

Church Council Agenda

August 21, 2017

TRUST

1. Time in Prayer and Attentiveness to God
2. Meeting Minutes
3. Financial Report and Ministry Reports
4. Congregational Representative report
5. Old Business
 - Vision Fund awards
 - Giving boxes
 - Library move - status
6. New Business
 - Fall start up of programming
 - Labor Day Retreat
7. Other
8. Calendar Events

Aug	25-27	Men's Round-up at Camp Judson
	30	First day of school
Sept	1-3	Labor Day Retreat at Camp Judson
	13	WOW resumes
	16	Beth Moore Simulcast
	22-23	ABC/Dakotas Mission Conference at Camp Judson
9. Adjournment

Check Ministry folders for vouchers to be signed

Ministry reports due September 9

Next meeting – September 25 @ 6 pm (Meetings will be the 4th Monday of each month which will not necessarily be the last Monday of each month)

First Baptist Church Council Minutes—June 19, 2017

Present: Sally Weyer (Moderator), Cyndy Strand (Church Clerk), Connie Fallat (Treasurer), Gary Oldert (Diaconate), John Boersma (Fellowship), Beth Boersma (Cong Rep/Missions), Gregg Hemmen and Nate Sales (Staff)

Council met at 6:00 pm in the church parlor. The meeting was opened with prayer by Sally.

Minutes/Financial/Ministry Reports: A motion was made to accept the minutes from the May 15, 2017 Council Meeting as sent out. MSP by John and Gary. No additions or corrections.

A motion was made to accept the Financial and Ministry reports as sent out. It was noted that the Stewardship report was incomplete. MSP by John and Gary. No questions or discussion.

Beth did not have anything positive or negative to report from the congregation.

Old Business: *Vision Fund* – Stewardship was very impressed with the Vision Fund applications received, the thought that went into them and the variety of requests received, both tangible and ministry. Additional information is being sought on some applications. The applications have been categorized and it was acknowledged that due to the cost of some projects, not all of the requests will be able to be accomplished this year. Stewardship will endeavor to have Vision Fund recommendations ready for the Council's approval for the August Council meeting.

Meeting change – The Diaconate agreed to move their meeting to the 3rd Monday of the month. A motion was made to move the Council meeting to the 4th Monday of each month at 6:00 pm beginning with the September 25th meeting. MSP Beth and Gary.

Budgets - When the budgets need to be submitted to Stewardship was discussed. Stewardship needs the budget recommendations by the 1st of October. Budget call should go out in August. Suggestions were presented on how to assist the ministry chairs in getting their budgets completed and turned in on time.

July 2nd Bar-b-que – Ticket sales are due on Sunday, June 25th. There is a sign-up sheet for side dishes, and it was decided to pass the side dish sign-up sheet around during worship on Sunday.

Labor Day Retreat – It was asked if the kids could give a report on their mission trip as part of the program. Fellowship needs to decide if a discount will be given to early and new registrations this year for active attendees of our church, and if so, where the funds will come from since it does not appear that we will be doing the Wasta Ministry this year. Early promotion of the Retreat was recommended.

New Business: *Status on moving the library* will be tabled until the next meeting, as there was not a member of Physical Maintenance present.

Landscaping the front yard was one of the Vision Fund applications received, so is being considered as a part of that.

Mission opportunities - The kid's mission trip and how much money is left to raise was discussed. They are at around 70% thus far. Most every child has earned enough to pay for the deposit on their plane ticket. Missions has funds available, and will be giving a donation once the final need has been determined.

As we don't have a large enough trailer to continue to support the Wasta Ministry, it was requested that we seek other opportunities to replace that ministry. We need to find something else that will continue to pull the church together and keep us an active church. Pastor reminded us that we have a service opportunity coming up during the Sturgis Rally to provide meals to the ABC Emergency Service workers, and perhaps we could enhance that ministry.

Council will not be meeting in July.

Sally will remind the ministry chairs that if they are not able to attend the Council meeting, to please send a designee.

Pastor closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Cyndy Strand, Church Clerk

Diaconate Minutes—June 26, 2017

Present: Jan & Michael Meyer, Roger & Annette Pryor, Barb Christopher, Mike & Jeannene Woods, Sally Weyer, Bernie Christner, Gary & Judy Oldert, Pastor Gregg

The meeting was opened with prayer.

