

Yates Baptist Church
Quarterly Business Meeting
April 16, 2008

Linda Mercer, Chairman of Deacons, called the meeting to order at 6:25 pm. She asked that the minutes of our January meeting be reviewed, and they were approved.

Kathy Stickley, Church Clerk, reported the following requests that letters be granted:

Eddie and Debbie Daniel to Bethany Baptist Church in Rougemont, NC

Ruby Early to Laurel Springs Baptist Church in Deep Gap, NC

Stephen and Julie Reed to Oakmont Baptist Church in Greenville, NC

Sharon Riley to Little River Presbyterian Church in Hurdle Mills, NC

A motion to approve the request carried unanimously.

Bob Wilmarth, Church Treasurer, presented the financial reports of both the church and the child development center. (*Attachment 1*) He commented that our church financial report looks better than it ever has at this time of year. A motion was made that both reports be accepted. The motion carried.

Gayle Davis, representing the Nominating Committee, recommended that Doug Wheeler serve as the Parliamentarian at our Business Meetings. The recommendation was approved.

Rachael Cruickshank, Secretary of the Deacons, read the following recommendation (*Attachment 2*):

The Deacons recommend that the Long Range Facilities Planning Committee be allowed to consider its work complete with the following disposition of its current activities:

1. Parking Lot Planning, Design and Implementation – This effort will be transitioned to a Parking Lot Ad Hoc Committee, which is to be nominated and defined by the Nominating Committee and presented to the church for approval as soon as possible. The LRFPC will continue to work on this project until the Parking Lot Ad Hoc committee is approved by the church. The Parking Lot Ad Hoc Committee will utilize the experience and knowledge-base of the LRFPC as needed to complete this project.
2. Sanctuary Renovation Planning – There is currently a report which was compiled as a result of the family meetings conducted by the LRFPC. This effort will be tabled until such time that either the Deacons or House and Grounds Committee determines it should be readdressed.
3. “Visioning” future needs – An assessment will be conducted to gain input from the church concerning the need for long range planning for ministries and facilities. The results of this assessment will be provided to the Deacons.

Linda Mercer acknowledged the excellent work and valuable leadership of the LRFPC. (*See Discussion Points, Attachment 2*). She stressed that the assessment of our long range planning needs would be conducted by members of Team 24/7, but is outside the scope of the ministry assessments

that they are presently conducting. After this assessment takes place (in the early fall), the information will be given to the Deacons.

A vote on this recommendation was taken by paper ballot. The recommendation was unanimously approved.

Susan Guyton, representing the Finance Committee, reviewed the Yates Baptist Church Giving Options (*Attachment 3*).

Bill Reedy gave an update of the work of Team 24/7. He explained that the team was in the process of holding assessment meetings focusing on the nine prioritized ministry areas. The last two of these meetings will be held this Sunday (April 20). On May 21, a Family Meeting/Covered Dish Supper will be held. At this meeting the raw data from each ministry assessment will be presented, and all members present will have a chance to make comments and give input. After this, Team 24/7 will condense the information and several recommendations per ministry area will be created. These recommendations will be presented first to the Deacons for their approval, and then to the church.

Gayle Davis, representing the Nominating Committee, presented their recommendation that a Parking Ad Hoc Committee (PAHC) be formed. This is a committee of limited duration, estimated 1 to 3 years. It will continue the planning for parking lot expansion and improvement which was begun by the LRFPC. It will plan, coordinate, and implement activities for parking development, and complete the projects to develop parking on the two adjacent lots and to resurface and improve the existing lots (*Attachment 4*). This committee will be made up of 6 members with no annual rotations. The following individuals have agreed to serve: Andy Cruickshank, Ricky Tharrington, Donna Hudson, Mark Hutchins, Paul Rigsbee, and Paul Harris. Ricky Tharrington reminded the group that the church has already approved \$15,000 for an architect to begin a design for this project. There should be no further impact on the 2008 budget. There were no additional comments. A motion was made to establish the PAHC according to the committee description and slate of members presented. The motion carried.

Chuck Riley, representing the House and Grounds Committee, presented their recommendation that we spend up to \$40,000 to repair the foundation at the south end of the Education Building. The Finance Committee has also looked at the problem and agrees with this request. Chuck explained that the committee would begin to meet with companies and receive estimates for this work. They will determine whether to lift the foundation or just stabilize it. All exterior and interior cracks will be repaired also and included in the estimates. Chuck restated the motion and it carried.

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Stickley, Church Clerk