construction oversight, and logistical planning and implementation. The committee will make periodic reports to the Deacons and to the Church.
- 5) Authorize the Deacons to make a final recommendation towards a specific plan of construction to the Church for its approval after six months of working under the design contract. During these six months, the Deacons will gather additional necessary information through the above Financial Planning Team and the Ad Hoc Committee which will aid the Deacons in making a final recommendation so that the Church will be in a position to vote on moving forward with a specific plan of construction (i.e., Plan 1 or 2) at the six month point in the design contract.

After the motion was read, Mrs. Mercer stated that because the motion was coming from a committee, no second was required. She noted that the motion was published on August 7, 2014, and a family meeting was held to discuss the motion on August 20, 2014.

Mrs. Mercer spoke on behalf of the Deacons to summarize the rationale for the motion (Attachment 1, Supporting Comments). She also clarified that this motion was not a commitment to a particular construction plan, but rather it establishes a timeline and actions needed before the Deacons can make a recommendation to the church on a construction plan.

Mrs. Mercer called on Mary Lloyd and Walt Pickett who made brief remarks in support of the motion.

Mrs. Mercer then opened the floor for discussion. A motion was made to amend the original motion from the Deacons as follows:

After (i.e., Plan 1 or 2) in item (5) of the original motion, insert the phrase "...or Plan 1 except with renovation of the sanctuary within its existing walls and preservation of the trees and area in front of the sanctuary..."

The motion to amend was seconded. There was no discussion. Mrs. Mercer called for a vote. The motion to amend did not pass. There was no further discussion.

Mrs. Mercer asked for a moment of silent prayer before the vote. She then called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed.

There was no further business, and Mrs. Mercer closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Thornton  
Assistant Church Clerk

Attachment 1: Facilities Development Motion Supplemental Information

Attachment 2: Facilities Development Summary

Attachment 3: Facilities Development Implementation Ad Hoc Committee (organization chart)

Attachment 4: Facilities Development Implementation Ad Hoc Committee (grid)