

# *First Baptist Church of Beverly Hills*

## **Quarterly Business Meeting**

**June 6, 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**

- **Prior Minutes**
- **Membership Report (For Quorum)**
- **Pastor's Report**
- **Worship Report**
- **Office/Connection Report**
- **Nominating Team Report**
- **Good News Club Report**
- **Kids On the Rise Report**
- **Church Administrator**
- **Building & Grounds Report**
- **Personnel Report**
- **Deacons Report**
- **Trustee's Report**
- **Missions Update**
- **Treasurer's Report**

## Prior Meeting Minutes

Regular Business Meeting  
March 7 2021, 12:30 PM

Yvette Harris, moderator, called the meeting to order at 12:32PM with a prayer. She confirmed a quorum was present, with 28 in attendance. There were no new members to present.

Prior minutes were approved as recorded, with no changes noted. A motion was made by Mickie O'Donnell to approve minutes as read, seconded by Sheila Barbosa. All in favor.

The presentation of the following reports:

- Membership Report (For Quorum)
- Pastor's Report
- Worship / Youth Report
- Office/Connection Report
- Nominating Team Report .
- Discipleship Report
- Good News Club Report
- Kids On the Rise Report
- Van Ministry Report
- Church Administrator
- Building & Grounds Report
- Personnel Report
- Deacons Report
- Trustee's Report
- Stewardship Report

A motion to accept reports as presented was made by Elaine Boszak, seconded by Leonard Barbosa. All in favor.

\*All reports accepted as presented, unless noted.

Pastor Marple thanked the faithful for coming to the Central Ridge School on Mondays and Tuesdays to pray. This is an important part of our mission to the school. Thank You Lord.

Yvette Harris noted that the Worship Team is looking for volunteers.

**No old business for review.**

**No New Business:**

The business meeting was closed with prayer by Yvette Harris at 12:45 PM.

In Christ,  
Elaine Boszak  
Clerk

## Membership Report

Chronological Roll of Listed Members - 409

Dismissals (death, transfers) 326

Homebound (7)

Inactive 17

Total Active/Voting Members 56

***1/3 Active Membership over 18 needed for Quorum (18)***

## Pastor's Report 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Pastor's Report

The half-way point through a year is an interesting perspective of a year's progress, except in a year where the COVID pandemic has lingered to a point. I remain confident that the Lord is with us every step in this journey, as vague as it may seem sometimes, as we enter into the summer months. However, Sunday May 16, was a significant day in the life of our church, and I believe represented a turning point for us. Thank you Bob Ward for organizing a Pot-luck Fellowship and THANK YOU to all who prepared food, served or cleaned up after the event. To me, the event was a celebration of true fellowship that has been hindered because of COVID precautions. With the CDC loosening up restrictions nationwide, I see people feeling more relief to being themselves again. This is a healthy sign.

That's not to say we, as a church are healthy, but far from being ill. In all reality, our church has received a set-back in the past year and a half. I'm not negative. Let's be honest with ourselves and determine to move forward toward complete healing. I see clear evidence that the Lord is with us. I hope that is reflected in other quarterly reports as well. Things are moving slowly but they are moving forward!

Whereas we launched the first quarter of 2021 with my sermon series **1 Timothy: Blueprints For The Church**, the seven weeks of our second quarter took a look at 7 fascinating, yet essential habits of the Christian life according to pastor and author Mark Batterson from his book **Win The Day**. I hope you benefitted from that series as you make strides to tighten up the disciplines that draw you closer in your walk with Christ. For the final half of 2021, I plan to teach the **Gospel of Mark: It's ALL About Jesus!**

In between the first two sermon series we celebrated Resurrection Sunday with two baptisms. What a day it was celebrating Christ's defeat over death and the devil. Prior to Easter Sunday, I preached both Palm Sunday and Good Friday with messages that helped us prepared mentally and spiritually for such a momentous day in the life of every Christian church. Not only was it significant to celebrate with baptism, but because you invited your friends and family, we enjoyed a high attendance day that doubled our regular attendance. I hope the sight of that special day, encouraged you with a vision of what our church will look like in future months as we work hard to rebuild.

Therefore, pray faithfully that those members of our family that have not chosen to unite with another church, will choose to return to First Baptist Family. With threats of COVID now greatly reduced, please pray that their hearts will desire to reunite with their church family. Please pray throughout the summer months that the doors of Central Ridge Elementary School (CRE) will reopen to the Good News Club in the fall; but more than that, we will reach families to live changed live in Christ Jesus. In addition, please pray that members of the First Baptist Family will resolve in their hearts to join the mission at CRE to volunteer in other areas of service. The Lord, in your prayer time, may call you to volunteer at the school in some capacity other than the Good News Club so that the presence of FBCBH may be seen throughout the school demonstrating the love of Christ through serving others. It's a beautiful thing to behold!

