

Midway Baptist Church
Business Meeting Minutes – Jan. 19, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Moderator Don Dobson called the meeting to order and Donna Forman opened with prayer. The meeting minutes from the December meeting were adopted as presented. Kendra Harvey presented the Treasurer's Report (attached) and noted that an additional \$925 in restricted giving was added to the monthly building loan payment for January. Also, additional information was added to the monthly financial summary to reflect the YTD cash available. The report was adopted as presented.

Iraline Craig reported that the WMU recently met and sent cards to those ill, grieving or in need of encouragement, as well as to military personnel who have connections to our church family. They spent some time learning about CBF work in Slovakia by missionaries Jon and Tanya Parks (John Lepper's daughter) and their two children. During the month of January, the WMU is collecting gloves and blankets to be distributed by Sandra Williams of the Elkhorn Baptist Association. On Feb. 2nd, WMU will be hosting a party for the residents of Midway School apartments. On Wednesday evening, Feb. 12th, Fran and Lonnie Turner will be sharing their experiences regarding their missionary journey. This will be after the fellowship meal in the ministry center. The KBF Coordinating Council will hold their annual planning meeting on March 1st in the ministry center.

The Finance committee met last week and are working on estimates regarding anticipated expenses associated with the purchase of the McDaniel property (i.e. utilities, grounds upkeep). They will bring this information to the church at the next business meeting to discuss how we will incorporate these expenses into the current budget. The committee is also working on the annual end-of-the-year letter and will send those out in the next week. Don noted that the color printer in Mary's office has not been working well and we may incur costs repairing or replacing it.

Cody Davidson noted that the Sunday school average attendance to date for January is 115 and that next Sunday is the Pack a Sunday school promotion. Books for the next church wide book study starting in February are available on the table in the foyer. Also, if anyone has books from previous studies or classes that they no longer need, they can bring them to the church for others to use. Andrea Ball, Children's Minister, reported that the attendance in children's worship continues to be strong. She is looking at ways to have combined group time with the older and younger children. Andrea noted that the youth have been a wonderful help with the children. The Associate Minister's report was distributed (see attached).

The Pastor reported that this continues to be an exciting time for the church as we continue to experience growth in a variety of ways, especially with the children and youth. We also experienced our best year in financial giving in 2013 (\$306,000). Pastor Steve made a motion recommending that we start the process for ordination of Evan Rowe to the gospel ministry. This was seconded and approved without opposition.

Evan Rowe noted that youth group has been going well with a high attendance on Wednesdays and Sundays. The youth ski trip is planned for next Saturday and there are currently 15 youth and five adults going. The youth are currently working on plans for the summer. Some important dates coming up include a youth Super Bowl party on Feb. 2nd and the Sweetheart dance on Feb. 14th. The choir had a busy and exciting December and is currently taking a break but will resume practice the first Sunday in March.

Iraline Craig reported that the Deacons would like to make a motion recommending that Elizabeth Davis be moved to inactive status as a deacon, per Elizabeth's request. This was approved without opposition. A Deacon's report was provided regarding Deacon nominations and the upcoming election.

The church expressed their appreciation to the trustees and others who helped clear the snow around the church over the weekend. Adele Conder noted that Costco has snow blowers for a reasonable price and recommended that the trustees be allowed to purchase one to assist in the snow removal. It was noted that this is something that could be purchased from the budget line.

The report from the Investment Management Committee was provided by Don Dobson.

The Nomination Committee noted that Joy Hadden has been elected as a trustee.

Mike Taylor provided a report on behalf of the Building Acquisition Committee. The appraisal on the McDaniel property is scheduled for Jan. 21st with the hopes of closing soon after that is completed. The committee recommended the following as the church's goal for the property:

“Midway Baptist Church is purchasing the property behind the sanctuary as part of previously defined long term strategy to maintain our place of worship on the current site. Accordingly, we set a goal to acquire as much of the property on our block as we can reasonably afford. In the near term, we need to address additional parking space, additional Sunday school space, providing some office space for some of our staff who have none, an improved location for our food pantry, additional storage space, and additional green space for church activities. In the long term, we expect to utilize the property to enhance the space options that we have for church growth which, if needed, may well involve building on the property, including the possibility of a new sanctuary.”

Mike noted that the property purchase cost will have no immediate impact on the budget and the current payment will cover the consolidated loan. In an effort to encourage paying off our debt, the committee recommends having a fund-raising emphasis in June. The purpose of waiting until June is so that this would not impede the fund raising efforts for the Haiti mission trip and the current church budget. However, people are welcome to make additional contributions to the building debt at any time. Betty McLean inquired about where in the budget we would pay the closing costs and Mike noted that the costs would be rolled into the loan.

The committee also recommended the appointment of a Turner Street Property Use Committee, which will consist of the current Building Acquisition Committee members and at least three additional members. The charge of the committee is to explore the will of the church in the use of the property (all Turner St. properties) and taking all possible legal steps to facilitate its future

use. The church expressed appreciation for the committees work and their willingness to continue working on the new Turner Street Property Use Committee.

With no further business to consider, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Kendra Harvey