

First Baptist Church - Board of Administers
Board Meeting Highlights
February 6, 2010

Present: Bryan Black, Brent Erickson, Craig Hunter, Richard March, Rod Maurer, Dave Reed, Jef Riley, Ryan Schick, Matt Singer, Matt Solverson, Executive Assistant Mark Ranum, and Senior Pastor Nate Whiteside,

Absent: Charles Davis (in Florida) **Action Items Highlighted.**

I. Devotional for this meeting was led by Pastor Nate centering again on the topic of how we relate to “One Another.” Colossians 3:16 says “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom . . . “ To admonish is to lead, teach, lift up, and sometimes to correct in love. The question was asked; what are practical ways we can admonish each other. One example was offered that we can help each other as Board members stay on course with tasks such as staying in touch with those on our shepherding lists. We can help each other with some “course corrections”. The question was then asked; is there a difference in terms of admonishment between family and church settings. There was an observation that it is easier and more effective to admonish someone if you have a healthy and close relationship with them. Romans 15:1 says “We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves.” This speaks of patience and understanding and a spirit of doing what is best for others. The devotions were then closed in prayer and setting forth the challenge of admonishing one another.

II. The shepherding list was discussed with focus on “24-7-30” and prayer was offered as appropriate.

III. Russ Paul then discussed the upcoming youth mission trip to Maine and answered question included options for van rentals etc.

Discussion then centered around the possible purchase of a van for church use. Matt Singer asked if it would be possible to purchase a van and give it to Russ and Nicole. They could then use that van for the youth ministry. The board noted that Matt Singer, Brent Erickson, and Russ Paul volunteered to research that possibility. The board asked that they look at the different aspects such as insurance and size of van and report back to the Board with their findings and recommendations.

Separate discussion centered on the “Dinner and a Movie” plans and the possibility of the youth group serving at Craig Legel’s church at a similar event. They would receive funds for their mission trip through this. It was also asked what the response would be to more than one “Dinner and a Movie” event here at First Baptist.

IV. Nicole Paul then addressed the Board regarding the current Sunday School organization. She stated that it was necessary to separate the classes as it was hard to make tailor the curriculum to interest too large a span of ages. The divided classes will make this much easier. She also noted the folding dividers were working well to accommodate the change. The David C Cook curriculum is also working well. She also indicated there was a need to have better and more usable storage for the balls and gym equipment than the current method of using totes etc. She presented the idea of having a mobile cart that could be loaded with all the items and put in the “Cave”. This would also mean the reorganization of the way things are stored in that room. Ryan Schick will work with Nicole with the possibility of constructing a cart and also look at renovations needed to that room. They will report back to the Board with their recommendations.

Richard March stated that he felt all the board members could also make themselves available as substitute teachers. That would take much stress off volunteer teachers if they knew there would be someone there if they were not able to teach for a Sunday. This would also be very valuable to the Board members in that they would have the opportunity to stay in touch with what is going on with the Sunday School program. It would also send a strong message to the church and children that the Board actively supports that ministry.

V. Old Business

a.) The minutes from the January 23rd meeting were discussed. It was noted that the action item for Nate to meet with all ministry leaders is underway but not yet complete. A motion was made by Brent Erickson to approve the minutes. Matt Solverson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

VI. New Business

- a.) Shelly Black's recommendation to take all costs associated with the installation of the water heater from the general savings fund was discussed. Dave Reed made a motion to approve Shelly's recommendation and Ryan Schick seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.
- b.) It was noted that "ministries and programs" was over budget due to one time costs.
- c.) It was also noted that Russ and Nicole had postponed the purchase of the Apple I-book as they were concerned about it coming out of their budget. Concern was noted that there was a need to have a video camera so the youth ministry progress could be made more apparent to the congregation through that media. It was suggested that the need could be brought to the congregation's attention. The statement was also made that people respond to a mission over a need and it was most advantageous to present it that way. No decision was made.
- d.) There was discussion regarding membership changes.

The meeting was then closed in prayer by Jef Riley.

Respectfully,
Mark Ranum
Executive Assistant