

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FORT OGLETHORPE
BUSINESS MEETING SEPTEMBER 21, 2016
REPORTING MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 17, 2016
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

MODERATOR: Jason Thomas

Members present: 35

The minutes of the July 20, 2016, meeting was approved as written.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Emergency Preparedness plan tabled until September.
2. Statement on Marriage was confirmed on August 14,,2016.
3. Parking lot updates for more "Guest" parking were tabled until September.
4. Pastor Brad and Mike LaRoche will be getting the organ appraised and Jason will give an update on the appraisal in September.

OFFICES AND DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Children: Teachers' training lunch session will be this coming Sunday, August 21, following the worship service for all Sunday School teachers.

Worship Ministry: There will be no choir rehearsal tonight. Dave Boling will be leading choir next Sunday, August 21. A summer special program will be performed by the choir at the Sunday evening service on August 28th.

Deacon Ministry: An expanded Deacon's Retreat will be this Saturday, August 20, in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 8:30 and breakfast will be served. All Sunday School Teachers and Leaders are invited to attend and special speaker will be on hand.

Women's Ministry: See Laura Jones for information for Fall Retreat. Thirty-three signed up for Fall Retreat. World of Coke day trip on August 27, see Amber Walker. If you aren't getting the newsletter, please contact Laura Jones or Joyce Rogers.

Women on Mission: Rena Honeycutt –.The Baptist Women met on our regular 1st Tuesday of each month and had 5 members and 1 new member. So now we have 6. But we are open for more ladies to join. After our minutes, treasurer report program, prayers for our missionaries having birthdays. We made our plans for a Prayer Walk at our local schools. We set August 9th to meet here in the church parking lot at 7:30 pm and go to the schools. I was privileged to go to each school and meet the principals and get permission to come and pray. They were overjoyed that we would come and pray for them.

We had 11 people to join us at 7:30pm to go to the schools. We prayed for about 20 minutes at each school. The schools we went to were Performance Learning Center, Battlefield Primary School, Battlefield Elementary, and Lakeview/Fort Oglethorpe High School.

First Blessings Preschool: Open house for the new school year will be August 28th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Everyone is invited.

Treasure and Finance: Michelle Fletcher gave the treasurer report. The month of July had 5 Sundays which provided extra income. The budget for July was \$53,000 and we spent \$49,500 which was a little under budget. Our spending was a little higher than budgeted but we had some special needs including a HVAC unit for the Mission House which was just under \$5,000 but was planned for the yearly budget. Also we paid our property insurance installment that was about \$3,000. See Finance report for details.

Committees:

Nominating: Refer to the Nominating Committee report for 2016-2017

Building and Grounds : Proposed installing a 3' wide glass door inside the Educational Bldg entrance that will be locked preventing outside access unless granted from the church office through a wireless remote system that will also be installed. The door at the top of the stairs and the office door will also be locked. This is to provide better security to the Preschool and Office areas. A \$1,000 donation has already been pledged. The best bid for the glass door is \$2,190. Some items for heat and air work that are budgeted for this year will be put on hold for next year in order to pay for this without additional expenditure. The locks will be in place only through Monday through Friday when only the staff and preschool is present. The proposal was voted on and approved by the majority.

Discussion Items: Several new members joined our church since June and we had a few that have left for various reasons, but all in all, it was a good summer for our growing church.

New Business: No new business at this time.

Ronnie Born made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Raymond Pendley seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Shipp, Church Clerk