

YATES BAPTIST CHURCH
QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

April 15, 2015

MINUTES

- Call to Order – Michael Jessup, Deacon Chair and Moderator, called business meeting to order at 6:24 PM
- Clerk’s Report – John Myklebust, Church Clerk
 - Minutes from January 28, 2015 approved
 - Letters granted:
 - Nathan Hays transferred to First Baptist Church, Waco, Texas
 - Jim and Pam Bearden transferred to First Baptist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina
- New Business – out of order from posted Agenda due to scheduling needs of Brian Nunnally
 - Personnel Committee – Brian Nunnally, Chair
 - Motion that Yates Baptist Church support a ministry intern during the 2015-2016 academic year at an expense of up to \$4000 per semester.
 - In the budget, this is item 5500 under Supported Ministry
 - Motion approved
- Treasurer’s Report – Sean Fenton, Church Treasurer
 - Treasurer’s Report presented to the church
 - Discussion around funds available, including over \$1,000,000 available in convertible assets for the first time in the life of the church.
 - Also, for Building Maintenance (“002800 – Building Reserve), there is almost \$172,000 set aside for maintenance – new roof, new HVAC units, etc. and it is included in new building estimate.
 - Treasurer’s Report approved as presented
- New Business (continued)
 - Nominating Committee – Warren Jones, Chair
 - Motion to add Marilyn Haithcock to the Teller Committee to fill an unexpired term
 - Motion approved
- Committee Report
 - Missions Council Report on “One Need” – Susan LeGrand
 - Susan LeGrand reported on the successful partnership between the church and One Need halfway through the six-month trial period.
 - She urged members of church to become “Deeders” to sign up to receive emails of needs for prayer and/or contribution at “oneneed.org”.
- Adjournment – Michael Jessup entertained a motion for adjournment.
 - Motion made from floor and passed.
 - Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Myklebust, Church Clerk

Mission Council Report on One Need
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The Mission Council would like to provide the church with a report of our experience with the One Need program for the first 2 ½ months of the 6 month trial period.

Yates Baptist contracted with One Need on a month to month basis beginning Feb 1. Since then, the staff has found One Need to be very helpful in providing an equitable approach for handling all requests for assistance that come through the door or over the phone. One of the greatest benefits has been in knowing that someone can and is taking the time to discern each request in a thoughtful, consistent and prayerful way. In addition, with this service, Yates is able to positively respond to much larger requests than it can do on its own.

Everyone in the church office is familiar with the process of submitting requests and can assist those in need of help with completing the online form.

Over the past 2 ½ months, Yates has submitted 13 requests for benevolence to One Need. With each request, One Need calls the person in need, talks with them and prays with them, and sometimes talks with the person who helped submit the need. Of those 13 submitted needs, 3 were discerned by One Need to be alertable needs. This level of approval is typical. A need is alertable if it provides the needer with one-time relief to help them get back on their feet. The need is then reported by email to One Need's database of deeders - those who can respond financially to the need.

The Mission Council has been truly amazed at the impact that this program is having on the church's ability to provide benevolence both inside and outside our church community. Yates pays \$255.75 each month from its Restricted Fund Local Missions for the service. So far, Yates has paid \$767.25, and has received from One Need and distributed \$2,300 in benevolence. To quantify it – a 300% investment.

This benevolence was distributed for three people:

\$250 was distributed to Duke Energy to pay a man's electric bill. He had become behind on several bills after being unable to work his landscaping job. His pelvis was broken from an attack he suffered on a bike trail last November.

\$1,200 is still in the process of being distributed for afterschool child care for Myles Haggins. First to individual child care providers in his home, and now to DPS for at school care.

\$850 was paid to the landlord of a woman who was behind on her rent. She needed time to bridge the gap between starting a new job with the Chapel Hill School System and receiving her first paycheck on May 4th.

In each case, either the pastors or other individuals in the church have maintained contact with those helped to nurture the relationship between the individual and the church. The woman has attended worship with us and plans to do so again.

I want to add that a 14th need was submitted today and accepted by One Need for that same woman in the amount of \$900 for more back rent and a late power bill. Australia and Christopher invested more time and care with this woman and discovered that her need was greater. The need was submitted at noon and was met by 3:45. So make that \$3,200 raised.

While any size amount can be submitted to One Need, the staff still maintains a Local Crisis Ministry account to provide small amounts of benevolence as they feel called. A large part of how this has been used to date in 2015 is to purchase gas, grocery and WalMart gift cards to distribute as needed.

As expected, there has been a learning curve during this trial period. The Council has mainly learned that this is much more than a benevolence program. When the church and its individual members become more invested in the lives of those within its congregation and lives of people that it meets and helps, it opens up the inevitability that deep caring and compassion will occur. And with this comes a

personal investment of time and energy to help others and show up for them. Therefore, we have learned that this is also an outreach program.

We have also learned that once money is in the church's hand, there is an administrative role in getting it distributed properly, and a nurturing role so that the church can maintain an ongoing relationship with the person. To address this, the Missions Council is looking for a lay person to be the One Need Coordinator should we continue.

This 6 month trial period will be complete at the end of July. The Missions Council will be meeting in early August to assess if and how the Council wishes to proceed with One Need through the end of this year. The Council will present another report at the August business meeting to receive the church's affirmation of its decision.

Finally, what complete the circle in this whole process, is when members of Yates become Deeders. You are encouraged to sign up and receive the need alerts yourself. The process is very simple and can be done online at www.oneneed.org.

Questions?

Submitted,

Susan LeGrand