God is good!  
Pastor Marple

## **Worship Director Report**

I praise God for His faithfulness and His perfect divine will! God has blessed us with the addition of Steve Eller on the piano and Margie Eller in our audio/lights booth. We also welcome George Fay to the sound booth as well! God continues to answer our prayers with the latest addition of voices. Lenny and Sheila Barboza have returned to the Worship Team and we are excited by what these and future additions will do to lift the name of Jesus in prayer, praise and worship.

We have officially changed our name from the Praise Team to the Worship Team. It is our desire to lead the congregation into something more than just praise. By the leading of the Holy Spirit, we aspire to lead WORSHIP, which is specific to God The Creator. Worship is inclusive of praise but we seek to lead you into an experience of adoration, devotion, prayer and praise which invites the presence of God to impact your spiritual growth. An authentic encounter with God never leaves one wanting...except possibly for more of God!

In His Service,  
Yvette Harris, Worship Leader

## **Office/Connection/Clerk**

The Connection Center is open – and the Café is open now before service. Thank You Lord for helping us return to “normal”. The office was able to bring a seminar on Dementia, that was well attended, and proved very helpful to those attending. We will be planning additional informational meetings for our congregation, as well as inviting the public to join us. If you have suggestions as to what you would like, please e-mail the [office@fcbh.com](mailto:office@fcbh.com). Suggestions welcome.

We were able to provide a lunch for the Central Ridge Elementary staff, as part of our missions work, thanking them for their efforts in working with our children. Pray we will be able to return on campus in this upcoming school year. A clothing give away is in the works – more information to follow as plans are made. God is Good!

In Him,  
Elaine Boszak

## **Nominating Team**

No new business to report for December Business Meeting.

In Christ,  
Cathy Miksza

## **Good News Club**

At the time of this distribution, we have had our last Good News Club for this school year. I would like to thank the many volunteers that spent their Tuesday afternoons fulfilling the many task to make a club run successfully – and not forgetting the many hours spent preparing for the memory verse and lesson teaching and providing prayer for the children that is aligned with the weeks lesson. I am also

thankful to the many prayer warriors that meet every Monday and Tuesday mornings that pray for our club, for Central Ridge Elementary school, their staff, employees, students, and parents. This year many Good News Clubs have been meeting "virtually", or only occasionally, some not at all. For 13 weeks God blessed us with the opportunity to meet safely and share the Gospel with a few children and we remain obedient fulfilling the vision He has given us. We are now in the planning stage of hosting a 5-Day Club (CEF version of VBS) that will be held at FBCBH the last week of June. If you would like to volunteer/participate please contact Joan Vitale.

Please keep all of the Good News Team in your prayers and for access into Central Ridge Elementary School next school season.

Be Blessed,  
Terry Herndon

### **Kids On The Rise**

Beginning in late April, Kids on the Rise, as well as the Nursery have been staffed with volunteers ready, willing and able to resume receiving children. Kids on the Rise is K through 5th grade and nursery below Kindergarten...

We recently had a childcare safety training class and gained a few new volunteers. I thank the Lord for those willing to serve in children's ministry. After 6 months of faithful church attendance, and a background check and work history these volunteers are ready to go. Anyone interested meeting this criteria, please come forth. We need more volunteers especially as more families come into our church.

We have seen a few new families come visit who had young children and we are slowly seeing some families returning who are from our congregation.

Near the end of June we are planning on having a 5 Day Club for children ages k through 5th grade. The dates will be June 28th through July 2nd, from noon - 2:00 pm lunch will be served daily. Registration will be available on our website as well as at Kidcheck where you sign your children in for Sunday School. Pre registration is very much appreciated.. Flyers for the club will be available in early June.

Volunteers will be needed as well. Please see me if you are available to help any or all times during that week.

Prayer warriors, please pray for this in reach to families recognizing that apart from God (prayer) we cannot do anything.

In Him,  
Joan Vitale

### **Church Administrator**

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

- Continuing to assist with the videotaping of Sunday service, while Elaine Boszak does the editing and production upload the Internet.

