

Trinity Baptist Church Trustee Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 5, 2011
CLC Grand Room
6:00PM

The regular meeting of the Trustees was held Monday, December 5, 2011, with Donna McIlveen opening the meeting.

In attendance:

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

ABSENT: Barry Long

STAFF: Ed Nelson

GUEST: Randy Patterson

Prayer and Devotion: Mary Osborne opened the meeting with remarks and Scripture focusing on removing anything from our lives that separates us from God.

Approval of Prior Minutes: The minutes were approved for the November 7, 2011, Trustee meeting.

Confirmation of January 9, 2012 Meeting: Because three Trustees will be traveling to Israel/Jordan January 9-20, 2012, it was decided the next scheduled meeting of Trustees will be **January 23, 2012**.

Trustee Goals for 2011-2012: Donna McIlveen summarized Article VII of the Church Bylaws (handout) to emphasize the verbs used to describe Trustee functions (assist, help, recommend, review, provide, conduct, etc.). She noted that none of the verbs specified or implied “to drive the bus.” With that thought, the Trustees considered its goals for the new church year. Modifications decided upon are reflected at the top of each meeting’s agenda beginning with the January 23, 2012, agenda.

Report from the Senior Pastor: In light of the Executive Session, Les confined his remarks to two topics: current happenings/best practices at Trinity that reflect our intent as a church to be “spirit-filled” and the upcoming second service.

Activities—

- Ardelle’s Angels, volunteers ministering to Ardelle and Hardy Clemons
- Grant from the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship to TBC for missions work in Eagle Pass
- High attendance at TriPoint’s Winter Wonderland event (400)
- Second baby dedication ceremony

Second Service—

- Checklist for second service launch on February 19, 2012 (handout)
- Ongoing discussion regarding “marketing” and advertisement of the service
- Encouraging interviews by Donn Wisdom with candidates for music worship leader
- Upcoming meeting of Les and a representative group of the audience being targeted

Following Les’s remarks, Randy Patterson, at Donna McIlveen’s invitation, addressed the Trustee body with rhetorical questions and comments that he asked everyone to consider with regard to the second service. Because the service has implications for change that affects many, Randy explained that we as a church would not want to “leave any stone unturned” in our planning for the service.

Report from the Church Administrator: Ed distributed a timeline for development by the pastoral staff—with input from other groups—of the 2012-2013 ministry plan. All service teams will receive a letter to be sent out **February 24, 2012**, detailing the budget calendar and asking for their input. He also reported that a local charter school, KIPP Academy, is interested in using a portion of Trinity's facilities. This arrangement would potentially generate income for the church. Discussion and research are ongoing

Ed also distributed financial updates for October and November of 2011. The November financial shows that, through nine weeks of the new church year, General Fund gifts amounted to \$572,033. Disbursements were \$559,028. The designated mission gifting from the General Fund was \$39,030, which is 11.0%.

Ed advised the body of an audit the week of December 12, 2011; he expects excellent results.

Reports from Ex-Officio Chairs of Standing Teams:

- *Deacons*—Tom Hill reported that Isaac Rodriguez was home from the hospital and in good spirits. The Deacons are leading the effort to assist Isaac and Cindy in various ways.
- *Discipleship & Education*—Phyllis Patterson announced several topics under discussion: probable reinstatement of the service roll for Sunday school directors and teachers; phone calls to general membership for the purpose of connecting with people; shifts of workers for Upward Basketball; ways to motivate Sunday school classes to begin on time.
- *Lay Ministry*—Dick Foster reminded us of the training and orientation session for team leaders held on November 12, 2011. The team was open to a previous suggestion for training to occur yearly rather than alternate years for the many benefits—continuity, for example— more frequent training affords.
- *Missions*—Mary Osborne announced the team is currently promoting numerous ways for our congregation to serve the Lord through missions activities. Some of the new endeavors include a Haven for Hope monthly ministry, a trip to Eastern Europe, return to Ghana, and Vision Tour. Trinity continues to welcome neighborhood children at a Christmas Crafts gathering on December 11th at TriPoint.
- *Music and Worship Arts*—Fredda Gill reported an attendance of 530-550 at the Messiah performance held in Trinity's sanctuary. New to our Christmas Eve celebration are the full choir and orchestra. Christmas Shines! triumphed for a second year. Fredda thanked Sue Pankey and her team for the beautiful and festive Christmas decorations throughout the church.

Old Business: Having received only 12 of 33 possible team reports for 2010-2011, Donna McIlveen announced plans to modify the process of collecting the reports and distributing the information gathered for possible action.

New Business: None

Adjournment and Prayer at 9:22PM

Submitted by Dianna Crocker, Trustee Secretary

