

Northside Drive Baptist Church
Church Council Meeting
August 11, 2008

Dan Oakley, Moderator, declared a quorum present.

As an introduction to the meeting, Dan read NDBC vision statement. He encouraged the Council to pay particular attention to the last two words "inclusive spirit". Council is asked to see how they can be inclusive in their respective committee meetings. How can we better become an inclusive spirit in this community?

George Taylor was elected as Vice-Chair.

Minutes from last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jo Meeks reported that offerings for the month were \$36,261. Of that amount, \$20,492 was regular contributions. Contributions are running low. Jo asked that everyone be reminded to catch up with their pledge if need be.

Finance Report: Jordan Clark reported. Every 3 years, church does an audit. Asked that Council give blessing on doing an audit. Cost \$10-12,000. Will possibly have to dip into operating reserve. Motion made to spend funds to proceed with an audit of the church financial books. Motion passed. Church history shows that we don't have as many pledges as we have had in the past. In looking forward to 2009, some of 08 pledges will not be available in 09. Finance Committee felt that it was prudent to take a look at 09 budget since we might not have a banner year before us. Finance asks that as Chairs, we look at our budgets and use this year as a year of restraint. Chairs should turn in their committee budget by September 21 to Carolyn Mahaffey who is in charge of this aspect of the Finance Committee. Finance Committee will bring proposed budget back to the Council by October 13th for consideration. If approved, then budget will be presented at the Church Conference on October 22. If approved there, October 26 will be the beginning of the Sunday pledge appeals.

Conclude campaign November 23. Preschool budget is not ready due to some insurance information that is needed. Budget will be ready at the September meeting for Council approval.

Preschool Report: Don Janney reported. Preschool Liaison Committee has been busy getting the new school year underway. An incident occurred July 9 at the summer day out program.

Two children wandered away and out into the street or to the edge of the street. The children were not harmed. As a result of this incident, three of the teachers involved have been dismissed. The Liaison Committee has met several times, and the Personnel Committee will meet in connection with this incident.

Signage Report: Syd Janney reported. Projected dates that the signs will be installed:

8/14 – installation of the V sign and the sign at the point.

8/21 – installation of the Northside Drive sign

8/26 – installation of the wall signs and the special event banner holder

Staff Reports:

Mike: See attached report. Report includes Wednesday night programming, 20/30 activities, renovations, bring a friend Sunday (9/21), Church 101 and holiday market.

Church School kickoff is September 7. There will not be a young adult's class because of no personnel to teach it and in some ways, due to lack of attendance. Those who attend will be incorporated into other classes. Mike thinks the main reason for young adult's lack of attendance is a time issue.

Mike encouraged group to not see downsizing of budget as ill health. He is very encouraged about the future and new members joining. He suggests that we are just looking at a new landscape.

James: Appreciated Mike pastoring while vacationing took place. Dan and James will be meeting on the Monday before the Monday of Church Council meetings. If Council needs anything from them, let them know. Asked for continued prayer for the staff. Believes that the church has vitality but the difficulty is how to measure that vitality.

Eric: See attached report. Summary of summer activities and activities planned for the upcoming year. James and Eric will be at the McAfee rush week Friday. James appreciates Eric helping with ideas for Northside to be a connecting link with seminarians.

Book Review: Mike said that we had finished the book but discussion took place concerning what we see as barriers in adapting to the church culture of today (p.82) and defining the difference between function and form (p.92). Mike doesn't think we need to put a plan into action but to have these tools in our head as we work with our committees to help make the best decisions for our church.

Wednesday, September 10, First Baptist Decatur, there will be a discussion of our book. If you are interested, the cost is \$20. Call 770-455-4873 for more information. Church Council members are encouraged to attend. Dan and James will discuss inviting the church at large to attend and possibly not have our regular Wednesday night program on the 10th.

Round Table.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Braswell
Church Clerk