

MYRTLE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING ON September 20, 2017

The Regular Business Meeting was held on September 20, 2017, 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 August 23, 2017, Regular Business Meeting as presented in the September business meeting package. Motion to approve by Chuck Keistler and seconded by George Butler. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

Requests for letters of church membership for August: None.

Presentation of new members for August:

By Letter: Hailey Pope.

By Statement: Jennifer Hill.

By Profession of Faith: None.

Motion to approve by Tony McFarlane and seconded by Alicia McFarlane. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chuck Keistler presented the treasurer's report for August as presented in the September business meeting package.

Comment: Chuck Keistler: As of August 31, 2017, our giving trend for June, July, and August is down 8.39% over the last two years. The two year average is down by \$15,574. Let us encourage everyone to take a look at our giving through this month in order to meet our ministries here at Myrtle Grove Baptist Church. We have not been over the firewall in several months. This means that at the end of the month we will not be able to transfer any monies to some of the other ministries. We need to be in prayer about our giving. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Adolfo DeMontalvo and seconded by Tony McFarlane. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Myrtle Grove Baptist Church Messengers to Pensacola Bay Baptist Association Annual Meeting: If anyone would like to be messenger and represent Myrtle Grove Baptist Church, you may contact Betty Scurlock in the church office.

Finance Committee: Chuck Keistler presented on behalf of the Finance Committee the following recommendation. The Finance Committee recommends that the money in the Designated Young Adult Ministry account be transferred into the Designated Children's Ministry account since the Young Adult Ministry account has been dormant for several years. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

Note: Chuck Keistler: This is a celebration report. Our mortgage repayment report as of today is our the current balance on our loan is \$162,825. Our giving has been on average of \$394 a week, which does not include our "great

day of giving". The sum of payments including "great day of giving" is \$38,475.82.

Committee on Committees: Joe Cato presented on behalf of the Committee on Committees the following recommendations for possible standing committee members: Decoration - Jennifer Fanugao 2020. Finance - Paul Sauls 2020, Johnny Jernigan 2020. House and Grounds - Roger McGinnis 2020. Kitchen - Barbara Kemble 2018, Jennifer Fanugao 2019. Missions - Tanya Hayes 2020, Alisia McFarlane 2020. Personnel - Kent Brock 2020, Kevin Williams 2020, and Activities - Marie Mitchell 2020. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

Personnel Committee: Emily Spears is not a member of Myrtle Grove Baptist Church and the church guidelines states that anyone who works in the nursery must be a member of Myrtle Grove Baptist Church. She is a christian. She does go to a Baptist church. Chris Larsen ran a background check on her which came back fine. She has been connected with Myrtle Grove Baptist Church for at least ten years and worked with Upward as an assistant coach. She goes to The University of West Florida. John Bonelli requested a variance to church guidelines that a person has to be a member to work in the nursery. Scott Jerauld made a motion to receive this recommendation and it was seconded by Tony McFarlane. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

John Bonelli presented on behalf of the Personnel Committee a recommendation that Myrtle Grove Baptist Church hire Emily Spears as a nursery worker. **APPROVED** by secret ballot 38 Yes, 0 No.

AWANA Update: Carol Sande: Matt Mandrell, his wife, and some of the students got together to build the puppet stage. David is getting the students involved and getting skits put together for the puppet shows. We are starting out with about fourteen children. We have about thirty children registered. Our present goal is to call and remind parents of registered children about the program. The Fall Festival could be a means of contact about AWANA. We will finish up November 1, 2017, and pick up again in January 2018. We have about twelve volunteers.

Revitalization Update: Pastor Ron Lentine: In January 2017 we kept the core leadership group together to continue from Phase One to Phase Two. Phase One was encompassing, seeking God's vision. Phase Two would be living out that vision. Now that we know what our vision or ministry is, we need to look at our ministries and make the changes and upgrades to accomplish this vision. Revitalization is like a new church makeover with a new identity. Our theology never changes. In February the revitalization team met and put together the short-, mid-, and long-range goals that will help flush out what we at the church family have embraced in our vision pathway. The team members met to discuss ways to raise funds for the changes. On the heels of that session, I received a call from Lewis Miller, our state representative. He said that the State Convention wants to help you. We can give a grant up to \$20,000 to help your church in revitalization efforts. The team goals along with a letter of request were provided and the church received a check in the amount of \$10,000 in May. Information on how the church utilized the first grant for Phase Two was provided and a second grant of \$10,000 was sent to be used for Phase Three.

Presentation of Revitalization Motion: Tony McFarlane presented the following motion:

We the members of Myrtle Grove Baptist Church affirm the church's Revitalization Team's plans for the distribution of the Florida Baptist Convention's grant of \$20,000 to implement the church's growth strategy to connect with absentee

members and reach the surrounding community for Christ. We further authorize the Revitalization Team to make any monetary adjustments within its plan for the resources to support the church's revitalization efforts. Motion to **APPROVE** by Chuck Keistler and seconded by Paul Sauls.

Chuck Keistler made a motion that from this point on to delay giving to the Florida Baptist State Mission Offering and to redirect any donations to Florida Baptist Disaster Relief. Seconded by Adolfo DeMontalvo. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Shirley Johnston and seconded by Johnny Jernigan. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

Bonnie Quinley, Church Clerk

Ron Lentine, Moderator