

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

**QUARTERLY MEETING**

**Sunday, May 31, 2009**

Moderator Bill Jones called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m. Pastor Green shared an opening prayer.

Trustees Report.

A new choir rail, repairs to the walls of the west side front entrance, electrical panel, front entrance doors refinishing, & facade repairs are among the work to be done by Bill Jones & David Fisher. They will be scheduling a workday to begin this work.

The Common Council has approved church signs to be posted at the 7 entrances to the City. Caspar has received the necessary information to order these signs and an order will be placed shortly. City DPW will install these signs when they are received.

Beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>, First Baptist Church will be underwriting spots on Radio WAMC, 90.3 FM, with information on our church services, activities and events. Church information will reach from Plattsburgh to Poughkeepsie, Vermont & Massachusetts, and to the west as far as Utica.

Bob Addison is resigning as Vice-Moderator. The Board will appoint a new Vice-Moderator to serve until the next January Annual meeting. Moderator Jones thanked Bob for his assistance to the Board of Trustees.

Bill Jones announced that the Green family would no longer be covered for Health Insurance benefits through Brooke's employer. Trustees discussed offering these benefits to them, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. In the past, the cost was \$11,000 per year; however, this amount is not included in the current church budget. We have been fortunate to have this coverage provided by Brooke's employer. Discussion included a suggestion from Kathleen Davie that members might include an extra \$100-\$200 in this year's offering to cover this extra expense. Also, borrowing \$1,000 a month from our investments to cover this additional expense, until it is put back in the church budget.

MOTION to provide Health Insurance to the Green family, by El Baulsir, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Don Schuler. Unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Not available. Bill Jones said that we are "able to pay bills"!

Diaconate Board Report prepared by Vice-Chair, Marie Ross, said the Board meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Pastor Green & a member of the Board of Trustees attend each meeting. Representatives of each team give reports: Care, Christian Education,

Missions, Worship, Youth and other ancillary teams. Board of Trustees activities and plans are shared with the Diaconate for comment and support. Goal of both Boards is to work together and eliminate the need for multiple meetings each month for these groups. Plans have included Maundy Thursday, Palm Sunday, the Church's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary luncheon, Easter Sunday, Baptism and the visit of Missionary Rick Barnes from Mexico. Future plans include strawberry/ice cream socials on the Church lawn during summer Monday evening concerts in City Park. This will be another way of supporting missions and meeting the community. Marie commented: "Many meeting together in one place to solve many problems"!

Julia Farenell said donations for "Community Action" may be left on the communion table in church. Area high unemployment, plus schools getting out for summer vacation, has added to the need for food items.

Meg Shuler asked for music ideas for the summer months. ABWM annual picnic is at Crandall Park, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm. Thank you notes from children in Tibet for shoes they have received are posted on the ABWM bulletin board.

AB Men's Spring Rally focused the need to better equip a disaster relief trailer for our local area. Men prepared the annual Mother/Daughter banquet on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. The Men's Association will meet at Keuka College, August 8-9<sup>th</sup>. The Association will provide assistance of \$50 per child to attend Camp Pathfinder.

The Church Store has replaced basement windows, will be holding a yard sale in July, and is planning a 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary breakfast or lunch, reported Mildred LeBarron. The Store keeps records of sales & give-aways and pays NYS Sales Tax.

Pastoral Relations – Steve Davie asked for prayers for future employment for Brooke Newell.

Lights needing replacement in Fellowship Hall was mentioned.

Caryl Eckler urged our two high school graduating seniors to complete church scholarship applications as soon as possible. Autumn Gooden (GFHS) & Cameron Jones (Lake George HS) will be graduating in June.

Closing Prayer by Pastor Green.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melody O'Donnell, Clerk