

MYRTLE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
5920 Lillian Highway, Pensacola, FL 32506 -- 850-455-7389
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING ON April 20, 2016

The Regular Business Meeting was held on April 20, 2016, at 6:00 pm. The meeting was held in the fellowship hall and was opened in prayer.

CLERK'S BUSINESS: Bonnie Quinley presented the minutes of the March 23, 2016, Regular Business Meeting as printed in the April Business Meeting package. Motion to approve by Chuck Keistler and seconded by Paul Sauls. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

Requests for letters of church membership: None

New members to be approved: for March:

Profession of Faith: None

Statement of Faith: None

Letter: Richard Avant, Jennifer Avant

Motion to approve by George Butler and seconded by David Mason. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Richard Main presented the Financial report for February as presented in the April Business Meeting package.

Comment: Richard Main: We are down a bit for March. We had two bad weeks, the third and fourth week, which were really down. We have not been above the firewall since the second quarter of last year. That was the last time we were able to transfer funds into the white areas of the budget. We have shown a downward trend for the last several months in our giving. This past Sunday was about \$9,000. We need \$17,200 weekly to cover our expenses. We are running short of that. The only thing we can do is to ask members to pray about increasing their giving. We are paying the bills but have to slide a couple for a week or over the weekend. We don't pay late fees on any bills. They get paid on time.

In the designated accounts there is one called Special Offering Restoration. People have been faithful in building up that account. We have about \$19,200 in this account. That is to get rid of carpeting in the sanctuary, the office areas, work room, and hopefully, the fellowship hall. To do the carpeting in the office area and fellowship hall, we are looking at about a total of \$25,000 to \$26,000. Lights are not that expensive. I think we can get the work done inhouse.

We are going to start on the office areas on May 23, 2016. He will start in the work room, in Pat's and Betty's offices, and then in the reception area. I am really reluctant to go much further than that until we have sufficient funds to cover it. We want to cover the work without going into debt. We have a lot of other problems in the church such as the leaking roof and needing work in the Preschool Learning Center (PLC) building. The money we have raised thus far has been given by members out of faith and concern for their facility.

Motion to approve the financial report presented for March was made by Don Whiddon and seconded by David Mason. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee on Committees: Joe Cato presented nominations to add members to the following committees:

Decorations Committee: Norman Allen, Tally Burkhead. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

House and Grounds Committee: Joe Caro, Omar Macho. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

Insurance Committee: Natalie James. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

Lord's Supper Committee: Glenda Mahuron, Kathy Petuchov. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

Personnel Committee: Paul Sauls, Ruth Ann Rice. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

Personnel Committee: Chuck Keistler presented the following recommendations: (These recommendations are made to correct the ones made at last month's business meeting.)

1. The Personnel Committee recommends that Myrtle Grove Baptist Church hire Kisha Lubischer as a Coordinator. The recommendation was approved by 100 percent vote taken by secret ballot.
2. The Personnel Committee recommends that Myrtle Grove Baptist Church hire April New as a Nursery Worker. The recommendation was approved by 100 percent vote taken by secret ballot.

Personnel Committee: Chuck Keistler presented the recommendation to adopt the Minister of Worship and Pastoral Care position description. The addition on the position description would be under relationships, number 4, that is added to his position description (work with the senior pastor and the Homebound Ministry Director in developing and promoting the general pastoral care ministry of the church,). What was number 4 became number 5.

At the end, you will see Specific responsibilities for pastoral care ministry include:

- A. making visits based upon mutually agreed priorities with the Senior Pastor,
- B. visits in hospitals, nursing homes, other institutions funeral homes and personal homes,
- C. friendly connection visits/contacts with prospective members,
- D. baptismal orientation and
- E. presenting oral and written reports as necessary.

These are the ones that Ron Pouliot was doing and Dick Hamel has picked those up. These are the two changes to the position description.

Question: Betty Scurlock: What is the effective change of date for the position description?

Answer: The effective date for the position description is April 20, 2016.

APPROVED by show of hands.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chuck Keistler: On Tuesdays and Thursdays we have open gym for young people to come over to the gym. Yesterday, Tuesday, we had fifty young people. Well there is a problem that we have no workers. If we do not have workers, we will not be able to open the gym. We have some people here who have been volunteering. All that is involved is to come over to the gym at about 3:15 pm to 5:30 pm. We have a calendar and you just have to be present to check them in and to be present so there is adult supervision and to be available to talk. Walt gives a devotion each time and we are building a rapport with those kids. Yesterday Walt opened up the floor for questions. There were some tough questions when you think of the age group. Questions like, what will happen when I die? That is a good opening for Walt. Why is there sin in the world? The kids are starting to ask questions and they are getting the gospel. If you could do one Tuesday or Thursday a month, you will get a blessing out of it because it is a great ministry. We are not getting them in church on Sunday morning or Wednesday nights. They are here on Tuesday and Thursday and they are hearing the gospel. We are getting the word out. If any of you who can help, let me or Paul know. I am doing mainly Tuesdays and Paul is doing Thursdays. We need other people with us as well as with Walt.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Kevin Simmons and seconded by Chuck Keistler. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

Bonnie Quinley, Church Clerk

Ron Lentine, Moderator