

## ***Midway Baptist Church Business Meeting Minutes***

March 15, 2015 6 p.m.

Moderator Derek Ball called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. The minutes from the previous meeting were adopted as presented. There was no correspondence. Kendra Harvey presented the Treasurer's Report (attached) and noted that last month we paid an additional \$1550 on our building loan with designated gifts. Due to the recent bad weather, we've had the additional expense of a couple snow removals and the gas bills were higher than normal. The estimate for repairing the ministry center walls is going to cost ~\$3400. Within the next month we will be receiving the one half installment of the annual insurance bill for ~\$4700. The second payment will be due in the fall. The phone app for eGiving is almost ready, it was sent to Letha to review.

Iraline Craig reported on activities of the WMU (attached) and noted that 90 attended the annual Prayer Breakfast hosted by the EBA on Saturday. She and Pastor Steve attended a payday lending conference at Georgetown College and traveled to Frankfort to support a reading of the proposed legislation. The bill did not get heard in this session. She also circulated a list of potential local ministries for children and families suggested by Northside Family Resource Councilor, Linda Tillman (attached).

The Associate Minister's report is attached.

Andrea Ball reported on Children's Ministry activities, including Wednesday and Sunday curriculum. The Parents Leisurely Lunch that was cancelled last month due to snow will be held on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and will a focus on "How to Follow Christ."

Evan Rowe reported that he is working to develop a rotating band schedule and the Praise Band enjoyed participating in the Haiti Concert. The Youth group are making plans for Youth Sunday, with Andrew Hall preaching and Jon Morgan leading hymns in the early service. There will be a parent meeting for kids attending MFuge the second week of April. There will be a large number of 6-7<sup>th</sup> grade youth attending for the first time this year.

Darin Hensley reported that the newly elected deacons, Sam Conder, Bill Evans and Kendra Harvey would be ordained on March 22, 2015. The new deacons attended their first meeting in March and the annual election of officers was held: Darin Hensley, Chair; Letha Drury, Vice Chair and Allen Dobson, Secretary. The Deacons have been reviewing the growth goals from our church celebration and will be presenting them in a graphic form to be displayed around the church. There is also discussion on the development of a balanced ministry plan to be used in planning the church budget for 2016. There has been a subcommittee recruited to work on planning and implementing the updating of the children's playground. Iraline Craig made a motion to appoint a special playground committee, to work in conjunction with the Children's Ministry Team and Trustees, to improve and upgrade the outdoor playground facilities for children. Serving on that committee are Allen Dobson, David Hird, Clark Bugg, Chris Brown, Jonathan Duncan and Dan Call. Don Dobson seconded the motion and it was approved.

Sam Conder reported on behalf of the trustees and discussed the need for a projection screen and mounted projector. He will work on an estimate for the next meeting.

Pastor Steve noted for the church record that Connie Portwood passed away in February. He also made a motion to approve the membership of Sydney Webster, upon her profession of faith and upcoming baptism in April of 2015. The motion was unanimously approved.

Letha Drury reported that with a financial gift, added to the seed money of \$500.00 donated in the memory of Eva Thomas, the purchase of four hearing assistive devices was made. Sam has installed the transmitter and the units were tested during today's worship service and they are ready to be used by members of the congregation.

Letha Drury reported on behalf of the Personnel Committee that Rebecca Wollums was interested in staying on as the church pianist for the early worship service. Letha Drury made a motion to approve the hiring of Rebecca Wollums as Church Pianist for the early service, as a contract employee at a rate of \$60.00 per week. The motion was seconded by Sam Conder and was approved.

Don Dobson reported for the Nominating Committee that Les Brown had resigned from the Investment Management Committee. He also nominated Nancy McGregor as the 2<sup>nd</sup> substitute teacher for the 4-5 Grade Sunday School Class. The motion was approved. Don also reported on behalf of the Bylaws Revision Committee that they had submitted six amendments to the Deacons, four of which were approved with minor revisions and two will be reviewed at their next meeting. He also reported that the Technology Committee would be purchasing televisions and DVD players for the children's rooms and adding a wireless router to that area of the church.

The Investment Management Committee Report is attached.

### New Business

Darin Hensley noted that the Deacons had approved a request from Art Craig to be changed to deacon emeritus status. On behalf of the Deacons, Darin Hensley made a motion to appoint Art Craig to Deacon Emeritus status, with that recognition to be made at the upcoming ordination service. The motion was approved.

Letha Drury made a motion that mission or ministry groups could offer a Sunday breakfast and receive donations to benefit their activity or organization. These events may be held once per quarter, with scheduling requests handled by the Ministry Council. The motion was seconded by Evan Rowe and was approved.

With no further business to consider, the meeting was adjourned. There were 12 in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Letha Drury, Church Clerk