

Midway Baptist Church
Business Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2014

Moderator Don Dobson, who also gave the invocation, called the meeting to order. The minutes were adopted as presented, following the correction of the amount of the monthly extra payment amount. There was no correspondence.

Kendra Harvey presented the Treasurer's Report (see attached) noting that giving was down, as was cash reserves. The Finance Committee will be meeting in August to begin work on the 2015 budget and will consider at that time if we need to cash a CD to maintain adequate cash reserves.

Kenny Tackett presented the Sunday School Director's report (see attached). He noted that the average attendance to date was 78 for July, 100 for June and 96 for the year to date. Iraline Craig reported for the WMU (see attached). The WMU submitted the name of "*Gathering Place*" as their recommendation for the house at 118 Turner Street to the Property Acquisition Committee. Susie Lacefield will be presented with a monetary gift from the WMU following her retirement from the Booneville Food Place.

The Children and their leaders are currently attending Passport Kids Camp in Crossville, TN. Evan Rowe reported that the praise band is learning new songs and the Jeanne Evans will resume choir practice in October in preparation for the Christmas musical program to be presented on December 14th. He also reported that 11 youth and three adults attended Mission Fuge Camp in Nashville earlier this month and the church van was used on the trip and gave good service.

Letha Drury reported that the Deacons support the recommendation of the Personnel Committee that will be presented later in the meeting. Sam Conder reported for the Trustees that a leak in the ladies restroom from the outdoor hose bib was fixed and an access panel was put in to aid the future. It was suggested that they might do the same in the men's room at a future date. He also reported that the Baldwin baby grand piano was accepted and movers were paid to put the piano into the sanctuary, as well as relocate the other pianos to the ministry center and youth house. It was noted that a wedding party that used the church last month was so pleased with the hospitality that they donated their \$500 deposit to the church and these funds offset most of the costs of moving the pianos and getting tuning and some minor repairs done.

Cody Davidson presented the Associate Minister's report (see attached). Art Craig and Sam Conder will be grilling for the Home Run Derby on August 3, 2104.

Craig and Jean Wiley were presented for membership, having been previously baptized in the Baptist tradition. There was a motion by Art Craig to accept them for membership. The motion was approved by Joy Arnold and passed.

Allen Dobson made a motion from the Personnel Committee to approve the request by Cody Davidson for a three month, unpaid sabbatical leave from his duties as Associate Pastor. The motion was seconded by Letha Drury and was approved. Cody has faithfully served the church for 10 years. He has covered his responsibilities during his sabbatical and will be off from August 8 – December 1, 2014.

Adele Conder reported for the Nominating Committee (see complete report attached listing all the constitutional officers and Sunday School teachers and substitute teachers). The names of Cornelia Ethington and Jeanne Evans were submitted for Assistant Financial Secretaries and Derek Ball for Church Moderator. There were no other nominations from the floor and these persons, as well as those in the report, were elected by acclamation. It was noted that the Adult II class would be merging with Couples I in the fall.

Don Dobson submitted the report for the Investment Management Committee (see attached). It contained a note that the annual payment and reimbursement for interest on the pastor's housing loan was transacted.

Two donors have promised funds to purchase a new color printer for the church office. Don Dobson also noted that the church directory is updated, including pictures, every third year. This was inadvertently left out of the budget in 2014 but not corrected as a step toward not increasing the budget. Donors have promised the additional funds to cover the cost of printing with pictures. There was a motion by Iraline Craig to reprint the picture directory this year using the donated funds to offset the additional cost. The motion was seconded by Jeanne Evans and approved. There was a motion by Joy Arnold to print the directory pictures in black and white, rather than color for additional savings. The motion was seconded by Venona Dobson and was approved by a vote of six in favor and five against. There will be an announcement later in the fall for people to submit photos or have their pictures made at the church.

Don Dobson was recognized as he presided over his last meeting as Church Moderator. He served as Moderator from 2002 to 2006 and again from 2010 until the present time. He has consistently conducted the business of the church in an orderly manner, respecting the church's Constitution and Bylaws and desire to be faithful to our call of ministry and service. We warmly appreciate his leadership in this capacity.

With no further business to be considered the meeting was adjourned.

There were 18 in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,
Letha Drury, Church Clerk.