

Deermeadows Baptist Church Business Meeting

February 5, 2020

Pastor Larry opened the first quarterly business meeting of 2020 with prayer. Deacon Chair Rich McClain called the meeting to order. A motion was made and seconded to receive the November minutes and was passed with a Yes.

Greg Lohman then came forward and presented a Personnel Report. The church has received a resignation letter from Darlene Papa, who has served faithfully as Financial Secretary for over 24 years. The church will celebrate Darlene and her time with us in the near future. In the meantime, Greg asks for our help with recommendations for someone who knows bookkeeping, accounting, has high integrity, and can work as liaison with deacons and committees. The Personnel Committee prefers that her replacement be someone who is not a member of the church. The position is for 20-25 hours a week.

Rich then presented the 2020 Deacon Interview Committee. The Committee is made up of Terri Cooper, Chair, Anita Abjornson, Deacon Representative, James Walker, Deacon Representative, Travis Akers, At-large Representative, Jennifer Reedy, At-large Representative, and Pastor Larry or his designee, Ex-officio. This Committee was voted on at the last deacon meeting and was approved with a Yes at tonight's business meeting.

The Financial Report for year end and current year was presented by Bob Higginbotham (see attached). Thankfully, our December income far exceeded that month's expenses. That left the church with a final balance of (1.035.43) for the year. The budget for 2020 is at 10% less than last year's. The Ad Hoc committee will keep an eye on the financial status and report to the church regularly. Because our mortgage has been paid, \$184,000 will go into the building fund this year. And our Endowment fund is at \$476,000. This fund is not for budget or church use, but for other needs that might come up. Bob was glad to present such a good report!

Pastor Larry then presented Bob Higginbotham as a Deacon Emeritus. He was approved unanimously at the last deacon meeting because of his faithful service and wise counsel. This recommendation was approved with a Yes.

Tammy Benedict then presented the Membership Report (see attached). Since the last business meeting in November, 25 people have joined DBC, seven by baptism, seven by transfer of letter, and eleven by statement of faith. We lost six members, three deceased and three to other churches. DBC is a growing church! This report was approved with a Yes.

Mandi Landau then presented the Nominating Committee action. She reminded us that every three years the by laws need to be revised and presented five names who will be responsible for this: Michael Alfano, Ron Rowe, Joe Stroud, Pat Walker, and Stephanie Wyatt. These are people who are deep and widely steeped in the knowledge of DBC. This group was approved with a Yes.

Rich McClain then presented the new business of Presentation of 2020 Corporate Officers. They are: Rich McClain, President, Terri Cooper, Vice-President, Susan Rushing, Secretary, and Danny Edwards, Treasurer. These officers were approved with a Yes.

The meeting closed following a motion and a second to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Rushing, Church Clerk