

MYRTLE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
5920 Lillian Highway, Pensacola, FL 32506 – 850-455-7389
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING ON April 24, 2019

The Regular Business Meeting was held on April 24, 2019, at 6:00 pm. The meeting was held in the fellowship hall and was opened in prayer.

CLERK'S BUSINESS: Bonnie Quinley presented the Regular Business Meeting minutes of April 24 2019, as printed in the May business meeting package. Motion to approve by Norman Robertson and seconded by Sylvia Sauls. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

Requests for letters of church membership: March:

From: Grace Point Baptist Church, Valhermoso Springs, Alabama, for the letter of Rachel Yeargain. Motion to approve by Wayne Yeargain and seconded by Gene Mitchell. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

From: Bellview Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida, for the letter of Martha Watson. Motion to approve by Roy Emond and seconded by George Butler. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

From: Bellview Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida, for the letter of Sharon Williams . Motion to approve by Wayne Yeargain and seconded by Gene Mitchell. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

Presentation of new members: March:

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 March, which is printed on the page titled MGBC Financial Summary as of March 31, 2019, and as printed in the May business meeting package. Actually, we are not doing really great when you talk about it, because of the fact that at the end of each quarter if we are above the firewall, we make distributions to programs that are not under the firewall to help them keep going. These programs include the FCA breakfast, the media center, men's and women's ministry, youth ministry, children's ministry, and AWANA, So again, we can't say that we are doing great when we can't transfer those funds to keep these programs going. We need to be in prayer about our stewardship. As of the end of the month, the budget funds were \$31,947. Today the funds are \$25,858.29. The mortgage balance is \$35,183 which is doing good. We will possibly pay that off within about five or six months. Motion to approve by Tony McFarlane and seconded by Paul Sauls. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Gene Ann Emond, chairman of the committee, stated that when she accepted this position, one of the first things she asked was concerning the housing allowance for the four ministers. She asked if the housing allowance had been recorded in the minutes. The answer was that it had not been recorded. Gene Ann said there is not an IRS rule that says it has to be actually recorded and voted on by the body of the church. That is something that we are doing now. We do not set the housing allowance. The ministers are allowed to do that. It is their responsibility to support it. But the church has to vote to say that is the amount. Normally, this would be done in November or December before we approve the new budget for January. We are catching up. That is what we need to do tonight by vote. I have a sheet here to give to you which provides the following information:

Housing Allowance April 2019 – December 2019: Pastor \$1,333.33/month, Lentine., Minister of Education \$1,400.00/month, Larsen, Minister of Music \$1,278.74/month, Hamel, and Minister to Students \$1,885.00/month, Magaha.

We are not approving the amount. These are the amounts that the church is voting on that says these are the allowances that we are allowing. It is up to the individual to support it when they report it.

Gene Ann presented a motion from the finance committee that the church body vote to approve this recommendation. Motion **APPROVED** by show of hands.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: John Bonelli said starting Sunday, May 5, 2019, that evening services will be held in the fellowship hall. He said that this should save hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars every month on the power bill during the summer months. We will use the sanctuary for special services, like on Sunday night, May 19, when the Praize Kidz present a program that night. John said he had been told that using the fellowship hall on Sunday nights could save as much as \$600 a week.

John Bonelli presented the church closure dates for approval:

Sunday, Mother's Day, May 12, there will no afternoon/evening services, or activities.

Sunday, Memorial Day, May 26, there will be no afternoon/evening services or activities. John suggested that we take time in the afternoon and evening to pause, remember, visit the cemeteries, and honor our military members who have sacrificed everything for us. Sunday morning service will be a proper celebration for the day.

Sunday, June 2, will be the last scheduled time in the pulpit for Pastor Ron. After the morning services, there will be the "Going Away", transition/farewell for Pastor Ron. We will have festivities for Pastor Ron all afternoon.

Sunday, June 16, Father's Day, there will be no afternoon/evening services or activities.

Motion **APPROVED** by show of hands.

Mission House: Chuck Keistler put in an appeal for the Mission House. We just about have everything covered. We had a chest of drawers donated. We need a good set of bunk beds. The ones we have are not that good and they need mattresses. We could use bunk beds or twin beds. This should complete the furnishings for the mission house.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Tony McFarland and seconded by Paul Saul, **APPROVED** by show of hands.

Bonnie Quinley, Church Clerk

Ron Lentine, Moderator