First Baptist Church of Beverly Hills

Quarterly Business Meeting March 7, 2021

Agenda

Prayer/ Opening of Meeting – Establish Quorum

New Member presentation, Presentation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Presentation of Reports, Old business, New Business, Prayer, Close

- 1. Membership Report (For Quorum)
- 2. Pastor's Report
- 3. Worship Report
- 4. Youth (HSM) Report
- 5. Office/Connection Report
- **6. Nominating Team Report**
- 7. Discipleship Director Report
- 8. Good News Club Report
- 9. Kids On the Rise Report
- 10. Van Ministry Report
- 11. Church Administrator
- 12. Building & Grounds Report vacant
- 13. Personnel Report
- 14. Deacons Report
- 15. Trustee's Report
- 16. Stewardship Report
- 17. Mission Report
- 18. Treasurer's Report

Prior Meeting Minutes

First Baptist Church of Beverly Hills 4th Quarter Business Meeting December 6, 2020 Minutes

The 4th quarter Church Business Meeting was called to order at 12:07pm, December 6, 2020 by moderator Yvette Harris with an opening prayer. Acknowledgement of guest attendees was expressed by the Moderator. 28 members were attending.

A motion was made and seconded by church membership to receive the current 4th quarter Ministry Reports as submitted. The Worship Ministry publicly acknowledged the assistance of Sister Sheila Barbosa when needed.

The church moved to voting for acceptance of the proposed FY 2021 budget. The church body unanimously voted -28 votes for and zero opposed- to accept the proposed FY 2021 budget.

Sister Stacy Ashe thanked the church for the Thanksgiving Food Box she received from the church. Pastor Marple announced the Good News Club "Brain Storming" meeting to be held Monday December 7, 2020. Prayer by the Moderator concluded the meeting which adjourned at 12:25pm.

Minutes Submitted by Sister Yvette Harris

Membership Report

Chronological Roll of Listed Members - 409
Dismissals (death, transfers) 326
Homebound (7)
Inactive 11
Total Active/Voting Members 61
1/3 Active Membership over 18 needed for Quorum (20)

Pastor's Report

Pastor's 1st Quarter Report 2021

Christmas Eve 2020. What a blessed way to celebrate Jesus' birth and help close out a particularly challenging year! Thank you Mickie O'Donnell for lovingly sharing Story Time with the children and YES! we had children we didn't even expect to have (and I got to have a snowball fight with them!). Thank you Yvette Harris and the Bell Ringers for beautifully leading us in worship. The weather outside was cold and nasty but warm inside with 66 people in worship. And for the COVID season, I was thrilled! Thank you Jesus!

My sermon series launching 2021 is a study of 1 Timothy called The Blueprints for the Church. 1 Timothy holds valuable lessons in Christian doctrine that teaches church leadership and the congregation on Christ's structure for building His church. That's where the image of blueprints comes from. Since COVID ripped through our church like a hurricane, I feel like God wants to rebuild our church from the ground up. Thus, there are so many ministries such as worship, discipleship, children and youth that need serious prayer and effort to build in such a way that brings true restoration to First Baptist Family.

Every year, you hear me remind you of our vision and mission so that it stays fresh on your mind and in your heart. God sent you to this church to help support the building of His church by actively being a part of what He is doing here. Some have abandoned their once-given commitment. You are still here and I hope that if you have not yet caught the vision God has given us, you soon will! I believe God has called us to **lead families to live changed lives in Christ**. Families are comprised of people of all ages but we see the younger, less mature adults with children suffering greatly in our community because they do not know Jesus. Therefore, their ways are worldly. Our purpose is to reach them so that Jesus may change those lives to become like Him. We must OWN that vision and plant it on our hearts.

