

# *First Baptist Church of Beverly Hills*

## **Quarterly Business Meeting**

**March 6, 2022**

### **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**

First Baptist Church of Beverly Hills  
Regular Business Meeting  
December 5, 2021, 12:30 PM

Yvette Harris, moderator, called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM with a prayer. A quorum (18) was confirmed, with 29 in attendance. Pastor Marple Lewis presented 2 new members for membership. Ella Burdick and Sarah Morelock were introduced. A motion was made by Jim Lewis to accept them for membership, second by Bob Ward. All were in favor. They were accepted into membership.

Prior minutes were approved as recorded, with no changes noted. A motion was made to approve minutes as recorded, made by Bob Ward, second by Norman Thompson. All in favor, none opposed.

The presentation of the following reports:

- Membership Report (For Quorum)
- Pastor's Report
- Worship
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- Treasurers Report

A motion to accept reports as presented was made by George Fay, second by Lenny Barboza. All were in favor. Reports accepted as presented.

A motion to vote on the budget that had been presented by Bob Ward in the amount of \$163,855.00 at the budget meeting and sent to all members was made by George Fay, second by Lenny Barboza.

A motion to sell or keep the van was also made by Bob Ward, and was added to the ballot, as the van is not currently used, and will fall to disrepair sitting, while requiring to be tagged and insured.

A ballot vote on the was taken, 30 Yes and 1 No. Budget was approved by majority.

A ballot vote on the van was taken, and was also 30 Yes and 1 No.

\*Note- 29 members attending plus 2 new members voting = 31 voting.

Trustees will meet to investigate the sale.

No old business for review.

No new business for review.

The business meeting was closed with prayer by Norman Thompson at 1:00 PM.

In Christ,  
Elaine Boszak, Clerk

## **Membership Report**

Chronological Roll of Listed Members - 415  
Dismissals (death, transfers) 345  
Homebound (7)  
Inactive 7  
Total Active/Voting Members 52  
***1/3 Active Membership over 18 needed for Quorum (18)***

## **Pastor's Report**

### **1st Quarter Pastor and Discipleship Report**

Since our last Quarterly Report and Business Meeting in early December, our church celebrated Christmas Eve together. Thank you to everyone who helped put on one of the best Christmas Eve celebrations I can remember. I stand in awe of how God is always faithful to bring children and guests to help fill up our worship center and lift up the Christmas joy.

Recently we also celebrated two baptisms. Both ladies baptized had previously given their lives to Christ and the baptism was an expression of their obedience to Christ as prescribed by Scripture. I hope we see more baptisms in 2022 by those who are being saved.

I count it a real blessing that our Good News Club is active again at Central Ridge Elementary School. Last week a teacher came to me saying “thank you so much for coming back to our school.” I KNOW God wants us to be there! Thank you GNC team for the fine job you do, serving the Lord on His kingdom mission!

Last year the Lord put two ministry hats on my head. For how long, I don't know. It is His will. First, is a hat I've worn since March 5, 2006– the pastor's hat. It's the same hat, it just changes in appearance from time to time. I have testified several times how the Lord burdened my heart to “Preach Jesus!” through the Gospels. That is what I have been doing in Mark's Gospel since last Spring, and if the Lord requires, I will preach another Gospel when we complete Mark. It has been the greatest blessing of my preaching career because of all the Lord has revealed to me in my sermon preparation. The second hat He put on my head was that of the Discipleship Director. I learned that although we have had a structure and strategy in place for more than a decade, former directors and LIFE Group leaders chose not to follow the plan. A plan cannot work if the plan is not worked. As the “new” director, it has been my experience that my emphasis on working the plan has met great resistance from most people in our “discipleship” ministry. Six women have shown a willingness to trust the plan and cooperate with me. For them, I pray the Lord pours out His richest blessings into their lives.

My deepest desire is for the Lord to touch and bless every person's life in the FBCBH family. He burdens my heart to see you all develop into the likeness of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. He is actively working in my heart, as I have already testified, to shape me into His disciple as I pour myself into knowing Him. That's the whole goal of the direction He has

shown me, as pastor, in leading FBCBH: MAKE TRUE DISCIPLES OF JESUS. The days of church-goers going through the motions are over! 1. Teach Jesus on Sunday morning. 2. Instruct Group Leaders to do the same in LIFE Group meetings. 3. Hold disciples accountable in life-changing activities that all true disciples should engage in, as simple as prayer in solitude, prayer with others, reading Scripture and inviting others to church, if not more importantly, inviting the lost to faith in Jesus. If that plan does not bring new life to a church, it will reveal that the church has ceased to live.

God is good!  
Pastor Marple

### **Worship Director Report**

No Report At This time.

