

First Baptist Church Manchester
Special Business Meeting
November 1, 2020

Erik Oliver opened in prayer.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Gil Stebbins, second Carrie Husted to accept Naomi Neudorf, Kathy Sanchez and Hugo Sanchez as members of First Baptist Church. Motion passed.
2. Motion by Nina Saylor, second John St. Jacques to set the Lottie Moon Christmas offering goal at \$12,000. Motion passed.
3. Proposal from Deacon Committee to allow deacons whose three year term was to expire, continue to serve due to the pandemic. This included Larry Hardin, Scott Copeland and John St. Jacques. There will be 12 active deacons, which should be adequate for serving the church members. The typical deacon election process will resume in 2021. Motion passed.
4. Gerry Mamaclay is retiring from active deacon service and will continue to pray for the ministry.
Motion by Jon St. Jacques, second Gil Stebbins to recognize Gerry Mamaclay as a deacon emeritus, meaning that he would be an honorary deacon.
Motion passed.
5. Proposal for groups to use the church to meet was discussed.
*limit the use of the church building to FBCM ministries only until the pandemic situation changes
*allow Treehouse groups to meet Wednesday nights provided that appropriate safety precautions are taken
*ongoing use of the building for any activity will be constantly re-evaluated.
*if other church ministries want to meet they may do so if they follow the same precautions.
*recognizing COVID situations may change quickly, Pastor has the authority to stop any building use until it can be re-evaluated by the church.
6. Treehouse Club Leader Janiss Fowler reported. A preliminary email has been sent to families regarding meeting in person. No concerns were sent to Janiss. Preliminary date for beginning to meet in Nov. 18th with no meeting held the week of Thanksgiving.

Five Things will change for Treehouse Club.

- Procedures for Sunday services will be used.
- Drop off and pick of children will be outside
- Children will remain in their classrooms and teachers will rotate.
- Each child will have their own space in the classroom and their own materials.
- Two leaders have volunteered to perform sanitation after club ends, including the use of the fogging sanitizing machine.
- Families will receive copies of the new procedures and sign the papers.

- There will not be an opening ceremony in the sanctuary or game time in the fellowship hall.
- Three groups will meet, preschool in the Green Room, Trackers grades 1-3 in the 5th & 6th grade Sunday School room and Explorers grades 4-6 in the Couples for Christ Sunday School room.
- Masks will be worn at all times.
- There will be frequent hand sanitizing
- Only one bathroom will be used, and it will be used one at a time.
- Anyone quarantined will not be allowed to attend Treehouse
- The Hand bell choir will use a separate entrance while Treehouse Club members are leaving.

Motion by John St. Jacques, second Gil Stebbins to allow the Treehouse Club to meet in the church building provided that they meet the details in the proposal including sanitation procedures. Motion passed.

7. Motion by Jose Lopes, second Cheryl Gervasi, groups can meet in the church building if they agree to the same guidelines provided for the Sanctuary and Treehouse Club. Pastor Saylor would have the authority to approve a group's use of the building and then it will be officially approve by the church at the next business meeting. Motion passed.
8. Motion by Cheryl Gervasi, second Kathy Graff to limit the use of the church building to FBCM ministries only until the pandemic situation changes and all of the church ministries are running. Motion passed.
9. Motion by Carrie Husted, second Kathy Graff to designate Pastor Saylor as the person with the authority to change permission for small groups to meet.
Move to amend the motion by John St. Jacques, second David Bonham, The Pastor's decision will be reviewed by the church council. Passed.
The amended motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Gil Stebbins, second Kathy Graff. Motion passed.
Pastor Jose closed in prayer.