Minutes: MSP by Bernie & Mike to approve

Benevolent Fund: \$1691.72

Communion: Meyers or Woods will prepare

Old Business: None

New Business:

There was no other business, so the remainder of the time was spent finalizing plans for the fundraiser BBQ for the Camp Judson cabin remodel.

Secretary, Judy Oldert

Christian Education Meeting (CE): July 03, 2017

The Ministry of Christian Education (CE) met, as scheduled, on July 03, 2017 at First Baptist Church (FBC). CE Board Members also discuss business via email, phone, text, and informal meetings as needed between the established first Mondays of the Month Meetings. *Current members* are Jerry Fallat, Juanita Rowe, Carol Misterek, Jeannene Woods, and Danie Koskan. Nate Sales is First Baptist Church (FBC) Staff Representative to CE. *Present for the meeting:* Jerry, Carol, Nate, Juanita, and Sally Weyer, Church Moderator.

Opening:

Prayer was offered.

June 2017 Minutes:

These were approved with no corrections.

Wednesday Night Program (WOW):

- (a) Reviewed staffing for WOW for next year. Sequoia Crosswhite has agreed to volunteer. When possible, CE would like for him to visit with WOW teachers to choose where he would most like to assist on Wednesday Nights.
- (b) For Youth, there will be a split between the older teens and younger teens as previously planned.
- (c) There is still a need for additional all-year teachers for WOW to assist in classes, and there are several potential volunteers. Teachers are being recruited for (a) ages 4 through Kindergarten (assistant); (b) 1st through 3rd grade; and youth WOW. Thank you so much to all who are willing to give an hour and a half on Wednesdays to help with these precious children and youth.
- (d) CE approved *Grapple* for Sally's WOW class for next fall. Bob Toms is willing to train WOW teachers in the use of the online curriculum; there are several sites to explore. A date for this will be announced.

Sunday School:

- (a) There are two new volunteers to team teach the class previously taught by Sally Weyer. There is another possible volunteer for Sunday morning, as well.
- (b) Bob Toms will instruct teachers in the use of online curriculum as with WOW teachers.
- (c) **Feasting on the Word in classes resumes in September 2017.**

Nursery:

- (a) CE recommends creating a list of names of Nursery Volunteers, so that it is coordinated to cover the needs most efficiently.
- (b) CE still welcomes new nursery volunteers and is appreciative of those who now assist.

Library:

- (a) CE supports Carol's work to proceed with furniture purchases; she is first verifying whether there are nice, matching shelves not in use at FBC. CE approved funding for new shelves as needed.
- (b) Brett is almost done painting walls; floor tiles will be the next project to help complete the library.

Budget:

- (a) Jerry reviewed the timing of the purchase card closing and the fact that CE does not have an accurate reflection of budget balance by the time CE meets on the first Monday of each month. This is mitigated as CE keeps a log of outstanding purchases not yet posted. It is critical that CE members turn in receipts as soon as possible for this reason.
- (b) CE Budget is on track for the year in regard to spending.

Miscellaneous:

- (a) Nate provided an update on the Costa Rica Mission Trip. The airline tickets have been purchased. He estimates that about \$6,000.00 still is to be earned for the trip.
- (b) Jerry inquired about the status of the Youth Minister Council that existed several years ago. Nate stated that this has not been active for some time.
- (c) Camp Judson Scholarships and partial scholarships are being provided for several students again this year. Jerry is considering whether Camp Judson Scholarships should be a separate line item in the budget.
- (d) Jerry is preparing a letter for Stewardship Committee regarding three local companies selling electronic signs, with one a much stronger choice. After this, Jerry will hand the information to the Tech Committee in regard to proceeding if funds are available. Jerry has also asked to have clarification on which projects are considered by Vision Fund.
- (e) An exciting new Puppet Ministry is being announced! Deb Toms has been led to research this for FBC. Deb presented research and ideas. Scope of this ministry was discussed and the potential outreach. Deb has organized the steps needed to make this a possibility. She will utilize WOW youth after training and practice. CE fully supports Deb in this and has pledged \$500.00 toward purchase of puppets and stage. She will order *God's Kids Puppet Ministry Puppet Set*, which includes 25" full-body puppets, as well as 20 scripted stories (book and 2 CDs). Research continues in regard to the stage type. Deb will keep CE updated as progress is made; please make this a matter of prayer as Deb works on all the details. Thank you, Deb.