- Continuing to support one of the Church's major ministries, the Good News Club, by teaching memory verses and lessons to the children.
- In late-March, sat on the Personnel Team and hired the new Church Custodian, Stacy Ash.
- In support of the Church's Financial Management system, created all the QuickBooks-Non-Profit accounts (vendor, donors, employee, income and expense) necessary to migrate the Church finance records to the new QuickBooks accounting system. Assisted the Financial Secretary in transferring all income and expense records for January – March 2021 into QuickBooks. Currently working to transfer the April and May 2021 records. The goal is to complete the transfer of all records by mid-June.
- In April, GuideOne, the Church insurance company, notified us that rates for insurance coverage for all major carriers would significantly increase for 2021. Working with the Financial Secretary, the Administrator coordinated for a policy renewal beginning in June 2021. During the discussions, the Administrator was able to achieve a reduction in policy premiums of more than \$650. This was achieved by adjusting the co-insurance rate, modifying the content coverage, while maintaining "agreed value," and eliminating some "low probability" incident coverage. Notwithstanding the changes, there will be no major changes in policy coverage and insured values!

In His service,  
 Bob Ward  
 Administrator

### **Building and Grounds**

In March, in preparation for an inspection by the County Fire Marshall, a small church team conducted a fire safety inspection of the Sanctuary, Franklin Hall and the Kirk Administrative building. The team checked all fuse boxes, fire extinguishers, electrical outlets, and smoke/carbon dioxide alarms. In addition, the team replaced older emergency lighting systems with newer, updated systems in the Sanctuary and Franklin Hall.

During Church Appreciation Day in April, a team of 12-church members joined in an effort to "beautify" the grounds surrounding the Sanctuary. The team raked dead weeds, cut shrubbery, trimmed bushes, spread mulch and washed all signage. This was an effort to put the Lord's house in order and provide a welcome invitation to all for the upcoming Easter service.

In mid-April, the County Fire Marshall conducted a fire safety inspection of the Sanctuary, Franklin Hall, and the Kirk Administrative building. The Marshall noted some minor issues in the use of extension cords. The Marshall will return in May for a re-inspection.

In mid-May, the Water Management District (SWFWMD) notified the Church that its storm water management system was due for inspection and certification. In response, the Administrator contacted a licensed/certified company to conduct the inspection and send the certification to the Water Management District. The inspection is scheduled for July 13, 2021.

In His service,  
 Bob Ward  
 Administrator

## **Personnel Report**

### **Deacons Report**

Nothing to report

Norman Thompson,  
Deacon chair.

### **Trustees Report**

No activity this quarter. The Trustees are Grace Lawlor, Terry Herndon and Elaine Boszak.

Yours in His service  
Elaine Boszak

## **Missions Update**

### Food Mission Report

The Food Mission ministry is currently planning for our next distribution. The Easter distribution met the need of one family, a grandmother caring for her two grandchildren. So I am working to see if there is a potential need for the fall as school reopens. We will continue with the goal of providing meals for our Central Ridge Elementary mission during the holidays. Our pantry inventory is “healthy” and is available to church family members in need. Contact Sister Yvette Harris if such a need arises. Currently, we are not asking for donations but if you come across peanut butter or jelly ON SALE, feel “encouraged” to pick up a couple of jars. These items can be costly but children love them and we want to be stocked by the Fall. I thank you church family for being such a blessing to those in need. May God continue to bless you as you are a blessing to others!

In His Service,  
Yvette Harris, Food Mission Facilitator

## Treasurers Report

2Q 2021

### FBCBH Income/Expense 2021 - Monthly Giving

Month	Income	Expenses	Difference
January	<b>\$12,747.10</b>	<b>\$11,603.16</b>	<b>\$1,143.94</b>
February	<b>\$9,839.00</b>	<b>\$11,243.61</b>	<b>-\$260.67</b>
March	<b>\$10,819.35</b>	<b>\$9,443.06</b>	<b>\$1,115.62</b>
April	<b>\$13,736.23</b>	<b>\$16,703.07</b>	<b>-\$1,851.22</b>
May	<b>\$9,190.23</b>	<b>\$5,323.37</b>	<b>\$2,015.64</b>
To May 17,2021			
	Income	Expenses	
	<b>\$56,331.91</b>	<b>\$54,316.27</b>	<b>\$2,015.64</b>

Hungry Bear	YTD		\$840.75
<b>Matching Grant</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Includes Match</b>	<b>\$8,992.45</b>

5/17/2021

#### All Accounts

1614	Regular Savings	\$30,131.51
1602	Money Market	\$28,968.12
	CD Balance	\$45,379.23
5004	General Checking	\$25,199.52
1601	Designated	\$33,039.23

Total Cash Assets	<b>\$162,717.61</b>
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