

Exploratory Committee Recommendations

1. "The committee makes the motion that the Cape Girardeau Baptist Association sell its administrative office building and property at **5103 Old Cape Road E, Jackson MO.** provided the vote is at least a 2/3 majority of total messengers casting a vote.
2. "The committee recommends the proceeds from the sale be placed in a designated account to be used by Associational entities (Baptist Collegiate Ministries, Church Planting Center, Peaceful Valley Camp, LifeCare Ministries, Disaster Relief, etc) for the purpose of capital improvements, property acquisition, and/or building projects. Each approved project is limited in amount to 20% of total project cost. The maximum amount available to any single entity requesting funds is 25% of the net proceeds from the sale of the property for the total of all projects approved for that entity. An application form for those desiring to request funds will be created by the finance committee which also shall serve as the committee responsible for approving disbursement of funds."

Frequently Asked Questions:

- 1 Will the association have a new physical location elsewhere? Yes, First Baptist Church in Jackson has offered to allow us a room to use as an administrative center where our administrative assistant, Margaret Tallent, will office.
- 2 Where would the Disaster Relief trailers be parked? Cape County Cowboy Church has offered the use of their parking lot for these vehicles.
- 3 Where will the block party trailers be located? These would ideally be located where our administrative office is located, which will initially be First Baptist Jackson. We are open to other suggestions on this. The key is to have someone at the physical location of the BPTs who is willing to schedule, receive funds, give/receive keys, and restock the trailers.
- 4 Where would the Pastors Meeting each Tuesday be located? The pastors have already begun meeting in local restaurant that have a private meeting room. They also may meet in one of our member churches from time to time. A text will be sent each week to inform pastors of location.
- 5 Where would the Executive Board Meetings be held? These will be held at one of our member churches, which will be done beginning with this new year as a matter of practice regardless of the vote result regarding the building. Each meeting will be held in a different area to enable pastors in those areas the benefit of having the meeting closer to their home.
- 6 Would the association have a dedicated phone line and will it be the same number? Yes, we would have the same number and it would be dedicated to the association. This is easily achievable through the use of a "home" cell phone box and cost 25% of the current price. We are already in the process of making this transition for the cost savings.

- 7 Where will the DOM be located? The DOM will be in different places each day of the week as need arises. He will always be available through his cell phone.
- 8 Why sell the building if we are using it now? We have moved to a decentralized approach to ministry at the association level which has led to more ministry engagement. As such, we use the building much less and those remaining activities can be conducted elsewhere. We believe it is better stewardship to sell the building so the operating funds saved can be shifted to our growing ministries as well as using the capital from the sale of property to provide physical structures needed more by our other ministries.
- 9 Why give a maximum of only 20% of the total project cost of an approved request? This provides the typical down payment for a loan which leaves an amount (80% of costs estimate) for the requestor to borrow, provide or raise to complete the project. Limiting to 20% total (15% up front and 5% when funds have been raised or secured to cover remainder of project costs) allows the requesting group to demonstrate financial responsibility and strength to their ministry goals as well as maintain the property investment they are adding, which the committee believes models fiscal responsibility and good stewardship on the part of the applicant.
- 10 What is the appraised value of the property? \$158,000