

MINUTES OF THE CHURCH CONFERENCE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

December 13, 2023

Call to Order

Moderator Dennis Ellis called the conference to order at 6:15 p.m.

Business

Minutes of the November church conference were approved by a unanimous vote.

Changes to the church roll. Mike Dodd died on November the 15th, and Laura Anne Vick died on December the 11th. Artenida Cela joined on December the 3rd by statement of previous baptism and membership in another church, and Keneth Mayer joined on December the 3rd by statement of previous baptism and membership in another church. With these changes, the church membership is now 1311.

Standing Committee Reports

Finance Committee:

Sam Ewell reported on the November financials that were available for review in the financial statement for November. Revenues were \$94,828.33 and expenses totaled \$126,939.44 which were in line for November. Year to date, expenses exceed revenues by \$92,975.43. The cash balance remains in excess of \$277,000.

Sam thanked the members of the committee for all their work this year.

Nominating Committee:

Lynn Loomis reported on new members that will begin serving on councils in January 2024:

Children's Ministry Council members

- Preschool Sunday School Director - Shirley Hobson
- Grade School Sunday School K 2nd - Holly Ivel
- Preschool Choir 3s, 4s and 5s - Amy Galvin
- Grade School Choir K - 2nd - Becky Mercer
- Preschool Missions 3s, 4s and 5s - Lacey Pegram
- Grade School Missions K - 2nd - Hope Phillips
- Infant Toddler Center - Anza Harker

Student Ministries Council members

- Parent with a child in the Youth program - Jennifer Foster
- Parent with a child in the Youth program - Kati Gardner
- Youth member - Claire Carothers
- Youth member - Charlotte Phillips

Adult Ministries Council

Elizabeth Riley
Cara Lynn Vogel

Music Ministries Council
Sam Carothers - Representing the Congregation
John Hite - Representing the Congregation

Weekday Preschool Council
Current members will remain through August 2024

Lynn also reported the following new members of Nominating Committee:

Andy Archer
Dan Bacon
Karen Poteat
Ben Yerxa

Stewardship Committee:

Dennis reported on the numbers in this week's Rose Window Weekly (RWW). As of December the 7th, 109 pledge cards totaling \$1,071,990 have been received for the 2024 budget. 80% of the proposed budget pledged is \$1,306,063.20, which leaves us short by \$234,073.20. The RWW included a link to the web site for the online pledge form, which is also located in the church office.

Announcements

Dennis reported on the new Deacon officers for 2024. The Chair will be John Smith, Vice Chair will be Kimberly Taylor, Secretary will be Charles Gayle and Assistant Secretary will be Hollis Yelverton.

Dr. Chapman offered a closing prayer, and the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Vogel, Jr.
Church Clerk