Closing:

Meeting was closed with prayer.

Next CE meeting:

August 07, 2017, 4:00 PM.

Next Council Meeting:

August 21, 2017, 6:00 PM.

Physical Maintenance Minutes for July 11 2017

Present: Pastor Gregg Hemmen, Brett Johnson, Alan Johannesen and Troy Oldert

FELLOWSHIP HALL

Brett is going to replace the loose tiles

Ruperto plans on redoing the floors after biker week

YARD

Going to swap some of the sprinkler heads out for lower gallon per minute ones and increase the time to try to cover some of the gaps

MISCELLANEOUS

Realized the boiler was still on and turned it off

The technology team met on July 10 with Barb, Ken, Sally Weyer and Brian.

We discussed the pending Vision Fund allocations.

The Social Media guidelines were brought up for discussion and the need to start the 2018 budget item lists.

Next meeting is August 7th at 6#0.

Brian Bolinske

Ministry of Stewardship Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2017

Present: Paula Johannesen, Gary Oldert, Eric Peterson, Donna Skinner, Connie Fallat, and Steve Kuske.

Eric opened with prayer approximately 5:45pm

The June meeting minutes were approved by all.

The June Financial and Treasurer's Report were reviewed, discussed. Gary made a motion to approve with corrections that Connie will make regarding the Accounts/Payable/Vendor line item on the Balance Sheet. All agreed.

Old Business:

Information has come forth concerning the grant money from the Raymond James firm. This grant money was given for the Costa Rica mission trip in the name of the Hemmen kids.

The Offering box has been ordered. Actual cost was \$272.95. This may take 4-6 weeks prior to arrival since its custom made:

The Physical Maintenance credit card has been cancelled.

New Business:

Steve Kuske shared concerns from Sally Weyer that congregational members had brought to her. The main concern was that monies were made available for puppets and the landscaping projects both of which didn't fit into the category of "Capital" improvements for the Vision Fund.

It was explained at this point, in keeping with the mission of the Vision Fund being for capital improvements, the monies made available were not awarded from the Vision Fund. Because the Stewardship committee felt that these project ideas were very creative and would enhance our children's ministry and the appearance of the outside grounds, we were able to make monies available through the unused VBS funds and CE Youth ministry for the puppets and the money for the landscaping project came from the grocery card fund. Paula will clarify this with Debbie Toms and Jeannene Woods.

An insert will be placed in this Sunday's 7/23/17 bulletin to make everyone aware that the Vision Fund money will be awarded in September to clear up any further confusion.

Going forward, the Vision Fund application process will continue to be for "Capital " Improvements, however since some other great ideas came about through this process that possibly wouldn't have been brought forward otherwise, this committee hesitates stifling this creativity as there may be opportunities to fund smaller "non-capital" projects.

It was also brought forward that Carol Misterik was inquiring about the status of the money requested for the Library Project. The committee agreed that until the inventory of the book shelves around FBC is done as discussed at the last meeting, her request remains on hold. At the same time, there is \$913.33 in the Library project fund that she has available. This again brought up unanswered questions that the Physical Maintenance ministry should address.

- The leftover amount of \$5,709.58 for the Lobby remodel project funded from 2016 Vision Fund monies and whether there were any outstanding invoices for the lobby remodel.
- Whether the new book cases for Pastor Gregg's office had been completed which were part of his office remodel.
- What is the consideration for additional blinds along the front of the building?

To recap last month's discussion about the new colored LED sign.

- This would replace the existing sign for First Baptist Church located in the lawn.
- This would allow us to better share information about church activities and opportunities with passing vehicles since this will be visible from Mt. Rushmore Rd as well as St. Patrick St.
- It would be an improvement with the overall appearance to the property
- Cost estimate = \$21,726.00.
- This was requested during 2016 Vision Fund applications.

After much discussion and careful consideration, Eric made the recommendation to present to the Church Council for approval to purchase the Electronic LED sign through the 2017 Vision Fund. Gary seconded and all approved.

Gary closed in prayer at approximately 7:00pm.

