

**Minutes of the Church Business Meeting  
First Baptist Church of Tallahassee  
FEBRUARY 26, 2014**

On February 26, 2014, Deacon Chair Richard Duley called the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee into business meeting.

Mr. Duley requested review and approval of the December 18, 2013 minutes. The January 2014 meeting was cancelled due to bad weather; therefore there were no January minutes. A motion was made and passed to approve the December minutes.

Mr. Duley recognized Finance Committee Chair Bill Gardner to present the December 2013 and the January 2014 financial reports. Mr. Gardner stated that 2013 ended with receipts going from a deficit of \$161,000 in November to a \$7,300 surplus at the end of December. He noted the "Rainy Day Fund" increased by approximately \$45,000 with a current balance of \$266,000. He reported that January expenses were in excess of receipts, but to date February is showing an improvement. Year-to-date tithes and offerings are slightly below 90% of planned goal. Mr. Gardner pointed out that CLC expenses were more than receipts, although January was the first month of the billing cycle and receipts normally exceed expenses at the first of the quarter. Weekday Education did well with an excess of receipts over expenses and while Food Services showed a deficit, the goal is to break even like we did in 2013.

Mr. Gardner, on behalf of the Finance Committee, made a motion that the financial reports be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Gardner, on behalf of the Finance Committee, made a motion that the Haiti Music Camp Fundraiser to be held March 22 at Janet Ray's house be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Gardner presented a request from the Property Committee for funding not to exceed \$350,000 to reroof the Adams, Duval and Sanctuary Buildings. He said funding will come from two sources: \$150,000 from the estimated balance of the Here for Life Campaign account and a \$200,000 loan from the Church's line-of-credit with Ameris Bank at a 3.25% interest rate. He advised that if the Here for Life Campaign balance does not reach \$150,000 by the projected start date then the loan amount will be increased to make up the difference. Currently the Here for Life Campaign balance is \$139,816. In response to a question regarding the Church's present debt service, Mr. Gardner said the debt service includes the \$1,125,000 construction loan received from Ameris Bank in November and \$300,000 borrowed from the Endowment Fund.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. Gardner moved that the funding request be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

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Mr. Duley recognized Carl Monson to present the Endowment Fund report for the year ending December 31, 2013. Mr. Monson said total assets had increased \$106,000 over the 2012 year end. This is the net increase after the distribution of \$46,667 to the Church in 2013.

The Total 2013 contributions received were \$81,141 compared to \$28,100 in 2012. He noted the distribution of asset funds to the Church budget have increased each year. The distribution from the Endowment fund for the 2014 budget year will be \$48,857.

An Estate Planning Seminar with the Estate Attorney from the Florida Baptist Convention will be held within the next few months and the date will be announced well in advance. Mr. Monson moved that the report be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Duley noted that Church By-Laws require election of Church Officers for one-year terms. He made a motion that the following officers be approved for 2014: Jack Nix, Church Treasurer; Cecil Davis, Carl Monson and Lee Scarboro, Assistant Treasurers; and Bob Pullen, Church Clerk. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Duley recognized Associate Pastor Fran Buhler who announced his plan to retire effective August 31, 2014. Pastor Buhler said in addition to the letter to Dr. Shiell, an extended piece will be published in the Vision Newsletter in March. He expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve at First Baptist Church.

Mr. Duley recognized Dr. Bill Shiell to present the Pastor's Report.

- Dr. Shiell thanked the staff and volunteers for their assistance with Connections Weekend that had over 250 participants. As a result, several new groups are planning Bible studies and other activities. More information to come in the days ahead.
- Dr. Shiell made a motion that the 11 new members that joined in December and the 16 in January be accepted for membership. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Being no further business, Mr. Duley adjourned the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Pullen, Church Clerk

**Minutes of the Church Business Meeting**  
**First Baptist Church of Tallahassee**  
**APRIL 30, 2014**

On April 30, 2014, Deacon Chair Richard Duley called the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee into business meeting.

