

MINUTES
BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

DECEMBER 3, 2008

A regular business meeting of the membership of Bethel Baptist Church was held in the People of Hope Center following the 7:00 p.m. prayer meeting on December 3, 2008.

Call to Order: Moderator Rob Camden called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. He opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes: The minutes of the August 13, 2008, regular meeting and the August 27, 2008, special called meetings were approved as written.

Change of Procedure: Moderator Rob Camden said that a number of the committees have become teams.

Motion: Rob Camden moved that the teams be treated as committees. Ed Powell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Doug Turner reviewed the balance sheet (attached) and discussed the effect of the stock market on the Wachovia stock. He also reviewed the profit and loss statement and (attached) and said that we were about \$14,000 below budget as of the end of October.

Board of Deacons: Sherwood Dance reported that there was a vacancy because a deacon had asked to go from the active board to the reserve board.

Motion: Sherwood Dance moved that Doug Wight be accepted to fill the vacancy. Jerry Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Pastor's Report: Ed Powell said that some of the report is in the Book of Reports. He is working with the Board of Deacons on forming a hybrid ministry. May 31 will be commitment Sunday, and they will be working on how members will "plug in" to the team based ministry.

He reported that the preschool is going well. He asked the members to give or send a card to a child for Christmas, Easter, and birthdays. This will be a way for members to interact with the preschool.

The *Outreach* is now on-line at the Bethel web site.

Those checking the web site will notice that the web site has been improved by the Evangelism Team. Soon there will be a web development team.

He thanked the church for supporting the Church ministries during difficult economic times. He has completed three orientation classes this year. He has been elected as one of two representatives from Middle District to the Virginia Baptist Board.

Committees and Teams: The following reports were presented.

Building and Grounds: Doug Turner reported that three projects have been completed.

1. The handicapped ramp near the parlor has been torn out and replaced. This stopped the damage. The interior damage needs to be repaired.
2. The water fountain has been replaced.
3. Grass has been planted in front of the People of Hope Center

There are no major projects planned; they will repair or replace as needed.

Children's Team: Becky Kaiser announced that on December 13 a Family Christmas Workshop will be held for children and their families. She asked that members attend as greeters and helpers. Trunk or Treat, held in October, was a success. She said that the Sunday School has grown; Melanie Hansen has been bringing her friends into the church. She has been doing wonderful work with the Children's Department.

Finance Committee: Lynn Doughtie reviewed the proposed budget (attached).

Motion: The Finance Committee moved that the budget be approved as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Long Range Planning: Mike Garland reviewed the revisions to the Building, Grounds, and Equipment Use Policy. The fees relate to a small number of users. Changes have been made after a year of experience with the new facilities. A question was asked as to whether there should be a policy and fee for the use of the parlor. The committee will consider this.

Motion: The Long Range Planning Committee moved that the fees as presented be accepted for 2009. The motion passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee: Brian Hardy announced that several vacant positions have been filled. Martha and Leonard Vaughan are Tellers. Nina Overby, Brenda Jeter, and Karen Wooldridge will serve on the Flower Committee. Winburn Cosby is in charge of poinsettias for Christmas. One Middle District Messenger is still needed.

Personal Service Committee: Aleta Jenkins announced that Anne J. Smith sends cards. Tweedle Richardson and Dee Garland will serve for December, January, and February.

Middle District Messengers: Ed Powell announced that five from Bethel attended the meeting. They were Bob and Vivian Speas, Frances Morris, Lori Sherwood, and Ed Powell attended the meeting. Meetings are now held four times a year, rather than just once. Each church has two messengers to begin with, and gets an additional representative for every \$2,500 given. Bethel may need to eliminate one.

Virginia Baptist General Association: Ed Powell said that he attended the meeting in Roanoke in November on the support ministries teams, now Kingdom Advance 2.0. They are trying to encourage like-minded churches to do cooperative ministries. They were cut by 540,000 from 15,000,000.

Kitchen Team: Ed Powell reported on the Kitchen Use Policy. Mike Rider will have a training session in the use of the kitchen equipment. If trained, a person using the kitchen for a special event will not have to have a kitchen consultant. This was considered passed as part of the Building Use Policy. A question was asked as to whether instructions could be available in case trained people forget. Becky Kaiser asked if the Kitchen Team could have one or more volunteers to help when a church event, such as a children's event, is scheduled.

New Business:

Dishes: Leonard Vaughan asked if it would be cheaper to use real dishes rather than Styrofoam for the Wednesday Night Dinners. The response was that this would probably increase the trash cost.

Scout Plaque: Ed Powell said that the plaque differed from information given at the last meeting. Building and Grounds will review this and prepare a recommendation.

Cigarette Container: Martha Vaughan requested that the plastic cigarette container be removed from the front of the building as it is not in keeping with the historic nature of the building.

Lights: Bruce Moseley said that the recessed lights are not needed with the fluorescents in the People of Hope Center.

Loan: Dennis Glazener asked if we should consider refinancing the loans. Lynn Doughtie said that it is not possible at this time.

Adjournment: Mary Camden moved that the meeting be adjourned. Sherwood Dance seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Bob Hansen closed with prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Turner, Church Clerk