

Yates Baptist Church
Quarterly Business Meeting
July 23, 2008

Linda Mercer, Chairman of Deacons, called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. She asked that the minutes of our April meeting be reviewed, and they were approved.

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

Meredith Parker Canterbury to Canterbury United Methodist Church in Birmingham, Alabama

Jordan Hutchins to Bon Air Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia

A motion to approve the requests carried unanimously.

Bob Wilmarth, Church Treasurer, presented the financial reports of both the church and the child development center (Attachment 1). He stated that our church financial report looks better than it ever has at this time of year. Specifically, our offerings are \$40,000 above what they were during the same period last year. There were no questions, and the reports were accepted.

Priscilla Wood presented a recommendation from the Children's Ministry Committee and the Preschool Ministry Committee. The recommendation was stated as follows:

The CMC and the PMC recommend that the church replace the current position of part-time Children's Ministry Assistant (which is based on 8 - 10 hours per week) with a newly created part-time Minister of Children (which would be based on a 25 hour work week).

Priscilla reviewed the proposed responsibilities and the rationale for this new position (Attachments 2 & 3). This position would become effective on January 1, 2009. She also stated that the recommendation has been endorsed by the Personnel Committee, the Deacons, and the Finance Committee.

Linda Mercer opened the floor for questions and discussion. A vote was taken by paper ballot and the recommendation was unanimously approved.

Bill Reedy gave an update of the work of Team 24/7. A Family Meeting was held in May from which lots of information was received. All the comments have been compiled and added to the information that had come from the individual ministry assessment meetings. The team is now drafting recommendations for all eight assessment areas. These will be presented to the Deacons in September or October. The Deacons will then take the necessary steps for implementation of the recommendations.

Mark Hutchins gave an update of the work of the Parking Ad Hoc Committee. The committee has met with the City of Durham – learning the necessary steps that must be taken to develop a parking lot. They have evaluated the efforts of the LRFPC regarding parking, and are deciding how this might be incorporated into the present focus. Cliff Credle, the civil engineer who created the original parking plan, has been asked to revisit the original drawing to determine how to maximize the number of spaces that can be created – in light of the city restrictions. Negotiations have begun to take place between the Ad Hoc Committee and the Parham family, who own the next property on Chapel Hill Rd. This property is next to the two lots already owned by the church. A recommendation will be brought to the church in the near future regarding the possible purchase of that property. Mark also mentioned that the goals and objectives of the PAHC are now on the Yates web site.

Chuck Riley, representing the House and Grounds Committee, gave an update on the upcoming repair to the Education Building foundation. The committee has accepted the proposal of Carolina Foundation Solutions and a contract has been signed (Attachment 4). Their proposal suggests the use of 10 helical piers on the south side of the building and 6 helical piers on the east side. It is their feeling that none will be needed on the west side. Stabilizing the south and east sides will help to stabilize the remaining side. A monitor will be installed on the west side so that we can keep up with additional settlement. The total cost for this work is \$26,350, and will take place in August. It is estimated that the work will be completed in four days. Interior and exterior cracks will be repaired after completion of the project.

Lindsay Cook, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reminded everyone that the budget process would be starting soon. Forms will be distributed next week.

Old Business:

No old business was reported.

New Business:

Richard Pickett, spoke on behalf of a group of church members who have investigated the possible creation of a Cub Scout Pack at Yates. Their motion was stated as follows:

We move that Yates Baptist Church charter a Cub Scout Pack to begin meeting this fall, at the start of the 2008 – 2009 school year.

The motion carried.

Bob Wilmarth, Church Treasurer, informed the members that the I.R.S. is increasing the amount that we can reimburse our staff for mileage. The current reimbursement is 45 cents per mile. This is increasing to 58.5 cents per mile. He made the following motion:

Effective August 1, 2008, Yates Baptist Church will reimburse our staff for automobile use at the standard rate that is allowed by the I. R. S.

The motion carried.

Sherry Turner closed with prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Stickley, Church Clerk