

YATES BAPTIST CHURCH
Called Business Meeting
September 17, 2003

Dr. Don Gordon, Pastor, opened the special called business meeting of Yates Baptist Church with prayer and announced the agenda (Attachment 1). Ted and Mary Martha Reed led singing, and Dr. Gordon read Psalm 46 and led in prayer for the Prayer List (Attachment 2).

Pam Riley, Deacon Chairperson, called the meeting to order. She announced that three proposals would be presented with a time for questions and discussion to follow each.

1. Krissy Snyder, Associate Minister for Children, and David Goss, Business Manager, in the absence of committee chairperson J Muckenfuss, presented a recap of the Weekday Early Education (WEE) Committee report regarding the future of the Yates Preschool. The Preschool must apply for a new license because proposed building renovations will mean that it is no longer "grandfathered." Options are: 1) to close; or 2) to focus on age-appropriate ministry, not the facility, and expand to enroll children from birth to age five.

The Wee Committee recommends expanding to serve children from birth to age five for the following reasons: 1) less turnover, 2) a local need for infant care, 3) longevity of enrollment for families with multiple children, 4) continuity of child care, 5) the importance of early impressions on children from birth to age three, and 6) the growth of church-wide commitment to preschoolers.

Mrs. Snyder and Mr. Goss offered an estimated budget for 2003 for both current enrollment and projected enrollment for children from birth to age 5 (Attachment 3). They also presented estimated personnel costs and revenue for a Four-Star program for ages birth to age 5 (Attachment 4). Pam Riley stated that all building codes will be met with the proposed building renovation. Twyla Hutchins asked if there would be extra costs or liabilities with the proposed changed enrollment age, and Mr. Goss replied that there would not be. The Wee Committee's recommendation will be voted on at the regular quarterly business meeting on October 12, 2003.

2. Mike English, chairman of the Long-Range Facility Planning Committee (LRFPC), presented a motion from the committee that they be authorized to offer up to \$115,000 to Caroline Kenning to purchase the house and lot adjacent to the Family Life Center. The committee requests an additional \$10,000 to perform necessary cleaning and repairs with the intent to rent the house until the property can be prepared for additional parking area. Financing will be available from at least one bank.

Bob Wilmarth stated that renting the house could be considered as an additional business that could result in the Church owing additional taxes. Jim Thompson expressed concern about expenditures and asked if we could approve the purchase now and approve the loan later. Carl Harris asked about the purpose of buying the property; Mr. English answered that it was for parking, but building a parking lot would be done later. Mr. Harris made an amended motion to purchase the property for parking only.

Discussion ensued about the critical need for parking. Mr. English withdrew the LRFPC's motion, and Mr. Harris withdrew his amended motion. Mr. English made a substitute motion

(Attachment 5) to authorize the LRFPC to offer up to \$115,000 for the aforementioned property and authorize the Deacons to execute the necessary loan for the purchase. Mr. English's substitute motion passed unanimously.

3. In Bill Reedy's absence, Kathy Stickley and Russ Medlin presented information from the House and Grounds Committee and the *Honoring God's House* Sanctuary Interior Design Team. Working with the Design Interiors firm, they will recommend installing Cathedral Red carpet; reupholstering the pew cushions in the same color; painting the ceiling, soffits, and molding white; painting all trim, including the ends of the pews, wainscoting, and balcony creamy white; painting the walls taupe, with the chancel in a slightly darker tone; using matching cloth for the grills; replacing the present flooring with a vinyl composite to improve appearance, sound, and acoustics; and lightly refinishing the pews. Mrs. Stickley stated that color samples can be seen on the organ side of the sanctuary.

Mr. Medlin stated that construction of a box and frame for the screen is proposed, and repairs will be made to the flooring, vents, and doors for a professional finish. There is also a suggestion to remove several pews to extend the distance between pews.

Mr. Medlin stated that the sanctuary windows need to be repaired or replaced. The House and Grounds committee suggests replacing the sanctuary windows rather than repairing, sanding, and painting them to return them to a like-new state. Repairs and painting will cost \$7,500 to \$10,000 and will only last 2-5 years. Complete restoration would cost approximately \$25,000 and have to be done every 5-7 years. Replacement of the windows would cost about \$65,000 initially for 10 full windows and 2 half-windows. This work could be done while the sanctuary is disrupted.

Questions and discussion followed. Mr. Medlin stated that upkeep for new windows would be cheaper as they have little wood. He added that the windows are not a standard size, but about 6 feet wide. Zada Nelson asked if stained glass windows are being considered. Mrs. Stickley stated that stained glass would be an option if the church decides to replace the windows; the Design Team has pictures, but no actual estimates of cost. Harold Burch, Doug Wheeler, Ken Bott, and others requested an additional meeting before voting on whether to repair or replace the windows.

A future meeting will be announced.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Howie
Church Clerk

Attachments