

**MYRTLE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Josh Morea

**CLERK'S BUSINESS:** Minutes of the August 23, 2023, business meeting were presented by Johnette Sims.

Motion to approve by Ellen Guerin; seconded by Tony McFarlane. Approved by all ayes.

**REQUESTS FOR LETTER OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:** From Hot Springs Baptist Church, Hot Springs, AR, for letters of Jim and Carolyn Lee. From Olive Baptist Church, Pensacola, FL, for letter of Phillip Emond.

Motion to approve by Gene Fillingim; seconded by Alicia McFarlane. Approved by all ayes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Presented by Donna Goldsby. We spent \$33,890.00 over our contributions in August. These extra expenses included \$12K for payroll due to extra week in the month, \$7,300.00 for building maintenance, quarterly insurance payment, and General Literature expenses. YTD shortage is \$63,878.00.

Motion to approve by Matt Mandrell; seconded by Gene Fillingim. Approved by all ayes.

**COMMITTEE/TEAM REPORTS:**

- A. House and Grounds Recommendation presented by Ray Smith. Existing Chillers are 20 years old. Trane has been maintaining them but noted they needed to be replaced soon. Their quote was \$166,083.00 for equipment only with a lead time of six (6) months. They do not install. The installation would come from another contractor, but estimated at \$60K to \$70K. First recommendation was for \$250K to cover equipment and installation. Kent Brock suggested amend the recommendation to cover only the equipment for now and bring before the Finance Committee for approval to use Estate Gift Funds to cover the expense.

Motion to approve by Kent Brock; seconded by Dick Hamel. Approved by all ayes.

Matt Mandrell recommended hire a professional to repair the water leak in Mary Ann Winstead's office in the PLC. Per Ray Smith, this matter will be taken care of.

- B. Long Range Planning Ad hoc Committee Report made by Jim Simmons. A handout listing the areas being addressed were attached to the Business Meeting Minutes.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Committee on Committees Recommendations were presented by Kelly Reed. It is recommended that Elizabeth Jones and Jamie Christine join the PLC Team. Approved by all ayes.

- B. Personnel/PLC Committees Recommendations were presented by Susan Burleson. It is recommended that Cody Holt fill the part time custodial position. Ballots were distributed and later counted. Vote was 91 yes and one (1) no.

A joint recommendation was presented by Susan Burleson to promote Amanda Bennett to Director of the PLC effective January 2, 2024. Approved by all ayes.

- C. Water intrusion issues were presented by Roland Koomen. The House and Grounds Committee has already addressed these issues.

Question regarding lowering expenses was presented. The Finance Committee and Treasurer oversee this and will be presenting the 2024 budget soon.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion made by Matt Mandrell; seconded by Jim Simmons. Approved by all ayes.

A Q & A session, regarding the recommendations from the New Fresh Ad hoc Committee followed the Business Meeting. Dallas Hansen readdressed and reviewed the on-screen budget item by item.

The vote will be by secret ballot after the Sunday Service. Ballots will be tallied and results given to the Church. If there is a split vote, as moderator, Josh Morea will decide if it is too close to count. That would require another Q & A and vote later.

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Johnette Sims, Church Clerk

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Dr. Josh Morea, Moderator