

MYRTLE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
5920 Lillian Highway, Pensacola, FL 32506 -- 850-455-7389
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING ON August 19, 2015

The Regular Business Meeting was held on August 19, 2015, at 6:00pm. The meeting was held in the fellowship hall and was opened in prayer.

CLERK'S BUSINESS: Bonnie Quinley presented the minutes of the July 22, 2015, Regular Business Meeting as printed in the August Business Meeting package. Motion to approve by George Butler and seconded by Gerry Lynn Cato. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

Requests for Letters of church membership: for July: None

New members to be approved: for July:

Profession of Faith: None

Statement of Faith: Ashley Barton, Shannon Gallenbeck

Letter: Tom Rowe, Bobbie Jo Rowe, Martha Harris

Motion to approve by John Bonelli and seconded by Morgan Miller. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Richard Main presented the Financial Report for July as presented in the August Business Meeting package. Correction: Richard Main: The Monthly Contributions received in 4 Sundays \$73,347.43 and Monthly Contributions needed for 4 Sundays \$69,702.26 (instead of 81.35% Monthly Budget it should be 105.23%). We went up and not down. We had a good month last month. If you look at the expenses for the month, we are kind of high at 156%. We had a \$15,000 electric bill. Three paydays fell in last month and that hit hard. Motion to approve by Melissa Westman and seconded by Jim Taylor. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

Comment: Richard Main: We just passed the third Sunday and we are \$915.82 short for three Sundays. We have two more Sundays to go this month. That is a normal track. I have the last three years of giving here and it is tracking the same for the last three years as it has so far this year. For the "Great Day of Giving" for the restoration of replacing the carpet in the passageways and work areas; as of this Sunday we have raised \$18,122.46. Above that we have already purchased the tiles to replace carpet. We are waiting on Kent Brock to work on replacing the lights in the Fellowship Hall with drop in lighting which will improve the lighting. We will paint the room and on into the kitchen.

Comment: John Bonelli: We have to remember that this is restoration and not renovation. We cannot use the word renovation. Renovation would require permits. Restoration is like painting the walls. We can just do it.

Question: John Bonelli: How much money do we need to finish the project?

Answer: Richard Main: We need approximately \$4,500 to \$6,000 to finish. The estimates that we have received to do the work, which is about 4,500 square feet of tile and almost 800 linear feet of tile base board. It is going to be very intensive and not an overnight process. We still need about \$4,000 or \$5,000. That is where we stand on the restoration.

NEW BUSINESS:

Missions Committee: Chris Larsen presented the recommendation to adopt the Maguire State Mission Offering goal in the amount of \$5,000. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

Nominating Committee: John Bonelli presented the recommendation of election of 2015-2016 Deacons and Yokefellows by secret ballot. The men listed are candidates for a three-year term to begin September 1, 2015, deacons/yokefellows. All men listed are "needed" to serve: Adolfo Demontalvo, deacon, Johnnie Jernigan, deacon, Ray Linnville, deacon, Horace Nealy, deacon, Larry Westman, deacon, Don Whiddon, yokefellow. Don Whiddon will be, if he is affirmed tonight, commissioned as deacon at a later date. All others have previously served as deacons. **APPROVED** by secret ballot.

Nominating Committee: Chris Larsen presented the 2015-2016 Booklet of Workers for adoption. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

Finance Committee: We have identified in the designated account, which is under Young Adult Ministries, monies which is about \$5,000. We want to transfer \$1,000 out of that account into the account to cover the expenses for the Men of Integrity conference to be held in September. We are not providing funding for the entire meeting. We are providing the venue and some of the things for the Strength Team to work with. We will also provide refreshments. We need approval of the church to move the funds from the Young Adult Ministries designated fund into the account for the Men of Integrity meeting. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

Deacon Board: John Bonelli presented the following recommendation from the Deacon board:

I recommend that the combined worship service on Sunday morning continue throughout the month of September. In addition, I further recommend that a special called business meeting take place immediately following the morning service on Sunday, September 27, 2015, for the purpose of voting on keeping our Sunday worship service as a combined service as it has been throughout this summer. Motion seconded by Ray Linnville. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

Question: Will we be incorporating more of the contemporary music into the combined service?

Answer: Pastor Ron Lentine: No It will be balanced just as it has been.

Question: Morgan Miller: Will we reopen the balcony?

Answer: Pastor Ron Lentine: Yes.

Comment: George Butler: I feel that the church family should be together. Like the family who prays together, the church who prays together stays together.

Question: Horace Nealy: Will this have any effect on casual dress?

Answer: Pastor Ron Lentine: No. The dress should be decent attire.

Question: Pat Berry: Isn't that the same weekend as our men's conference?

Answer: Pastor Ron Lentine: The conference will end on Saturday.

Question: Jim Taylor: Will this be the last Sunday of September and by secret ballot after the service? Will you put a notice in the bulletin? Jim said he supports the change.

Comment: Pastor Ron Pouliott's last Sunday will be August 30. During the evening service, we will open the microphone for those who would like to share testimonies of how Ron has blessed their lives. Lorna will provide refreshments. If anyone would like to bring an expression such as cards, letters or monetary gifts, bring those that night so we can present them to Ron.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Joe Mahuron and seconded by Richard Main. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

Bonnie Quinley, Church Clerk

Ron Lentine, Moderator