

YATES BAPTIST CHURCH
Quarterly Business Meeting
October 12, 2003

Dr. Don Gordon, Pastor, opened the regular quarterly business meeting of Yates Baptist Church and Church Family Meeting at 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 12, 2003, with prayer.

Pam Riley, Deacon Chairperson, called the meeting to order. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Donna Reedy presented the financial reports for September 2003 for the Church (Attachment 1) and the Daycare (attachment 2). Both were approved.

Mrs. Riley announced that the Yates Baptist Association annual meeting will be held Tuesday, October 28, 2003, beginning at 3:30 p.m. The Church may elect up to 10 messengers. John Harris made a motion to endorse up to 10 messengers, including Don Gordon, Jeff Prince, Doug Wheeler, and others who wish to attend. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Riley announced that the North Carolina Baptist State annual meeting will be held November 10-12, 2003, in Winston-Salem, and the Church may also elect 10 messengers. Harold Parker made a motion to elect up to 10 messengers, including Don Gordon, John Frederick, Doug Wheeler, Susan Guyton, Jackie Smith, Robbie and J Muckenfuss, and three others. The motion passed unanimously.

Kathy Stickley presented the House and Grounds Committee and Interior Design Team's proposal for the renovation of the sanctuary (Attachment 3) as part of *Honoring God's House*. Construction is planned for January to March 2004, and worship services will be held at alternative location on the church campus.

Working with the Design Interiors firm, they will recommend painting and plaster repair of walls, ceiling, and trim; general construction to reverse swinging doors and redesign Baptistery; replacement of floor covering; light refinishing of pews and other wood furnishings; reupholstery of pew cushions and choir chairs; and improving spacing between pews. Andy Cruickshank described his design for the redesign of the choir paneling and the baptistery. Questions and discussion followed. The mural will be replaced with a brass cross.

Mrs. Stickley stated that the House and Grounds Committee voted not to pursue the replacement of the sanctuary windows at this time. The windows will be sanded, repaired, and painted by a local firm, and plans will be made for regular maintenance. New windows will cost approximately \$472,000, restoration to like new condition

will cost about \$425,000, and repair is estimated to cost \$7,000 to \$10,000. The research on new windows will be on file in the church office for future use. The current estimate for all sanctuary renovations is approximately \$106,000.

Walt Pickett offered an update on behalf of the Construction Team: Andy Cruickshank, Al Dula, Russ Medlin, Pam Riley, and Jim Thompson. The Team has unanimously selected Riggs-Herring as contractor for pre-construction services. The initial estimate, based on general drawings, is \$70,000 over budget. He and Andy Cruickshank have met with the architect and have cut some costs, but additional changes will have to be made. The Construction Team hopes to begin construction early in 2004 to have the Daycare space ready by August 2004. The Team will continue to refine the plans, looking at each line item and prioritizing needs, to reduce the costs further. No construction will begin until actual costs are ascertained.

Sean Fenton presented the Missions Council Report (Attachment 4), **as information only**, not for a vote. He reported that the Missions Council proposes a change in the 2004 church budget for the distribution, not the amount, of continued funding for Missions. Approximately \$61,000 is budgeted for Missions for 2003.

1. At present, 10 percent of the total budget is given to Missions; 7 percent of the total is apportioned with 5 percent to the North Carolina Baptist State Convention (NCBSC) and 2 percent to the Yates Baptist Association. (YBA). This would be changed to 4 percent for the BSC and 3 percent for the YBA to achieve more local involvement.
2. For 2003, \$5,000 was committed to Durham Congregations in Action (DCIA). This would be changed for 2004. Yates has previously committed \$5,000 for each of two years to the Chinese Mission. Since only \$5,200 of the total (\$10,000) has been given to date to the Chinese Mission, the Council proposes giving \$4,000 from the 2004 budget toward completing this obligation. The remaining \$1,000 would be given to the Baptist World Alliance (BWA), the oldest worldwide Christian group at present. This change would occur because the DCIA has assumed a new, more political role.
3. The Mission Reserve Fund for 2003 was \$2,400. This fund is used to help support mission trips of Yates' members. For 2004, \$2,000 will be sufficient, and it is proposed to give the remaining \$400 to the Durham Rescue Mission.
4. The Missions Council requests prayerful, thoughtful recommendations of ways to increase missions giving. The Council is making a coordinated effort to get more people involved in missions and to use those funds more meaningfully.

Discussion ensued. John Frederick stated that the allocation for the Chinese Mission is a one-time attempt to address a shortfall previously committed. Dr. Gordon noted that the Missions line items are based on a percent of the total budget, rather than specific amounts. Missions' giving is part of the church budget, which is prepared by the Finance Committee, but the Missions Council will make recommendations.

J Muckenfuss, chairperson, presented the Weekday Early Education (Wee) committee's recommendation (Attachment 5) to apply for a license to serve children from birth to five-years-old and begin recruiting and staff training efforts immediately. Ballots were distributed, and the motion passed, 63 to 9.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Howie
Church Clerk

Attachments