

Yates Baptist Church  
Quarterly Business Meeting  
January 27, 2016  
Minutes

Rachael Cruickshank, Deacon Chair, called the quarterly business meeting of Yates Baptist Church to order on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 6:26pm.

Mrs. Cruickshank noted that the minutes of the November 2015 business meeting were unavailable at this time and requested a motion to defer approval of those minutes. A motion was then made and seconded. The motion passed.

Courtney Thornton, Assistant Church Clerk, noted two letters requesting change in membership.

- Robert & Alex Vaughn transferred to Central United Methodist in Waco, TX
- Ryan Saunders transferred to Bonsack Baptist in Roanoke, VA

A motion was made and seconded to approve the transfers of letter. The motion passed.

Mrs. Cruickshank recognized Chris LeGrand for the Treasurer's report. Yates closed the year of 2015 taking in \$731,192.91, expenses of \$653,856.44, for a net surplus of \$77,336.47. Mr. LeGrand explained that the church had intentionally planned for a surplus towards the building reserve. Because expenses were lower than expected, the planned \$65,000 building reserve surplus was exceeded. The 2016 budget maintains a planned \$65,000 surplus for building reserve but additionally reflects an increase in planned revenues of about 10%. Mr. LeGrand reviewed the balance sheet and noted the nearly \$1.1 million cash on hand at the close of 2015, about a third of which is restricted funds. He noted this amount of cash on hand was healthy for a church the size of Yates. The Finance Committee is currently going through process to better clarify why restricted funds exist, for what purpose, who is accountable for them, and other related processes around them. Most of these reserve accounts are for building and maintenance. The CDC will also have ended 2015 with a surplus, although the figures were not final at the time of this report.

Marti Jessup, representing the Nominating Committee, presented a motion to place Al Barnes on the House and Grounds Committee. Mrs. Cruickshank called for discussion. There was none, and the motion was passed.

Mike English, representing the capital campaign committee, and Steve McSwain, Walsh and Associates, provided a report. Mr. McSwain noted that the campaign officially began on January 6, 2016. He will be present at Yates every couple of weeks through June 12, 2016, the anticipated culmination of the campaign. Between now and then, several activities are planned, including foundational preparations, building a strong case or vision statement, and identification and training of a capital campaign cabinet to provide leadership. Two persons or households would likely be identified as co-chairs. The cabinet will also include chairs for prayer, hospitality, creative giving, children and youth, and seminars in planned or legacy giving, among other areas of leadership needed. The campaign will become more public in mid-March, which a kick-off weekend. A church-wide luncheon will take place in April, near the midpoint of the campaign. This event will be followed by 4-5 Sundays where the congregation will be challenged to be prayerful regarding its stewardship and giving. In May and June, the campaign will wrap up, and God's accomplishments will be celebrated. Giving will go on three years after the

campaign ends. The challenge will go to every household to be involved. A typical church sees 35-50% of its giving membership to make a pledge, and early indications are that Yates may exceed this marker. The goal is to have the most successful campaign in Yates' history. They thanked everyone for the prayers and support.

Russ Medlin, representing the Facilities Development Implementation Ad Hoc Committee, provided a report. Current activities are centered around detail-level questions on the design and construction plans. Interior design is also beginning to meet with the architectural firm. Mr. Medlin showed some conceptual designs and reviewed aspects such as the elimination of the balcony, larger narthex, and additions of a bathroom and multipurpose room in the front entrance, steeper angles in the ceiling, and prominent baptistry. Many logistical conversations are also happening, including with CDC leadership and parents. He noted the project is within a couple of weeks of the anticipated schedule and encouraged members to email him with any questions or ideas.

Barri Payne, representing the WEE Committee, provided a report. She noted appreciation for the time Pastor Ingram has spent assisting with the leadership transition to interim director, June Shalito. Mrs. Payne reiterated the comments of Mr. Medlin that the CDC is beginning to prepare for and hold conversations with parents around the planned construction. She noted that the WEE Committee considers this time of interim leadership an opportunity to evaluate the operation and engage in visioning for the future. She welcomed prayers during this transition and noted appreciation for the existing CDC staff.

Bill Reedy, representing the Finance Committee, provided a report on the online giving program launched in late 2015. After 5-6 weeks of use, there have been 27 users and a total of \$14,000 in online giving. The online option reduces administrative burdens and will be featured prominently in the capital campaign. One-time or recurring gifts are possible. Members can also fill out a form in the church office to deduct money from an account or can scan cards in the pews to access the online giving platform. The church has also acquired credit card readers to use for occasions such as the Valentine's banquet.

There being no further business, Mrs. Cruickshank asked for motion to adjourn. The motion was made and seconded. Mrs. Cruickshank closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Thornton  
Assistant Church Clerk

Attachment 1: Yates Baptist Church December 2015 Budget