

First Baptist Church - Board of Administers
Meeting Highlights
March 20, 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 started with Ryan Schick leading the singing of a song titled "Faithful Men". Romans 12:9 and 1st Peter 3:9 were discussed and it was noted that unity in our church family is much like the harmony in music. Many times if one instrument is out of tune, you may not be able to identify it specifically but you can tell there is something that is just not right. Psalm 139 contains a great prayer about unity and was read.
- II. The shepherding list was discussed and prayer was offered as appropriate.
- III. The BOA minutes from March 6, 2010 were then reviewed. Ryan Schick moved they be approved as submitted. Matt Solverson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- IV. The "High Attendance" Easter season was discussed and seen as an opportunity to share the resurrection story with those who may not regularly attend. Some ways of inviting were discussed, one of which included the use of postcards to invite people in the community to the Easter service. The cards would be made available to members before Easter and either sent or handed to friends and neighbors with an invitation to attend. It was also felt that a follow-up call would be beneficial. There was also discussion regarding praying together in groups. It was felt that we should have corporate prayer as opposed to praying in groups this Easter Sunday and to have communion on Maundy Thursday instead of on Easter Sunday due to visitors.
- V. There was general discussion about Youth Pastor Russ Paul's salary. It was noted that Russ and Nicole are coming up on their 5 year anniversary working with the youth at our church.
- VI. Nate reported to the board his plans to attend a conference April 18 through the 22nd in Morton Illinois. He explained this conference was especially geared towards rural ministry and would be well suited for our church situation. The board expressed support for his choice in the conference.
- VII. A date of June 20th has tentatively been targeted for a "Bibles, bikers, blue jeans, and river baptism service" to be held this Father's day. Our whole church service would be relocated to a site by the river, perhaps by the community park area by Casey's down town. There was a verbal agreement to proceed with this and further work out the details.
- VIII. Discussion on the possibility of a multi-site approach for First Baptist Church was deferred to the next meeting. This approach has been used by the Whitewater GLBC church successfully and is a low risk way to reach more people in a geographic area.
- IX. The financial Officer's report was reviewed. After discussion, Richard March moved to clarify an amount of \$247.50 per pay period be paid to Jim Johnson in reference to item 2 on the report. Craig hunter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Item 3 was reviewed regarding the method of payment of health insurance benefits. The implications were discussed.

X. Other New Business:

- a.) Mark briefly explained a new approach to sending out the board minutes in which they will be pasted into the body of the email as well as being attached as a Microsoft Word file. He hopes this will make it easier for board members to open and review the minutes.
- b.) Mark mentioned the need to set up tables for the retool retreat and that there would be a limited amount of time to do that with the children's ministry ending at 5:30. Help will be needed.

The meeting was then closed in prayer by Rod Maurer.

Respectfully,
Mark Ranum
Executive Assistant