

First Baptist Church Manchester
Bi-Monthly Business Meeting
August 1, 2021

Pastor Saylor opened in prayer

OLD BUSINESS

1. FINANCIAL REPORT - Donna Murphy reported

- General fund has \$51,733.00
- Account balances are doing well and need no adjustments
- Mortgage will be paid off in one year if scheduled extra payments per month continue
- Weekly giving varies
- Average weekly giving is above the weekly requirement to meet the budget.
- Money is available for any necessary church projects
- Advanced Lighting and Sound Solutions came to church to provide information about planned upgrades; Jose Lopes is the leader for the project.

2. TRUSTEES REPORT - Cheryl Gervasi reported

- Parts of the church roof over the nursery and classroom space will need to be replaced; a bid is being formulated.
- A roof leak was temporarily fixed recently.
- Outside lights are completely installed with timers & steel wool at bases to deter rodents
- Church members are mowing the lawn, which is saving money.
- Church member Ed Cooper, owner of E & C Maintenance LLC has donated 3 hours per week of lawn service
- Options for a contract for lawn service are being considered for next year.
- The church parking lot will be striped soon
- August 11, 2021, the home school program will begin using the church on Wednesdays from 8:30-3:30

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT - Jerry Adkins reported

- Classes are running smoothly with some substitutes helping with positions that have teachers who aren't able to come to the building.
- We are hoping enough nursery workers will be enlisted to create an 8 week schedule that can be rotated.

CHURCH COUNCIL - The online bulletin continues.

YOUTH MINISTRIES - Pastor Jose Lopes reported

- Mission work was completed through local day trips this summer:
 - One day of yard work completed with the Community Cares group
 - A car wash was held to benefit AMIRAH
 - The sanctuary of a nearby church was painted
- Crosswalk was held in four separate locations this summer with day sessions.
- 11 youth from FBCM went to a campground to participate

- Youth Sunday School began live meetings including five new seventh graders.
- A Back to School Bash with outdoor events is being planned

NEW BUSINESS

COVID GUIDELINES – Pastor Dave reported

- All members will wear masks while moving around the church.
- Vaccinated members can remove masks once in their seat in classrooms or sanctuary.
- Sections of the sanctuary designated for social distancing may be revised.
- Unvaccinated members will wear masks whenever in the building.
- Ushers need to remain at their posts longer into the service to help visitors and late comers find seats, especially when social distancing is necessary
- Sunday School will be 9:00-10:10am followed by 20 minutes of fellowship time.
- Coffee and food items will be provided in single servings so items such as coffee carafes and serving utensils do not need to be handled by multiple people
- Picnic tables may be used outside to provide more space for fellowship time
- Outside activities will be encouraged for children's Sunday School classes.
- Unvaccinated teachers could teach wearing masks for adult classes only

Motion to adjourn - Kathy Graff, second Jerry Adkins, Motion passed.

Cheryl Gervasi closed in prayer