Submitted by
Donna Skinner

Missing July Reports
Missions
Fellowship

Pastor's Report

August 2017

Jr. High Camp went well this year. Nate Sales did an excellent job as one of the main teachers of the campers. My role was to teach six sessions throughout the week focused on the counselors and staff. These sessions focused on being a growing person and stressing the importance of mentoring in our lives. The evaluations of the sessions were favorable.

As a staff, we have spent time lately talking about this fall, scheduling, and changes for improvement. Here is some information about our current thinking regarding the fall schedule:

- Feasting on the Word begins September 10
- Beginning of W.O.W. - September 13
- No W.O.W. on November 22 (Thanksgiving)
- No W.O.W. on December 20, 27, and January 3
- Tuesday Bible study will begin on September 12

There will be more dates and information as we move closer to the September time frame.

Over the next few weeks, I'll be recruiting some additional Feasting on the Word facilitators and

encouraging people to be part of this discipleship tool as we begin September.

We took the summer off

and I'm praying that people will be ready to start up again, with renewed and increased participation.

I will be taking some time off August 17-20 to celebrate my mom's 80th birthday in Iowa. Our

whole family will be getting together to celebrate with her.

Thank you for the privilege of serving among you.

Gregg Hemmen

Music Notes

August 2017 Council Meeting

Summer music work & plans for the coming month:

1. Choir

- One entire file cabinet of old music has been removed. This music has not been utilized in years. Hopefully, I will be able to tackle another set soon!
- New music has been ordered, played through and readied for fall, Advent, and spring use.
- I am looking at a pre-WOW choir session to look ahead to new music on the Wednesday before WOW starts. More info. to follow.

2. Praise Team

- We've had special music from people we do not normally hear from: Claire Avery from the BH Playhouse, Sequoia Crosswhite, Chloe Lang & Lauren Parliament, Tori Peterson, Mckinzie Sadergaski
- We have opened discussions on alternate rehearsal times to allow our PT members to do other things on Wednesdays (i.e. bible study, work with kids and youth)
- I believe this group of leaders has done very well this summer with absences , only sporadic rehearsals, new music, illness.

4. Bells

5. Kid's Music

- Off for the summer!

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gifts! 2 Corinthians 9:15

Vonnie Houchin

Diaconate Minutes—July 24, 2017

Present: Roger & Annette Pryor, Mike & Jeannene Woods, Jan Meyer, Barb Christopher, Gary & Judy Oldert, Pastor Gregg

Absent: Bernie Christner, Michael Meyer

The meeting was opened in prayer.

Prayer requests: Michael Meyer may be having surgery Aug 2, good report for Melanie Fast, Barb Christopher- surgery August 9, John & Margie are at Mayo

Minutes: OK

Benevolent Fund: \$1480.48

Communion prep: Meyers

Old Business: Discussed the BBQ—Roger's bill was \$92.50. MSP by Rog & Jan to give \$100 Visa gift cards to Tony & Lara as a thank you for donating and preparing the meat. Pryors will get cards for us to sign. We also want to put together a recap of the number of persons served, side dishes, and any suggestions in case we do this again.

We also discussed the possibility of doing another fund raiser for camp before the end of the year.

New Business: Nate will be preaching on August 20th while Gregg is in Iowa celebrating Kitty's 80th birthday. Claire Avery, a musician from the Playhouse, will be singing during service on August 28th.

Gregg received a request for baptism from Marlin Brooks who has some health issues. He will be meeting with Marlin and get back to us with more information.

Meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Judy Oldert, Secretary

Physical maintenance minutes

August 1 2017

PRESENT

Brett Johnson, Alan Johannesen, Pastor Gregg Hemmin, and Troy Oldert
Started at 7:00

INTERIOR DOOR LOCKS

12 Replacing door locks and keying the church office, bell room, balcony the same. Getting keys made

Keying the maintenance room down stairs the same as Pastors office. Getting 2 keys made.

STORAGE ROOM ON THE EAST SIDE OF STAGE

The carpet and/or tile were ripped out leaving a glue residue on the floor that is making marks on the stage carpet from the music and microphone stands. Brett and Alan are looking at laying carpet that will cover the glue area.

PARKING LOT

After the construction company that has stuff along the west side leaves, have the company that sealed the parking lot check for damages and possibly bill the construction company accordingly

See about having more sealant put in some of the larger cracks that are letting loose, but not re striping.

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Opening:

Prayer was offered.

