

Yates Baptist Church
Quarterly Business Meeting
October 15, 2014
Minutes

Linda Mercer, Deacon Chair, called the quarterly business meeting of Yates Baptist Church to order on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 6:20 p.m.

Mrs. Mercer submitted the minutes of the quarterly business meeting on August 27, 2014 for approval. Since the minutes have been published on the church website, a motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the minutes. A motion was then made and seconded to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed.

Nancy Wooters, Church Clerk, reported the following membership change requests:

- Robert and Melissa Dover to Fairview Baptist Church, Hillsborough, NC
- Aaron and Lorrie Brooks to First Baptist Church, Tallahassee, FL
- Jay and Vicky Littleton to Lizella Baptist Church, Lizella, GA
- John, Cookie and John Mark Frederick to Mt. Hermon Baptist Church, Durham, NC

A motion was made and seconded to grant these requests. The motion passed.

Donna Reedy, Assistant Church Treasurer, called on Dave Odom, Chair of the Finance Committee, to give a brief explanation of a recent change to the Financial Report. Mr. Odom stated that the Building Reserve account, which had previously been included in the Summary of Restricted Funds, has been moved to a new line item (002800) on the Church Balance Sheet to more accurately identify it as an unrestricted net asset account. Mrs. Reedy gave a brief Church financial report for the period ending September 2014 (Attachment 1). Year to date, revenues are at 62.94% of budget, and expenses are running slightly ahead of revenues at 63.56%. Our balance sheet is strong, increased revenues are anticipated in the fourth quarter, and there are ample cash reserves to meet our budget expenses.

Todd Thornton, Chair of the Weekday Early Education (WEE) Committee, presented a report on the Child Development Center (CDC). Mr. Thornton expressed appreciation from the CDC staff for allowing them to participate in the commissioning service the church held at the beginning of the academic school year. Mr. Thornton reported that the CDC maintains the state's highest 5-star accreditation rating, and has now been accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), one of only 9 NAEYC-accredited schools in Durham County. Currently there are two vacancies at the center, both in the 3-5 year old age range. The CDC will be holding a parent/family seminar on Thursday evening October 23rd on the topic of self-esteem in young children, and invites all interested parents in the church community to attend. The Center will also be holding an "Imagination Day" parade on Thursday October 30th at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Thornton addressed the question of what is done with tuition deposits, and stated that these deposits, which are required upon enrollment, are held in an escrow account until the child leaves the Center, at which time the tuition deposit is applied to the last month of tuition.

Linda Mercer, Deacon Chair, presented a report from the Deacons regarding the new Financial Planning Team that was authorized at the August 24, 2014 Called Business Meeting. This team is responsible for researching funding strategies to accomplish the facilities development plan 2.

The members of the team are:

Church Treasurer: Sean Fenton

Congregation at-large members: Mike English and Shelia Willis

Deacon representatives: Warren Jones and Winslow Carter

Facilities Planning Team representative: Kathy Sticklely

Finance Committee representative: Lee Cothran

The team held its first meeting on October 7, and Mike English was elected to serve as chair.

Courtney Thornton, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented a motion to approve the nomination of the members of the Facilities Development Implementation Ad Hoc Committee (Attachment 2). The structure of this new committee was described at the August 20, 2014 Family Meeting and approved at the August 24, 2014 Called Business Meeting. The motion did not require a second. The motion passed.

Dave Odom, Chair of the Finance Committee, made the following motion (see Attachment 3 for Supporting Comment):

At the recommendation of the Music Ministry, the Finance Committee moves that the Minister of Music be authorized to spend up to \$12,000 from the Building Reserve Fund (002800) for a wireless microphone system.

The motion did not require a second. The motion passed.

Rachael Cruickshank presented the following motion from the Personnel Committee:

The Personnel Committee recommends that \$2,667 of the 2014 annual salary of \$42,216 for Danny Steis be designated as his housing allowance for the remainder of 2014.

The motion did not require a second. The motion passed.

Linda Mercer presented the following motion from the Deacons (see Attachment 4 for Supporting Comment):

The Deacons move that Yates Baptist Church approve the following as members of the 2014 Safe Sanctuary Policies/Procedures Annual Review Team:

Karen Burgin representing the Children's Committee

Nicole Bland representing the Youth Advisory Committee

Todd Thornton representing the WEE Committee

Doug Kistler representing the Sonshine Ministry

Barri Payne representing the Deacons

Carolyn Strawbridge representing the Personnel Committee

Sam Haithcock representing the congregation at-large and the Finance Committee

No second was required. The motion passed.

Mrs. Mercer reported on the election of messengers to the annual Yates Baptist Association meeting, which will be held Tuesday October 28th at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Hillsborough. Currently, Winslow Carter, Michael Jessup and John Myklebust will be attending this meeting.

The church can send up to 10 messengers to the association meeting. In the past, members interested in serving as messengers have contacted the church office and submitted their names. A motion was made to approve the above-mentioned messengers and to allow 7 other members interested in serving as messengers this year to again be elected by contacting the church office and offering to serve. The motion was seconded and approved.

Mrs. Mercer reported on the election of messengers to the annual Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, which will be held November 10th-11th in Greensboro. Currently, no one has requested to attend this meeting. The church can send two 2 messengers to the BSCNC. In the past, members interested in serving as messengers have contacted the church office and submitted their names. A motion was made to allow two unnamed church members interested in serving as messengers this year to again be elected by contacting the church office and offering to serve. The motion was seconded and approved.

There was no further business, and Mrs. Mercer closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Wooters
Church Clerk

Attachment 1: September 2014 Church Financial Report
Attachment 2: Nominating Committee Motion
Attachment 3: Finance Committee Motion
Attachment 4: Deacons Motion