

First Baptist Church Manchester fbcmct.org
Bi-Monthly Business Meeting April 23, 2023

Members attended in person and via Zoom. David Bonham opened in prayer.
A calendar of church events was available on the church website.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Trustees: Cheryl Gervasi reported.

- Progress has been made with replacing wood with siding on the outside of the church building.
- \$3,300 is being spent to replace wooded and gabled areas of the church.
- An independent assessor assigned after water damage to the church is behind. A report will be sent to the insurance company upon completion. Then we can move forward with repairs.
- LED lights will go into the third-grade classroom next, and the remainder of the classroom wing will be completed. Over time lights throughout the church will be converted to LED.
- Church workday Sat April 29 from 9-11am. Work will include weeding, spreading mulch and clearing the retention area.

Treasurer: Donna Murphy reported the April 2023 report, which was provided for member review online and in paper form for those present.

- There are 3 general fund accounts now, including a money market account which will get 2.5% interest. One account is a VISA debit/credit card that will only have a \$1,000 balance. As money is spent it will be replenished. Someone can request that the treasurer increase the amount for specific larger purchases. This will allow the secretary to order items for various ministries.
- The General Fund amount did not include April 23rd giving.
- Average weekly giving is about \$426.00 below the budget requirement.
- A new line item 221D "GuideStone" is included in the budget for the secretary's insurance.
- Easter Egg Hunt cost \$620.00 this year, which was \$187.00 over budget.
- \$12,000 was budgeted for church insurance, but the actual cost was \$12,700.
- Annie Armstrong offering total was \$6,061.00.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Children mid-week program. Ben Nasman gave details of the Awana program and discussed the possibility of the church using this program to start a mid-week children's ministry similar to what was used in the past. Ben Nasman committed to leading the ministry and Cindy Todd agreed to be a co-director, however she was unable to attend the business meeting.

- A proposed budget of \$1,000-\$1,500 was recommended by the regional Awana leader Mark DeQuoy. \$100 annual fee for church to be an Awana member, which includes access to staff training and a discount for items including instructional materials, shirts, and awards. Cost would be approximately \$30-\$50 per child.
- 6-10 volunteers would be needed to run the program, which would include at least two teachers per classroom. Classes would include one for grades K-2 and one for grades 3-6. possibly a class for 3-5-year-olds.
- Previously the annual budget for children's mid-week program was \$500.
- Motion by Naomi Neudorf, second David Bonham to appoint Ben Nasman as provisional director of Awana program, with plans to begin in Fall 2023. Ben will provide specific information for additional motions at the next business meeting. Motion passed.

2. Proposed Revisions to the Constitution and By-Laws had been previously provided for member review. One important change would alleviate the need for an annual audit, which requires extensive review of bank statements and checks. A compilation could be used for an annual review which could be achieved by using a report from the Quick books program.

Highlights of the changes included.

- The finance committee responsible for determining the type of annual finance record review that would be appropriate. Since the church no longer has a mortgage, an audit is no longer required.
- When offerings are counted, more than one person must be present, neither of which could be the treasurer or assistant treasurer.
- A complete list of changes was available online.
- Motion to accept constitution and by-law changes passed.

3. Joan St. Jacques found a Praise Song music book and CD including older songs which could be used multiple times to have the choir lead services using these songs. She ordered one copy to review the music and hopes to order enough copies for the choir to use.

- Motion by Joan St Jacques, second David Bonham to transfer \$250 from the designated account to the general fund handbell account line 400B. Also, to transfer \$250 from the handbell line item 400B to the 400A Literature/Material/Equipment line item. Also increase line 400A by \$100. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Donna Murphy, Second David Bonham. Motion passed.
Ben Nasman closed in prayer.