

MYRTLE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
5920 Lillian Highway, Pensacola, FL 32506 – 850-455-7389
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING ON DECEMBER 18, 2019

The Regular Business Meeting was held on December 18, 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 November 20, 2019, as printed in the December business meeting package. Motion to approve by Larry Westman and seconded by Alicia McFarlane. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

Requests for letters of church membership for November:

From: Bethel Baptist Church, Greenfield, IN for the letter of Tony Stillman. Motion to approve by Joe Cato and seconded by Paul Sauls. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

From: Calvary Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida for the letters of James and Janette Magaha. Motion to approve by Larry Westman and seconded by Chuck Keistler. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

New members who joined during November:

By Letter: Christopher and Shavon Harris.

Motion to approve by Chuck Keistler and seconded by Sylvia Sauls.

APPROVED by show of hands

Statement of Faith: None

By Profession of Faith: None

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chuck Keistler presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of November as printed in the December business meeting minutes. As of today our mortgage balance is \$27,513.59, which was reduced by \$4,736.93 last month, and the budget checking balance is \$67,823.87. Motion to approve by Paul Sauls and seconded by Roy Emond. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Finance Committee: Gean Ann Emond presented a recommendation from the Finance Committee regarding ministerial allowances for 2020. This recommendation does not require a vote by the church. This is for

housing allowances that have to be recorded in the church business meeting minutes prior to the year when the new salaries take place. We need to record the housing allowances for Dick Hammer, whose allowance amount for the year 2020 is \$15,344.88, and Chris Larsen's allowance amount is \$16,800.00. Those are amounts set by those two gentlemen. It is their choice to do that. We are just merely recording those amounts in the minutes of the meeting.

Gean said that we are a trusting congregation because we have had an audit review which was worked on before she became a part of the Finance Committee for the years of 2017 and 2018. The resulting audit entries that the CPA made for that audit review actually put three of our designated accounts into negative balances, Nobody has asked about that at all. Those accounts will not be negative when we get to the end of December. We need to cover those. Cami is going to go back to those years and see if we can trace back to how that happened. Whatever the auditor found that he felt like he should have made those adjustments for, we can rectify through the records. Or, if that is not the case, then we have to cover these balances in these designated accounts. The Finance Committee discussed this in their meeting last Wednesday night. The amount is \$546.57 that we need in total. We were going to take that out of the Capital Escrow Building Fund. There is more money there than we thought that we needed to set aside. There will be another transfer there in December. We are going to take care of that before December I don't think that is going to hurt that balance if we can't get it back, based on the old entries in 2017 and 2018, I just wanted to let you know that we, have been watching that and we are going to take care of that before December.

Deacons/Yokefellows: Mark McCraney recommended that since a lot of people will be out of town that the Sunday, December 29th service be canceled. Motion to approve by Roy Emond and seconded by Tony McFarlane. **APPROVED** by show of hands.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Roy Emond announced that on Saturday, January 11th there will be a morning deacons meeting with the prospective pastor, candidate. Then at 4:00pm that afternoon there will be a church question/answer session with the candidate. Sunday, January 12th there will be the usual called worship service. At the end of the worship service, there will be a Special Called business meeting at which there will be a secret ballot vote as called for in our church documents. Chuck Keistler, Chairman of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies and Procedures Committee explained that Roy's Committee, the Pastoral Search Committee, is following the church Bylaws. They are following the required steps of the church Bylaws, which requires the affirmation of by the church for the call offered to the candidate from the Pastoral Search Committee. The Pastoral Search Committee will prepare the secret ballot to be used for the vote. The Pastoral Search Committee also prepared the hiring package to be presented to the

candidate. The church voted to accept the hiring package at a prior business meeting. There was an in depth discussion concerning the hiring package.

It was also announced that online giving is now for available for the year 2020..

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Burt Lampley and seconded by Paul Sauls.
APPROVED by show of hands.

Bonnie Quinley, Church Clerk

Mark McCraney, Moderator