July 2017 Minutes:

These were approved with no corrections.

Wednesday Night Program (WOW):

- (e) WOW resumes on 9/13/2017. Reviewed staffing for WOW for next year. Senior High- Teacher is Nate Sales. Middle School- Sally Weyer will teach with Assistant Carol Miller and hopefully Sequoia Crosswhite, who has expressed interest. Grades 4 & 5- Teachers are Marilyn and Rich Kallender. Grades 3 & 4- Teachers are Pat Parks and Deanna Vollmer, assisted by Jerry Fallat. Pre-Kindergarten (age 4); Kindergarten, and Grade 1- Teachers are Jeannene Woods and Juanita Rowe, with Jerry assisting.
- (f) WOW will still be glad to welcome new assistants and/or teachers. Contact Jerry or Jeannene if anyone expresses interest.
- (g) Bob Toms presented *Dig In* digital curricula, online from Group Publishing. After Bob provided basic instruction, CE approved purchase of *The Bible in One Year* curriculum. This is a versatile, scriptural, and fun program of 13 lessons.

Sunday School:

- (d) Sunday School resumes on September 10, 2017. Staffing was reviewed for 2017-2018. High School Youth, Middle School & Senior High- Teacher is Nate Sales. Grades 4 & 5- Denise Nystrom and Pat Pritchard are team teaching. Welcome to these new teachers! Grades 1-3- Teacher is Bob Toms. Kindergarten and Preschool- Teachers are Crista Boerman and Danie Koskan. Others who wish to volunteer and/or substitute should contact Jerry Fallat.
- (e) Both Grades 4-5 and Grades 1-3 will be using the *Dig In* curriculum, *Life of Jesus*, which has remaining lessons from last spring. They will select a new curriculum when that is completed, from *Dig In* hopefully.
- (f) *Feasting on the Word* classes resumes in September 2017.

Nursery:

- (c) CE recommends creating a list of names of Nursery Volunteers, so that it is coordinated to cover the needs most efficiently.
- (d) CE still welcomes new nursery volunteers and is appreciative of those who now assist.

Library:

- (c) CE supports Carol in her excellent work as Library Staff. There is discussion about where the library will be housed as there are potential room changes for various activities.
- (d) Purchase of library shelves is on hold until there are decisions regarding possible nice, matching

shelves already in the church; and pending decisions about which room will house the library.
Budget: (c) Purchases were reviewed for CE. (d) CE Budget is on track for the year in regard to spending. (e) CE will have a new budget to submit to FBC Council by October 1, 2017.
Miscellaneous: (f) Nate and Youth Group are currently in Costa Rica at this time! We look forward to pictures and reports from each participant! (g) Camp Judson Scholarships and partial scholarships were provided for most FBC registrants/attendees again this year. CE recommends a separate line item for Camp Judson of \$1,000.00, which provides annual, definite funding for at least a few future attendees. It is noted that the designated fund for Camp Judson will continue to be used for any donations aside from this budget item. (h) An exciting new Puppet Ministry is being planned by Deb Toms. CE fully supports this ministry, as explained in July 2017 Minutes from CE. We are grateful to Deb for investing time and energy in this great outreach and ministry. (i) CE had approved funds as per Nate to take Camp Judson counselors out to eat and to Jump Craze. (j) Nate is to organize an August meeting of all teachers and assistants at FBC.
Closing: Meeting was closed with prayer.
Next CE meeting: September 04, 2017, 4:00 PM.
Next Council Meeting: August 21, 2017, 6:00 PM.

Technology Ministry met on August 7, 2017 at 6:30pm with Barb, Ken Gregg, Sally and Brian present.

We will be getting an up to date record of expenditures for the Technology budget from Connie to see where we are at.

The Vision Fund funds will not be allocated until September. With the availability of funds in our account it was motioned by Brian to go ahead and replace the TV in the parlor with a 65 inch LED model. Motion passed by consent of team members. The old TV has been given away and team members will be purchasing a replacement the week of August 14. This will allow staff to get the TV ready for use in September. The TV will not be mounted on the wall at this time.

Social media guidelines policy remains on the table.

Will start on 2018 budget in September meeting.

Next meeting September 11, 2017 at 6:30pm

Brian

Missing August Reports

Nate

Missions

Stewardship

Fellowship