

Trinity Baptist Church Trustee Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 3, 2011
CLC Grand Room
6:00PM

The regular meeting of the Trustees was held Monday, October 3, 2011, with Jay Clingman, 2010-2011 chair, opening the first meeting of the new church year at 6:00PM.

In attendance:

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Paul Bracher, Dianna Crocker, Dick Foster, Fredda Gill, Tom Hill, Les Hollon, Gardner Kendrick, Barry Long, Donna McIlveen, Mary Osborne, Mel Pankey, and Phyllis Patterson.

ABSENT: Bill Harrison, Sr.

STAFF: Ed Nelson and Donn Wisdom

GUESTS: None present

Approval of Prior Minutes: The minutes for the September 19, 2011, Trustee meeting were previously approved by the 2010-2011 Trustee Body.

Welcome/Introductions: After welcoming the new Trustees for 2011-2012 and brief self-introductions, Jay Clingman expressed his gratitude for the honor of serving as a Trustee for four years. He suggested that all Trustees be familiar with Article VII of the church's Bylaws regarding Trustees and reminded the Body of its purpose—facilitate communication with regard to the business of the church and perform an accountability review for the senior pastor.

Confidentiality Statement: Jay Clingman emphasized the critical nature of confidentiality. All present signed a confidentiality document.

Election of Trustee Officers: Jay Clingman briefly reviewed the responsibilities of each Trustee office as outlined in Appendix B of the Trustees Policies and Procedures. After nominations and voting, the following people were elected officers for the 2011-2012 Church Year: Donna McIlveen, chair; Dick Foster, vice-chair; Dianna Crocker, secretary.

Donna McIlveen presided for the remainder of the meeting.

Report from Senior Pastor: Pastor Les Hollon updated the Trustees on the following matters:

- Les stated his intent to connect the Trustees with his executive coach, Kelly Freeman, to review challenges facing the congregation. He said a fast-changing world requires an attitude of humility for all.
- The Deacons were enthusiastic about his and Donn's presentation on the proposed 2nd service and on Upward Basketball plans at the September 20, 2011, Deacon meeting. These are bold steps for our church, requiring courage and prayer. Both endeavors support multiple objectives in the 2011-2012 Trinity Baptist Church Ministry Plan approved by the church on September 25, 2011.
- Les expressed his intent to seek the Trustees' "best thinking" on these and other issues, as "Iron sharpens iron." (Proverbs 27:17)
- Two current partnerships have the potential for fostering a wide range of relationships and can tell Trinity's "story."

KSLR Radio Station (630AM)—a program-oriented Christian radio station—recognized Trinity Baptist Church as its first Church of the Week. The week’s programming included a pastor interview, daily devotionals, and a service broadcast.

New Baptist Covenant II (Nov. 17-19, 2011) selected Trinity as one of only eight locations in the United States to host local meetings during the second national gathering of over 30 Baptist organizations. Ed Braswell and Jim Skokan are Trinity’s host site coordinators. (For more detailed information, see the October 7, 2011, issue of THE TRUMPET or the New Baptist Covenant II website)

- Les remarked that the previous 2½ years have laid a foundation for progress indicated by Trinity’s selection and participation in these two events.
- Les asked the Trustees to “stay current” with all that is going on at Trinity.

Reports from Ex-Officio Chairs of Standing Teams:

- *Discipleship and Education*—Phyllis Patterson visited with Gavin Rogers, John Park, Veronica and Wayne Grant, and others to listen to ideas for consideration by the D&E team.
- *Deacons*—Tom Hill said the Deacon Officers are focusing on visible leadership of the Deacons in connection with Upward Basketball and the proposed 2nd service. Goals are being determined.
- *Lay Ministry*—Dick Foster reported on the re-vamping of the old Stars booklet into the Find Your Spot booklet and on the team’s plans for promoting objective 5 (spiritual gifts) of the 2011-2012 Ministry Plan.
- *Missions*—Mary Osborne reported the team is in the process of re-shaping the missions philosophy from specific-area service (local, state/national, Latin America, or global) to “everybody can be involved in everything.” The goal of the team is “more hands on” missions opportunities.
- *Music and Worship Arts*—Fredda Gill announced that refinement of the proposed 2nd service is ongoing, that the Music Scholars program is on hold for now, and that The Messiah will be presented at Trinity on December 3rd.

Annual Business Meeting De-Brief: Donna McIlveen asked for feedback from the Trustees on the annual business meeting held on September 25, 2011. Responses alluded to the helpful ministry brochure, good fellowship, and trust building. Les pointed out that TRUMPET covers will highlight 2011-2012 Ministry Plan objectives (for example, the current Each One Reach One cover). For reference, Mel Pankey circulated copies of minutes from that meeting.

Future Meeting Dates/Times: Donna McIlveen distributed a list of dates for monthly Trustee meetings, which included tentative dates for quarterly business meetings. Other meetings will be determined as needed. Donna asked that the Trustees listen and observe during all such meetings.

Report from Church Administrator: Ed Nelson expressed confidence in the church’s reaching its 2010-2011 financial goal of \$3,435,000 in revenues less expenses. A full report will be given at the November 7, 2011, meeting. Ed thanked the Lord for His bounty and also the staff for frugal spending throughout the year. In addition, he credited John Carlson, Trinity’s Director of Finance, for his diligent work with a “sharp pencil.”

New Business—None

Executive Session regarding the proposed 2nd service with Trustee feedback for the Staff

Adjournment and Prayer at 8:30PM

Submitted by Dianna Crocker, Trustee Secretary

