

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FORT OGLETHORPE  
BUSINESS MEETING JUNE 15, 2016  
REPORTING MINUTES OF THE MAY 18, 2016  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

**MODERATOR:** Jason Thomas

Members present: 30

The minutes of the April 20, 2016, meeting were approved as written.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Emergency Preparedness plan tabled till June.
2. Statement on Marriage (presented again to be confirmed on 6/5/2016) In order to amend by laws a quorum of 25% of church membership, about 122 persons is required. A special business meeting will be held during church service, possibly June 5, for the vote to amend.

**OFFICES AND DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Children:** Club House Friends for children meets on Wednesday at 6 pm. Special worship and awards ceremony Sunday May 22 at 6 pm for Club House Friends. There will be an ice cream party after service. FYI, VBS coming in June.

**Youth:** Community garden underway.

**Women on Mission:** Rena Honeycutt – We met, we discussed a project but delaying it for now. Our Annie Armstrong offering was short about \$1,300 of our \$6,000 goal. Next meeting June 7, 2016. We invite all ladies to join us.

**Women's Ministry:** Laura Jones – Women's luncheon scheduled for this Saturday, May 21. Lots of things going on. Details on events are available in the Women's Ministry newsletter.

**Keenagers' Ministry:** Lynn Lance – Joyful Praise finished their ministry, restart around September.

**First Blessings Preschool:** Open enrollment ongoing. New session beginning in the Fall. Get the word out.

**Treasure and Finance:** No one available to go over finance report. Tabled for next meeting. Lynn Lance asked for final total of receipts from yard sale. The total was \$11,600 to be applied to Legacy fund to reduce debt. See attached Finance report for details.

**Committees:**

**Nominating:** Nominating has begun.

**Discussion Items:**

1. Mary Anna Paulson: Senior/Heritage luncheon will be June 5. To be catered by Steve Green. Need to call for reservations by June 1.
2. Donna Dowis: Gender and bathroom issue was brought up. Our facilities are founded and run on Biblical principles and are to be used accordingly. Subject will be addressed when there is more clarification of the laws regarding transgender and bathroom facilities.
3. Jason Thomas: A ramp is needed at the curb to allow handicapped access to the handicap entrance to the gym. Building and Grounds will look into this. Ideal solution would be to have a curb ramp without eliminating a parking space.

**New Business:**

1. Parking lot updates for more "Guest" parking Reassess the number of handicapped spaces needed. Get a count of number of spaces and see statistically how many should be handicapped. Currently about 30 handicapped spots and 3 visitors spots. Not proposing a change just look at the situation and try to find balance.

Dan Houston made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Donnie Lindsey seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Rogers, Church Clerk