

Quarterly Business Meeting
Yates Baptist Church
May 13, 2020
6:15PM via Zoom meeting

Members Present: 57

Call to Order: Pam Riley, Moderator, called the business meeting to order. First ever electronic Business Meeting at Yates Baptist Church.

1. Clerk Report:
 - a. Minutes from Jan 29th meeting – Minutes approved by all.
 - b. Letters to be granted – None

2. Treasurer's Report: (presented by Sean Fenton)
 - a. Giving is relatively high at this time. We are slightly lower at this point in the year than we usually are, but expenditures are also lower. A little over \$250k in the bank. A little over \$350k in our investments.
 - b. Due to the fact that Yates is a 501c3 organization, the church was able to apply for a small business loan as part of the government loan process. Yates has received a little over \$170k through this. Majority is to pay for the CDC staff and Yates church staff. Yates CDC is still open and supporting essential workers.
 - c. Question asked about whether there is still money coming in to paying down the principal on Growing God's House loan – Yes.

3. Committee/Ministry Reports:
 - a. House & Grounds Committee – J Muckenfuss
 - Improvements are underway around the campus.
 1. New fence on south side of campus
 2. Hand rails for the choir and the steps to the stage have been installed
 3. Large tree removed from front side of sanctuary along with a couple of other trees – use for mulch later
 4. Lighting upgrades are in the work for the gym, FLC, and first floor of education center as well as better lighting between the buildings at night – these changes will also save money on the energy bills. Also, thermostats in the FLC are updated as well.
 5. Installed an AED on the south side stairwell of the sanctuary building – purchased by the Yates Friends
 - b. CDC Update – Christopher Ingram

- Has been in constant operation – no disruption.
 - State has asked that day care centers not close and not to charge people who are not attending during this time.
 - Open for emergency placement for essential personnel’s children.
 - Will be able to use the Payroll Protection monies to keep good care going.
 - Church members/groups have brought meals to appreciate the workers and also provide grocery gift cards to staff during this time.
 - Please continue to pray for them and be encouragers to them.
- c. Ordination Committee for Tarvick Linder – Pam Riley
- Committee read his statement requesting ordination and met with Tarvick to discuss his background, education, experience, and beliefs. He graduated from Duke Divinity School last week and will be doing a chaplain residency for the next year at a hospital in Greensboro. He played the French Horn in the orchestra and serves on the Visioning Leadership Team. He believes Yates was open to him and treated him like a brother and he wants Yates to be the church to ordain him.
 - Committee recommends ordination of Tarvick Linder during a scheduled service.
 - Vote was unanimous in favor of ordaining Tarvick.
- d. Future Expectations – Christopher Ingram
- Durham stay-at-home order is likely to be extended.
 - Church activities are not the highest priority with respect to gathering meetings.
 - Staff recommended an Adhoc advisory team on the path forward to reopen physical church activities.
 - Many summer activities (Youth & Children’s camps) have been cancelled or put on hold for now.
 - Many open questions on how the church can be what we need to be for this time.
 - Question around College & High School graduates – Danny listed out the list of names of HS seniors – YAC has decided to hold off before canceling things and has pushed things to later in the summer or early fall
 - Harriet would like to make a small cake for each graduate – they can call and tell her their school name and colors and then can come pick them up at the end of May.
 - Gene mentioned that Haiti Yard Sale will be postponed to later in the year.

Adjournment motioned by Ernie Watson and seconded by Doug Wheeler.

Respectfully submitted:
 Deedra Nunnally, Clerk
 Pam Riley, Moderator