That's why the primary ministry of FBCBH right now is prayer. Prayer precedes anything God chooses to do. In history, revivals only came about because of prayer. COVID is a reason we cannot do many things we once did in ministry before last March. However, it is not an excuse not to do the Lord's will. Right now God's wants His children to sit at His feet, worship Him, pray for the lost and prepare our hearts to go to (spiritual) battle. Like a military soldier, we must be trained up and ready when the call comes. Are you ready for the call? Currently Prayer Warriors meet every Monday and Tuesday @ 9:30am in the Worship Center. They have consistently met since August 2020. In addition, women meet on Wednesday @ 11am. Men meet on Thursday @ 7am (breakfast to follow @ Breakfast Station). If you are not a part of any of these prayer teams, there's room for you! Please choose to be a part of what God is doing and what He has invited you to do over and over again in the Bible by joining a prayer team. I can guarantee you two things if you do: 1. Through prayer, you will draw closer in your relationship with God. 2. You will draw closer in your relationships with whom you pray with. This is what God has called us to do in our time of waiting and preparing for the pandemic to be behind us.

God is good! Pastor Marple

Worship Director Report

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness..." Psalm 96:9 The Worship Ministry continues to work in one accord to usher the congregation into the presence of the Lord as we worship in spirit and in truth. We invite your participation vocally and/or instrumentally as we seek to enhance our ministry with additional members. Trust God...and join us!

Respectfully Submitted, Yvette Harris Worship Ministry

Higher Student Ministry Report

Nothing to report due to inactivity from shutdown.

Tessa Mais-Duncan Faith Over Fear

Office/Connection/Clerk

The office has been busy with a new phone book for 2021, available at the Connection Center, and working with a new Grant program to see if we can get additional funding for some of the needs of the Church. The Office has also been kept busy, with weekly Video Messages and newsletters, keeping on top of minor repairs, collecting clothing and necessities for the school mission as they are requested, and helping CBS with their video lesson every week, as they are unable to meet as they would be doing. We have been blessed having them in our facilities for nearly 15 years, and do miss the Thursday morning crowds. They have been very generous in donating to our mission when we needed clothing or school supplies, even when they are not meeting here, helping us better meet the needs of the Central Ridge Elementary School, and other needs we have had this past year. Remember, if you need notary service, it can be done at the office free for church members, and a small donation to the church for non- members. God is Good!

In Him, Elaine Boszak

Nominating Team

No new business to report for December Business Meeting.

In Christ, Cathy Miksza

Discipleship Report

Let us continue to seek out our Lord by studying God's word for comfort, instruction and strength. Let us give God the honor and glory for His faithfulness to us by studying and praying for others, and giving thanks for His goodness always. If you don't have a Life Group, you can join one on Zoom or join our Ladies Group on Wednesdays at 12:00 noon at the church.

Hopefully the home groups will once again be able start up this year. It has been difficult to be patient and can be discouraging that our life is still not back to normal, but we know God is in charge and has a plan for us.

May God bless each of you as we travel this road together. Keep healthy and safe.

In Christ's love, Betsy Roberts

Good News Club

Thank You Lord for answered prayers! We have had our first GNC since covid-19 has shut us out of the schools last year. We still cannot go on the school campus but have started an after-school club here at FBCBH on Tuesday's – open to all students who wish to come. We only had a few students at our first club but anticipate more in the following weeks. If you have a child or grandchild in K-5 consider bringing them. You are welcome to stay, or just visit, to see how the club is conducted.

Thanks to all the many volunteers that is giving their time and talents that makes this possible. Please keep the children in your prayers, as well as the parents who see the need to have them hear the "Good News" of Christ salvation and will continue to bring them. Pray for our GNC teachers and volunteers and consider joining us Monday and/or Tuesday mornings at 9:30 to pray for our school and our vision of "leading families to live changed lives in Christ".

Be Blessed Terry

Kids On The Rise

Hoping to be reopening our Kids on the Rise Children's Ministry in the not too distant future. As more of our church members return, I am hoping that more volunteers will help in making that happen. In the meantime it is refreshing to see children back on our campus with the Good News Club just recently opening up which is a good start to the nearly one year shut down of ministry to children.

Gratefully serving,

Joan Vitale

Van Ministry

Van ministry has no report due to inactivity.

