

Yates Baptist Church  
April Quarterly Business Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 25, 2018, 6:15 pm, Room 305  
Submitted by Laura Trout, Church Clerk

- Call to Order – Todd Thornton, Deacon Chair
- Clerk Report
  - Meeting minutes from previous meeting
    - There was a motion made to waive the reading of the minutes. The motion was seconded. Motion carries
    - There was a motion made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded. Motion carries
  - Letters to be granted
    - Rebekah Gordon to Trinity Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC
    - Danny and Tammy Davis to Crosslink Community Church, Mebane, NC
    - There was a motion made to approve these transfer of letters. The motion was seconded. Motion carries
- Treasurer's Report – Mike English,
  - CDC: CDC enrollment is full. Revenue and expenses are in balance and it is financially healthy
  - Church: Church revenue and expenses are close together. After the first quarter, the trend in revenue is on a decline. At the same level of the first quarter of the last 4 years. Makes projection for the year hard. Financing is keeping an eye on this. Finance Committee kept the budget flat this year. The budget is balanced and is at \$735,000 for 2018. Finance Committee is optimistic that revenue will meet the projection, but have ways to keep expenses down in case revenues are low
    - Investment portfolio: Assets are held at Morgan Stanley. Plan to keep \$200,000 as a buffer. Used some funds to minimize drawing on the loan for the facility renovation
    - Balance sheet: Net assets are shrinking because using cash and investments built up over the years to pay for Growing God's House before taking on debt for facility renovations. Plan to keep ~\$200,000 buffer to cover expenses, if needed
    - Debt: This year will be paying interest and must take that into account when budgeting for next year. Projected \$2 M in financing. Currently at \$1.9M. Interest alone is around \$96K per year, alone
    - Growing God's House Fund: At about 75% of pledges have been received and are 2/3 of the way through the program. Some have given their pledges up front in entirety
- Ministry update – Christopher Ingram, Senior Pastor
  - Approval of 2 important leadership groups, Minister of Music and Worship Search Committee and Visioning Leadership Team

- Church has been open to visioning and discernment over the past year. Important as we discern where to go as a church, especially in the music ministry. Have been adding to the church through the orchestra. The retirement of leadership in the Music Ministry in the church will leave a void. The process to find a new minister will take time. A competent interim Minister of Music, Larry Ballard, brings 40+ years of experience. He led for 30+ years at a church and is versatile in many different areas, and has a great
    - Still looking for an accompanist. Will not have someone by May 7, but will be using talented people in the church during the process of finding the accompanist
    - Senior adults and House and Grounds Committee understand that this is a time to step up and fill voids during this interim time
    - May 6 is set for celebration of Ted and Mary Martha Reed’s retirement from ministry
  - Ministries for the summer – great outreach opportunities
    - Summer book study – A memoir of experience of diagnosis of stage 4 cancer
    - 2 Sunday School opportunities
    - Weekday opportunities
    - Good time to invite people that aren’t as “churchy” so we can talk about our Christian hope
    - Bible study of the book of Acts on Wednesday
    - Operation Inasmuch
    - Passport and Passport kids
    - Vacation Bible School and Sunshine Bible School
    - Weekly opportunities to help prepare and serve lunch with realities ministries for developmentally and mentally challenged
    - Families Moving Forward
    - Fellowship opportunities – 2 Wednesday nights for picnic in park
    - Looking at ways to expand Glory of Christ Fellowship ministry
    - Ministry with Internationals: Yates will host support groups for refugee groups
- New Business
  - Nominating Committee – Lois English
    - The Nominating Committee moves that Linda Mercer fill the position of Outreach Director.
      - No second needed for this motion because it comes from a committee. Motion carries
    - The Nominating Committee moves that the following people be named to the Worship Away Committee: Jim Camp, Joyce Camp, Debbie Griffin, Fran Kernodle, Draxie Kirby.
      - No second needed for this motion because it comes from a committee. Motion carries

- The Nominating Committee moves that the following people be named to the Minister of Music and Worship Search Committee: Mindy Elliott, Judy Fenton, Susan LeGrand, Keith Longmire, Matt Miller, Gail Parker, Brian Smith, Amanda Sturgill, Gail Zedick.
    - No second needed for this motion because it comes from a committee. Motion carries
  - Visioning Leadership Team
    - Per the motion approved by Yates Baptist Church at the January 31, 2018 quarterly business meeting, the Deacons, in conjunction with the Pastor, recommend that the following individuals serve on the Visioning Leadership Team: Linda Mercer, Sean Fenton, Sam Haithcock, Courtney Thornton, Rachael Cruickshank, Richard Poindexter, and Tarvick Linder.
      - No second needed for this motion because it comes from a committee. Motion carries
- Public Service Announcement: Still time to get a note for Ted and Marty Martha to go in a scrap book.
- Adjournment
  - Motion and second was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed
  - Adjournment in prayer by Todd Thornton