

MINUTES OF THE CHURCH CONFERENCE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

May 22 , 2024

Call to Order

Moderator John Smith called the conference to order at 6:23 p.m.

Business

Minutes of the April church conference were approved without dissent.

Changes to the church roll. Max Baldwin died on May 7, and Kay Cone died on May 4. Nancy and Charles Kimball transferred their membership from First Presbyterian Church in Norman, OK, on May 5, on statement of letter. Elizabeth and Victor Santana transferred their membership from Greystone Baptist Church on May 5, on statement of letter. With these changes, church membership is now 1,314.

Standing Committee Reports

Properties Committee

Committee Chair Bob Bailey reported on the following items:

The Finance and Properties Committee joined together in authorizing an emergency \$9,200 bid to repair a section of sewer pipe that goes from the Lewis building and under the playground.

For Conference action: All from Capital Repair and Replacement Fund:

1. Three repairs by Tri-South Mechanical. These items were discovered during the semiannual preventative maintenance: Replacement of cracked burners on Lewis Building boiler, totaling \$3,286.40. Fuel leak search on split unit that services the choir loft, totaling \$475. Replacement of faulty blower motor on AHU 12 Lower Lewis Lobby, totaling \$1,966.12.
2. Addition of a security camera to cover landing and steps at front of sanctuary, A Certificate of Appropriateness (CAP) was granted by Raleigh Historic Development Commission. Total cost of \$2,498.47. The camera will be in the section above doors and to the left as you face the sanctuary. This will be the 14th security camera installed to date.
3. Add Letting above the Art Banner on the wall at back of Lewis Lobby, totaling \$7,775 for lettering and logo. \$3,980 of the original appropriated money for the Banner Project and Lettering is still available. Total new cost to church from CR&R is \$3,975. Lettering and Banner was originally approved along by the Raleigh Historic Development Commission. This Certificate of Appropriateness has expired, so Properties has requested an extension. Will not proceed without the new CAP.

Finance Committee:

Committee Chair Ryan Willis provided the financial numbers for April 2024. For April, Total Revenues were \$89,995.17 and Total Expenses were \$135,633.27. Expenses exceeded Revenues by \$45,638.27. 2024 Year To Date (YTD), Total Revenues are \$562,973.27 and Total Expenses are \$531,048.59. Therefore YTD Revenues exceed Expenses by \$31,925.38.

In Comparison to 2023, April 2023 Total Revenues were \$100,190.82 and Total Expenses were \$152,121.46. Therefore, Expenses exceeded Revenues by \$51,930.64. 2023 YTD, Total Revenues were \$545,156.94 and Total Expenses were \$533,318.63. So, YTD 2023 Revenues exceeded Expenses by \$11,838.31.

The Carryover as of 12/31/23 is \$387,021.97. This is the sum of the Surplus from Prior Years, \$355,097.59, and the Revenue in excess of Expenses for 2024, \$31,925.38.

At the May meeting, Finance Committee voted to recommend the Church Conference approve the following Properties Committee requests:

1. Tri-South Mechanical - Sewer Repair, rough estimate of \$9200.
2. The Sign Shop - estimate of \$7,775.00 (with \$3,980.00 remaining in banner fund).
3. Choir Loft Renovations - Properties Committee Requests the Church vote to move forward with a renovation of the Choir Loft, with a max Budget of \$120,000.
4. Tri-South Mechanical Estimates - Blower Motor in basement, \$1965.72; 2nd Floor Condenser in Baptism area repair, \$475.00; Repair faulty burners in Raypak boiler, \$3,286.40.
4. Milner - Quote for Security Camera that covers the steps at the front of the Sanctuary, \$2,498.47

Nominating Committee:

Director is Jason Gardner. Assistant is Stan Crocker.

Adult Division Teachers and Contacts

Everette Miller Friendship: Steve Austin, Bob Bailey, and Laura Maness.

Formations: Steve Brown and Rebecca Sasser. Would appreciate having a permanent substitute.

Grains of Sand: Jeff Mercer, Hollis Yelverton and Wyatt Yelverton.

John Hiott Fellowship: Bob Bailey.

Pathfinders: Matt Bullard, Sam Carouthers, Nancye Gaj, Hayden James, Chuck Nichols, and Mary Powell Rhodes.

Scriptural Serendipity: John Shell.

Sharing Thoughts: Class Members.

The Journey: Ann Bullard, San Crocker, Sue Crocker, Amy Galvan, Robert Ponton, and Teresa Teague.

The Wilderness: College - late 20s: Jessica Helms.

Unity: David Guzman.

Japanese: Tomoko, Chubachi and Pastor Jun Matsuzaki.

Announcements

Dr. Chapman provided the following update on the Day Missions Fund (DMF):

For the September 1, 2023 - August, 2024 DMF fiscal year, we had \$20,153.92 available with an additional carryover of \$5,934.85, making a total of \$26,088.77.

On September 21, 2023, the church council approved \$8,000 for Sharefish work in Honduras requested by Dennis Ellis, \$3,000 for Rise Against Hunger requested by Leah Reed, \$2,000 to help with travel to Kampala, Uganda for partnership work with Amani Sasa requested by Cara Lynn Vogel, and \$750 for CROP Walk requested by Wayne Hager. Total funds approved were \$13,750, leaving \$12,338.77 for the remainder of the fiscal year.

On February 15, 2024, the church council approved \$1,000 for housing construction in Honduras with Monte De Horeb Ministries requested by John Baldwin and Steve Brown, leaving \$11,338.77 for the remainder of the fiscal year.

On May 21, 2024, the church council approved \$5,000 for the ministry of Amani Sasa in Kampala, Uganda requested by Missy Ward Angalla with Cara Lynn Vogel endorsing her request, leaving \$6,338.77 for the remainder of the fiscal year. Any unused funds can carry over to be used in the next year.

Dr. Chapman closed the meeting with prayer at 6:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Church Clerk