

MYRTLE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH  
5920 Lillian Highway, Pensacola, FL 32506 -- 850-455-7389  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING ON November 16, 2016

The Regular Business Meeting was held on November 16, 2016, at 6:00 pm. The meeting was held in the fellowship hall and was opened in prayer.

**CLERK'S BUSINESS:** Jo Whiddon presented the minutes of the October 19, 2016, Regular Business Meeting as printed in the November Business Meeting package. Motion to approve by Tony McFarlane and seconded by Keeley Zayas. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

**Requests for letters of church membership:** For October.

From: East Brent Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida, for the letter of Majorie Stone.

Motion to approve by Burt Lampley and seconded by Jim Gramlich. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

**New members to be approved:** for October:

**Profession of Faith:** Bruce Bryant.

**Statement of Faith:** None.

**Letter:** Jennifer Fanugao, Pamela Hall, Cameron Vereen, and Carroll Stedham.

Motion to approve by Shirley Johnston and seconded by Carolyn Hightower. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Richard Main presented the Financial report for October as printed in the November Business Meeting package.

Motion to approve the financial report presented for October was made by Paul Sauls and seconded by Tony McFarlane. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**Finance Committee:**

1. Chuck Keistler presented the 2017 church budget for adoption. The 2017 church budget was approved by secret ballot, with 48 voting yes and 1 voting no. The vote was 96% to approve the budget.
2. Richard Main presented the following recommendation from the committee: The Finance Committee recommends allowing the Utilities account line item to exceed the original Budget 2016 limit \$125,000. Our utility bills have gone over what we expected to spend this year. The remaining amount of \$8,014.81 will probably not be enough for the remainder of the year. It should also be noted that the Finance Committee does not plan to overdraw our bank accounts as a result of this added expense.

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering:** Chris presented a recommendation on behalf of the church staff for the adoption of the 2016 Lottie Moon Christmas offering for the amount of \$10,000. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

**Personnel Committee, Deacons and Yokefellows:**

1. John Bonelli and Tony McFarlane made recommendations from the committee, deacons, and

yokefellows to authorize five days' leave for Pastor Ron Lentine and Chris Larsen. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

2. Chuck Keistler presented an overview of revisions to the Myrtle Grove Baptist Church's (MGBC's) Personnel Policies background. The Personnel Committee recognized that the MGBC's Personnel Policies needed updating about three and a half years ago. The first step was to send MGBC's Personnel Policies to the Christian Law Association (CLA) for review and recommendations. It took several months for Ashli Arbor, one of CLA's lawyers, to respond to the committee's request. The committee began to work on upgrading the personnel policies and also included the MGBC's Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies Committee (CBP&P) in the process because Chuck Keistler was vice chairman of the Personnel Committee and chairman of the CBP&B Committee. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Margaret from the Caregivers Support Group shared what is coming October 27, 2016, the last Thursday of the month. Natalie James, who is a member here, will come and talk to us about long term health care facilities. She will provide helpful information regarding long term health care choices.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn by Joe Cato and seconded by Carolyn Hightower.

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Bonnie Quinley, Church Clerk

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Ron Lentine, Moderator