In His Service,  
Yvette Harris, Worship Leader

### **Office/Connection/Clerk**

The Connection Center and Coffee Café are in need of volunteers. If you are able to assist, please see me. The office is actively working (with the help of Joan Vitale and The Roses life group, to supply welcome baskets to the new community just off Forest Ridge Blvd, as the new owners start to move in. Pray they will come and join our church family.

I have been asked about another trip, and while we don't have enough to fill a bus, I will be working with the bus company to see if they have any suitable trips we may join. Stay tuned for updates.

In Christ,  
Elaine Boszak

### **Nominating Team**

Fellowship Team

Term Date as needed

Priscilla Cuba  
Joan Vitale

In Christ,  
Cathy Miksza

## **Good News Club**

As many of you know, several of the FBCBH family have been faithfully praying for Central Ridge Elementary school every week since we had to cancel the on campus Good News Club back in March 2020 due to the Covid outbreak. This month, almost 2 years later, we were given permission to re-enter the school and restart our GNC program. God answers prayer – and in bigger ways than what you expect! Before our first club Feb 8<sup>th</sup> we anticipated seven students. Parental permission forms began to come in and we had eleven the first day. Our second club on the 15<sup>th</sup> had eighteen in attendance! The first day when we arrived at the media center where we are having our club, we found all the children setting at tables waiting for us to come in. This allowed us to have a 75-minute club instead of a 60-minute club. Many thanks to the media center teacher, Ms. Henson. We also had visits from Mr. Bosse, CRE principle, and Ms. Williams, CRE guidance counselor, checking to see if we had everything we needed. We have had comments from many teachers and staff letting us know how happy they are to have the GNC back on campus. At our first club we taught the “The King has Spoken” - the Bible is true. The second week “The King Creates” - how God created the heavens and the earth. As I am writing report, we are preparing for our third club on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>, with the lesson “Sin Enters the King’s World”. I like to thank the many volunteers who have attended GNC and filled the positions of grade shepherds, teachers, and helpers, and each of you that pray for us. We need to continue teaching these children the “Good News” of what Jesus has done for them. If you would like to volunteer for a position as a GNC volunteer, or as a school volunteer, assisting teachers or students, please let me know.

Terry Herndon

Be Blessed,  
Terry Herndon

## **Kids On The Rise**

Kids on the Rise is up and running each Sunday morning at 10:45 am. Although the attendance has fluctuated, we expect more children will come as we pray, expand our territory and continue to lead families into our church. We wait with expectancy on God to answer our prayers. Our God, Sovereign over all knows just what we need and His timing is perfect. Prayers appreciated for the workers are few and the fields we read in scripture are ripe for harvest. So we pray to the Lord for those laborers to come so we can teach the children that their parents will enter into His presence along with them and pray for those who are serving for His strength wisdom, love and compassion.

Remaining in the Vine  
Joan Vitale

## **Church Administrator**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Report 2022**

With the beginning of the new fiscal year, collaborated with the Financial Secretary to finalize the new FY 2022 financial accounting structure for the church. The creation of the FY2022 records was a significant departure from last year's accounting structure. Although the old and new financial records are maintained in QuickBooks, the old structure was:

- too rigid in reporting formats
- not easily adapted to reporting expenditures across multiple accounts and funds
- not easily adaptable to maintaining separate restricted account balances within the same bank account

This year's effort focused on creating new classes to track programs and funds, developing an items list to better track transactions, and creating new accounts to better track income and expenditures.

The new FY2022 program will enhance reporting and tracking of all the church programs (evangelism, discipleship, worship, all designated programs, benevolence), and facilitate the management of the financial records for the Financial Secretary and the church.

In His service,

In His service,  
Bob Ward  
Administrator

## **Building and Grounds**

We are working on the handicap ramp. More information coming on this.  
In His service,

Stacy Ash  
Building & Grounds, Team Lead

## **Personnel Report**

Nothing to report

Wanda Lee  
Personnel Chair

## **Deacons Report**

Nothing to report

Norman Thompson,  
Deacon chair.

## **Trustees Report**

The Trustees met 2 times in the last quarter. It was determined in our best interests to sell the van, as it is not being used, but must be insured and maintained. The deacons will proceed with the sale. Our second meeting was to discuss that feasibility of allowing the facilities to be used in conjunction with a Christian Homeschooling group to use a classroom to establish training for homeschooled children and their parents once a week. This was viewed as in line with our mission, and we look forward to partnering with them in the next school year. We were blessed to be able to clean up our classrooms with the help of CBS, who donated new tables last year, and several ladies that added new curtains to brighten up the rooms. This will allow additional work to be done for the Lord with that blessing.

Yours in His Service  
Elaine Boszak

## **Missions Update**

No report available at this time, verbal will be given at the meeting.

In His Service,  
Yvette Harris, Food Mission Facilitator

Year end financial report will be available shortly. We have transferred to a new accounting system, And will have a report available by Sunday, February 27, 2022.

Copies will be available at the Connection Center, and will be forwarded to you via e-mail.