

MYRTLE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH  
5920 Lillian Highway, Pensacola, FL 32506 – 850-455-7389  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING ON January 23, 2019

The Regular Business Meeting was held on January 23, 2019, at 6:00 pm. The meeting was held in the worship center and was opened in prayer.

**CLERK'S BUSINESS:** Betty Scurlock presented the Regular Business Meeting minutes of December 19, 2018, as printed in the January business meeting package. Motion to approve by Joe Cato and seconded by Norman Robertson. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

**Requests for letters of church membership:** December:

**From:** Olive Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida for the letter of Linda Fogel. Motion to approve by Burt Lampley and seconded by Mark McCraney. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

**Presentation of new members for December:**

**By Letter:** None

**By Statement Faith:** None.

**By Profession of Faith:** None.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Chuck Keistler presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of December, which is printed on the page titled MGBC Financial Summary as of December 31, 2018, and as printed in the January business meeting package. The Finance Committee meets monthly and we study a lot from our manual so we are solvent. The balance at the Bank of the South as of December 31, 2018, was \$15,620.46. Today the mortgage balance is \$53,314. We have a five year mortgage and it looks like we may have it paid off in three years. The checking balance is \$26,123.95. We do comparisons with past years. As you remember this past year, our firewall was \$45,000 plus almost \$10,000, and we were able to give our employees bonuses. That shows you a big difference in our giving through this year. It has been reduced significantly. If you would look at what we had in accounts payable at the end of December, and they had been paid, we would have just a little over \$1,000 in the bank. We need to work together on some stewardship emphasis after Dr. Hale leaves. We need to work together to improve our giving. Motion to approve by Tony McFarlane and seconded by Randy Petuchov. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Deacons/Yokefellows:** John Bonelli made the following recommendations:

- A. Move the February 10, 2019 evening services to Warrington First Baptist Church as part of the gathering with that church and others in preparation of our Unity March on March 17, 2019.
- B. February 18, 2019, President's day, is a church holiday and is the first working day of the revival. We recommend that church employees be allowed a holiday at a later date.
- C. Move the business meeting scheduled for February 20, 2019, to February 27, 2019, in light of the revival.
- D. Easter Sunday, March 21, 2019, there will be no evening services.
- E. Myrtle Grove Baptist Church's anniversary is April 28, 2019.

All recommendations were **APPROVED** by show of hands.

**Committee on Committees:** John Bonelli made the following recommendations:

Add Don and Jo Whiddon to the Lord's Supper Committee.

**APPROVED** by show of hands.

**Nominating Committee:** Tonja Caro presented the following recommendations:

A. Add Gean Ann Emond as Chairman of the Finance Committee.

A, Add Ray Linnville to replace Richard Main in Adult 6.

B. Add Chuck Keistler as Treasurer.

All recommendations were **APPROVED** by show of hands.

**Pastor Search Committee Report:** Roy Emond said the search is in a new phase. The interviewing process will be face to face. Things are going good and we have good candidates. We want to be right in the center of God's hands. Roy said if anyone has questions, to call him.

**Mission Committee:** Ricky Lake presented the following recommendation: Two of Myrtle Grove Baptist Church's homegrown missionary families are coming back to Pensacola on furlough this year. The Jones' are coming back from five years in China before going to another assignment. The Bonelli's are coming back later this year for a few months before returning to Thailand.

These families need a place to reside here. The Missions Committee recommends housing them in the tutoring house which hasn't been used for two years. The Missions Committee also recommends that the additional utilities, while they are here, be paid from the mission fund transfer budget line item.

**Questions:** Burt Lampley asked if renovation would be required, and if so, would the church be paying.

**Answers:** The kitchen may need some work. Joe Mahuron suggested that an inventory of the items in the house be taken so we will know what else might be needed. Chuck Keistler said that he is the PMA (Primary Mission Advocate) for the Jones. Chuck has donated a stove, microwave, refrigerator, etc. He suggested that the church request members to donate needed items. A security system was mentioned. The Jones' are not through IMB and may need financial assistance.

**APPROVED** by show of hands.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Pastor Ron Lentine announced that the Florida Baptist Convention gave Myrtle Grove Baptist Church a check in the amount of \$10,000 along with a letter to the church. The funds were designated for usage by the Leadership Team. We need to vote to receive this money. We also need a resolution to thank the Convention. We will thank the Convention through Lewis Miller.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Remarks by Pastor Ron Lentine (attached)

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn by Tony McFarlane and seconded by Ray Linnville, **APPROVED** by show of hands.

Betty Scurlock, Interim Church Clerk

Ron Lentine, Moderator