Respectfully Submitted, Yvette Harris Van Ministry Facilitator

Church Administrator

As the COVID-19 restrictions and distancing protocols continue in force since mid-March 2020, many Church ministry activities have slowed or been curtailed. Despite the COVID-19 restrictions, we continue to plan and pray for a grand re-opening of our ministries.

During this quarter, the Administrator was actively involved with the following activities:

- To send the Word of God to those unable to attend Sunday's service, the Administrator continues to assist with the videotaping of each Sunday service, while Elaine Boszak does the editing and production upload the Internet.
- Since COVID-19 restrictions have also curtailed the meetings of the Community Bible Study (CBS) at our Church, the program has gone on-line. The Administrator assists in videotaping the Director's opening remarks for each week's lesson.
- During Church Appreciation in January, participated with a small team to re-install the chairs in the Church. This effort was in support of the Good News Club opening in February.
- Supported the Good News Club team in its planning efforts, culminating in assisting with the conduct of its first session on February 16, 2021.
- Assisted the Financial Secretary in setting up the FY 2021 Salary/Wage accounts, and the Income and Expense accounts for the Church and Designated Funds. This is an interim measure until the financial accounts are migrated to QuickBooks.
- In support of the Financial Secretary, setup all the QuickBooks-Non-Profit accounts in anticipation of migrating the Church finance records to the new accounting system for FY2021.

As we begin the new Fiscal Year, the Administrator will be assisting the Financial Secretary as the Church transitions from the old to the new. The Church will be migrating its current financial accounting system into newer QuickBooks accounts for FY 2021 and beyond.

In His service,

Bob Ward

Building and Grounds

<u>Building and Grounds Leadership Position vacant at this time</u>. Thank You, all, for your ongoing gardening skills keeping the Lords House presentable and others for their help in maintaining the property on Church Appreciation Day. It is much appreciated.

Personnel Report

The Personnel team is currently in the process of interviewing 2 candidates for the vacant job opening for custodian. More details once a candidate has been selected.

Personnel Team

Deacons Report

Verbal Report to be given at the meeting

Trustees Report

Trustees had a discussion in December and approved the replacement of 2 stage lights that were not working for a cost of 1158.00. This was finished in time for the Christmas Eve Service. Trustees met and discussed the need to resurface the parking lot. This was approved, and has been started. Weather permitting, it will be completed in the near future. The Trustees are Grace Lawlor, Terry Herndon and Elaine Boszak.

Yours in His service Elaine Boszak

Stewardship Report

There is no new news for the Stewardship Team this quarter.

Have a blessed day! Chellise Gibson

Mission Report

The food mission component for the Central Ridge Elementary Mission Field continues to be blessed of the Lord. The hearts of those who love God continue to support this effort with gifts to the Hungry Bear (perishable items) and for the Giving Tree (non-perishable items). We have blessed a total of 19 families, consisting of 47 adults and 54 children! May God continue to bless you that you might continue to be a blessing to others. If you have not committed to participation in this effort, you are cheerfully invited to join us. God loves a cheerful giver! Thank you, Church Family.

Respectfully Submitted, Yvette Harris Food Mission Coordinator

Treasurers Report

FBCBH Income/Expense 2021 - Monthly Giving

Month	Income	Expenses	Difference
January	\$12,747.10	\$11,603.16	\$1,143.94
February	\$4,748.00	\$5,210.90	\$681.04
March			\$681.04
April			\$681.04
May			\$681.04
June			\$681.04
July			\$681.04
August		1	\$681.04
September			\$681.04
October			\$681.04
November			\$681.04
December			\$681.04
	Income	Expenses	
	\$17,495.10	\$16,814.06	\$681.04

Hungry Bear	YTD	\$504.74
Matching Grant	YTD	\$2,276.90

2/15/2021

All Accounts

1614	Regular Savings	\$30,127.80
1602	Money Market	\$28,963.36
	CD Balance	\$45,379.23
5004	General Checking	\$30,984.82
1601	Designated	\$28,035.00

Total Cash Assets	\$163,490.21

Monthly Goal <u>15,000.00</u> to meet expenses