

First Baptist Church
Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

In Attendance: Pastor Green, Bill Jones, David Fisher, Caryl Eckler, Clara LeBarron, Bob Addison, Ken Gnade, Tammy Jones, Diaconate Representative, and Melody O'Donnell

Absent: Doug Stone

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m by Chairman Bill Jones. Pastor Green gave the opening prayer.

Minutes of the February 3rd meeting were reviewed.

MOTION to accept minutes by David Fisher, 2nd by Clara LeBarron. Unanimous.

Bill Jones suggested future meeting minutes could be posted on the church's web site (www.fbcgf.org). Hard copies would be given to Board of Trustee members without computers.

Shane Ross has agreed to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees and will attend future meetings.

MOTION to accept Shane Ross as member of Board of Trustees, by Caryl Eckler, 2nd Clara LeBarron - approved unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Treasurer's Report presented by Ken Gnade. Current income and expenses were reviewed. The matter of the missing church moneybag was discussed. It was reported missing on Tuesday morning to Glens Falls Police. The bag was found on Wednesday morning.

Advertising our church in local newspapers was suggested at the Annual Congregational Meeting, held on January 25, 2009. Questions regarding the expense; whether this would increase church attendance; what other media might be used; could this be best used for special events, i.e. 175th anniversary of First Baptist Church were discussed at length. Caspar will check with other area churches to see how their advertising is done and at what cost.

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE:

David Fisher reported that a railing would be installed to ensure safety for the choir and all others using the steps in the front of the sanctuary. The materials will be donated and the project completed by Dave Fisher & Doug Stone.

The ladies rest room sink, which was donated, was not appropriate for that area. A drop-in sink with a vanity/cabinet will be installed by Mike Celeste & Jeff Trent. Wanda

Haverly has donated the cost of labor for this project. Bill & Tammy Jones will look for one at a reasonable price.

MOTION to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$400.00 for the purchase of this sink & vanity by David Fisher, 2nd Clara LeBarron. Unanimous.

Dave Fisher explained the roof ice back-up over the 2nd floor Youth Group Room, leaked water down into the Pre-School Room, causing damage to the floor tiles in the southwest corner. Bill Jones will inspect the tiles and see what repairs can be made. Caspar said the group currently using that room would be moving upstairs in April, so repair work can be done at that time.

Pastor Green reported that he attended a Common Council meeting on Feb. 24th, and the Common Council approved the request for FBC signs at the 7 entrances to the City of Glens Falls. The size of the signs will be similar to those currently posted by Christ Church United Methodist. Once the signs are received, the City DPW will install them for us.

MOTION to authorize up to \$1,000.00 for the cost of signs by Caryl Eckler, 2nd by Clara LeBarron. Unanimous

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: No Report

OTHER BUSINESS:

Our Youth Group has offered to provide the service of valet parking and escorting those who may need assistance from the church driveway (ramp entrance) into church on Sunday mornings. Keys would be monitored and kept on a numbered rack. Vehicles would be returned to that entrance after church. Questions of liability and insurance coverage will be researched. This service could be offered on a trial basis over the next few weeks.

Clara LeBarron expressed concern with parking and smoking issues by groups using our church facilities. Pastor Green offered to send a reminder to all groups that parking should be in the lot on the Pearl St. side of the building and no smoking is allowed on church premises.

MOTION to adjourn by Caryl Eckler, 2nd by Clara LeBarron.

Closing prayer by Pastor Green.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody O'Donnell, Clerk