

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 21, 2021

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of SAVANNAH, MO.

The March 2021 business meeting of First Baptist Church of Savannah, MO was opened in prayer and then called to order by Pastor Jason Abbott at 5:00 p.m.

The January 2021 business meeting minutes were approved as printed by a motion to accept by Tim Kelley, seconded by Charlotte Cantrell.

Staff reports were accepted as written on a motion by Mark Vincent, seconded by Harold Morgan.

The finance report was gone over by Tim Kelley. Finance report was approved.

- a. January – Bus Barn - \$15,960.83; BFT - \$21,918.06; General - \$164,176.08
- b. February – Bus Barn - \$16,095.01; BFT - \$21,998.88; General - \$180,255.30

Old Business:

- a. Pastor Jason reaffirmed the job description transfer of the children's ministry from Stephanie Mefford to Emily Moss as approved in the specially called business meeting.
- b. All of the new lights that had been purchased in phase one of the total replacement have been installed. We will still need approximately 200 more to complete the project. A motion was made by Dan Mefford seconded by Doug Watson to purchase 70 more lights at this time. Motion approved.

New Business:

- a. In regard to the new electronic sign down by the highway – Pastor Jason reminded everyone that there was a generous donation made for our technology items. The donor was asked if the money could be used for a new electronic sign and that donor said yes, so the majority of the cost of the sign will come out of that donation. At this time \$30,000.00 of that donation has been set aside for the project. A picture of the sign was then shown and we were advised that the sign would be similar to the new United Fiber sign but with our new logo. The messages on the sign would be controlled by a data package from Verizon which would be cloud based and user i.d. and password operated. To begin probably only Pastor Jason, Pastor Dan and Roberta would have access to its operation.
- b. It was suggested by Harold Morgan that it may be possible to use many of the old bulbs from the sign on the road to the sign in front of the church. It would mean an upgrade to that sign with a minimal cost. That will definitely be pursued. A question was also raised

as to insuring the new sign. Pastor Dan stated that it probably would already be covered under our current policy, but if not, a relatively low-cost rider could be added.

- c. Pastor Jason has obtained a bid from Roderick Sign Company in the amount of \$33,699.00 for the static sign and \$2,400.00 for installation for a total amount of approximately \$37,000.00. Pastor Dan made a motion to approve an additional amount of up to \$10,000.00 to refurbish the sign on the highway to a new electronic static sign, seconded by Doug Watson. Motion approved. It was noted that it will take approximately six weeks to build and install the new sign.

Nominating Committee represented by Mark Vincent made the following recommendations and they were approved:

- a. Jeannie Jones – 2nd and 3rd grade Sunday School teacher
- b. Mark Vincent – Adult Sunday School director

The list of membership updates, namely all deaths were approved.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Pastor Jason at 5:20 p.m.