

SANS BOIS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
September 8, 2015

The Executive Board of Sans Bois Baptist Association met on September 8, 2015, at the association center, at 7 PM. There were 9 pastors, 12 church representatives, 13 guests present representing 16 churches.

Rusty McCormick led the group in singing “Wings Of A Snow White Dove” and “I Know My Redeemer Lives”. Rusty led in prayer. Daniel Milligan, Moderator, led a devotional from Acts 19:23-28. The meeting was called to order by Daniel Milligan. Brian Caldwell made the motion to approve the Minutes of the August Meeting, seconded by James Easley and approved. The motion to approve the August Treasurer’s Report was made by Rusty McCormick, seconded by Riley Abel and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sonya Jackson, Association Secretary, announced that there is still some Committee Reports for the Book of Reports needed and the ACP Reports are due September 10. Sonya also announced that the messengers for the annual meeting need to be picked and list sent to the office. Sonya also requested that the churches send in a list of deaths for the last year.

Daniel Milligan, Moderator, read a letter of thanks from Del Allen and family.

Christian Life Committee – Brian Caldwell read a letter that the committee sent to all pastors. Brian announced that October 4 is Life Chain Sunday and that there was not enough signs to do Anti-Gambling and it will be rescheduled when new signs are received.

Missions Committee – Willard Francis discussed State Missions Week of Prayer. Willard also announced the Missions Celebration Rally September 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Credentials Committee – Paul Brady gave a report on the Credentials Committee, Moderator, Vice-Moderator and the Director of Missions meeting with a sister church in our association. The committee is in the process of getting a 2nd meeting. The issue is dealing with them being out of fellowship with the Baptist faith and message in particular the church has elected to positions of leadership a practicing homosexual. The committee wants to keep this in the Matthew 18 idea of being redemptive in nature and would like to see where both the individual and the church are in the dialogue process with them that they may have a repentive spirit and take correction in their action of placing this person in leadership. The committee wants it to be where this church can continue serving alongside us as one of our sister churches. The committee wanted to bring to the board an update because if there is not a correction the committee will bring back at the Annual meeting a motion that we not seat the messengers from that church at our Annual meeting.

CHURCH AND ORGANIZATION REPORTS

Tommie Parker, Trinity, announced that there will be a “Choose Life Benefit Singing” September 19 at 5:30 p.m. on the Stigler Court House Lawn.

Daniel Milligan, Moderator, announced the upcoming events from the “Save the Date” page found in the packets. Daniel also mentioned that the BCM report was also locate in the packets. Stigler FBC will be hosting a community wide rally with Real Encounter, a BMX motocross outreach group, on October 7 at Roye Park.

OLD BUSINESS

Nominating Committee – Bud Vinson announced that they have filled the Stewardship/Cooperative Program committee opening with James Carpenter for a 2 year term. The opening for VBS Team is still open. Bud made a motion from committee to approve the 2015-2016 Nominating Committee Recommendations with the VBS Team opening to be filled at a later date. The motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

NONE.

DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS REPORT

DOM Report – August 2015; Sermons/Messages/Devotions -1; Prayer Meetings/Revival-4; Conferences/Conventions/Seminars-3; Consultations/Visits/contacts (emails, texts, etc)- 173; Committee Meetings-6; Churches Visited: Gowen, FBC McCurtain, Thessalonian Church Red Oak, Lequire, Center Point, Main Street, FBC Quinton, Porum 1st, Whitefield **Activities:** I was asked to preach at Thessalonian church this past month. They are looking at joining an Association as the one they are in has folded. I spent that morning preaching, we had lunch on the grounds and spent the afternoon asking questions about our association. We had a good time of fellowship with our brothers and sisters there. Later that week I attended the DOM Retreat in OKC. Oklahoma Baptist have a lot going on and after the retreat I left with the feeling that it is good to be an Oklahoma Baptist. Our leadership is solid and firmly planted on Biblical ground. They have a vision for our state and our future looks good.

We had the Back to School Bash at Robbers Cave. It was an excellent turn out and all had fun. The Youth Committee did a good job in their planning and execution of the event.

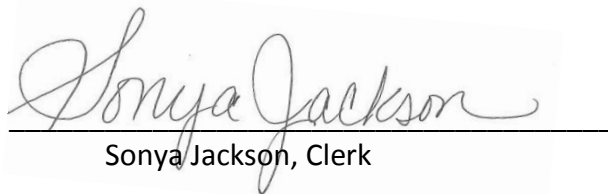
I attended a Deacon Ordination at Main Street Baptist and then a couple of weeks later went back to Main Street to attend the Retirement Service for Pastor John Pruett. Bro John's daughters gave him a good roasting during the service. The church also expressed their love for John and Addie. Have a great retirement Bro John. We had around 50 from our Association attend the ReConnect SS training at FBC Poteau. It was an excellent training. The presenters did a great job and all that went came back with some good ideas. I ended the month at FBC McCurtain as Bro John Bates had a surprise birthday party. Bro John turned 87.

I had 2 sad notes this month. On the 22nd we held the final service at Tamaha Baptist church. There was a big crowd there and many memories brought up. Pray for the work at Tamaha.

We as SBBA celebrated the home going of one of our fine ladies: Ramona Allen went home to be with her Lord and Savior. Her service was on the 25th.

Ministry Miles: 1843 Miles

Daniel Milligan stated that the DOM report was located in your packet. Daniel took several prayer requests. Gene Murry led prayer. The motion to adjourn was made by James Carpenter and seconded by Brian Caldwell. The motion was approved.



Sonya Jackson, Clerk