Mr. Duley requested review and approval of the March 27, 2014 minutes. A motion was made and passed to approve the March minutes.

Mr. Duley recognized Finance Committee Chair Bill Gardner to present the March 2014 financial report. Mr. Gardner stated that Sunday we had the largest offering this year. We have an \$89,605 deficit year-to-date. The CLC is still struggling. Weekday is doing well. Food Service is breaking even. We are \$7000 below last year's receipts. We are at 95% of anticipated receipts which is the same as last year. Mr. Gardner, on behalf of the Finance Committee, made a motion that the financial report be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Duley presented the members of the Nominating Committee who are:

- Charles Maynard, Chairman
- James Craig
- Sarah Crane
- Erik Eikeland
- Patsy Faircloth
- Jean Fernald
- Sarah Latimer
- Wayne NeSmith
- Glenda Thompson

There are about 300 positions to be filled and also Deacon nominations. It was moved and seconded to accept the nominating committee.

Tim Barry talked about the Bill Glass Day of Champions. We are the host church. Volunteers are needed to give the inmates a message of hope. The event will take place May 31 with training on May 30. The deadline to register is May 7.

The Pastor's Report was presented by Todd Smith.

- Baptisms will be on May 4 and 11 and June 15
- First Step will be held on May 18 and June 22
- Weekday Pre-K Commencement will be in the Sanctuary on May 23 at 10 am
- A Full Summer to pack food will be at Lincoln High School on June 7 from 10-12
- Todd Smith presented 16 new members and 1 transfer for membership approval. A motion was made, seconded and adopted to accept them for membership.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lois Duley for Bob Pullen, Church Clerk

**Minutes of the Church Business Meeting  
First Baptist Church of Tallahassee  
MARCH 27 2014**

On March 27, 2014, Deacon Chair Richard Duley called the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee into business meeting.

Mr. Duley requested review and approval of the February 26, 2014 minutes. A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes.

Mr. Duley recognized Finance Committee Chair Bill Gardner to present the February 2014 financial report. Mr. Gardner stated that total receipts year-to-date are approximately \$40,000 more than last year. He said although expenses year-to-date are high, the deficit was reduced by \$2,181 in February. He pointed out that the CL continues to operate with a deficit and is a concern. He said the CLC committee is working on ways to increase revenue. Weekday Education and Food Services are doing well. Mr. Gardner reported that the consolidated deficit, which is the budget including Weekday Education and Food Services is down to \$44,800 and tithes and offerings are between 86-90% of the planned budget.

Mr. Gardner presented the following six items for approval:

1. A Full Summer Program (feeding program) in partnership with Second Harvest and St. John's Episcopal Church with a goal of \$12,500 and 200 volunteers. Half the cost (\$6,250) and half the volunteers are to be provided by FBC. The Missions Committee recommends a special offering to raise funds.
2. The sale of educational items at the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship organizational meeting to be held at FBC May 14-16, 2015.
3. Tip jars at the Haiti Fundraiser spaghetti luncheons on April 27.
4. Sale of Boston butts (\$30.00 each) for College Student Ministry fund raiser.
5. A love offering at the Music Ministry College Students' Crescendo Concert, March 30, 2014.
6. A freewill offering at the Tallahassee Boy's Choir concert to be held at FBC May 18, 2014.

Mr. Gardner, on behalf of the Finance Committee, made a motion that the financial report and the six fund raising items be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Duley recognized Dr. Bill Shiell to present the Pastor's Report.

- Dr. Shiell called on Zach Allen, Minister to College Students, to report on the spring break mission trip to Boston/Charlestown, Mass. Mr. Allen said thirty-three students made the trip. He reported they participated in the ministries of Hope Fellowship Church; helped in the preparation for a Bible study class at the New England Housing Project; took part in a homeless ministry; visited Bunker Hill Community College, a Brazilian church and a Haitian church.
- Dr. Shiell pointed out the opportunities on the meeting agenda. He highlighted the April 17, Living Last Supper (7 PM) which will require a free ticket. Tickets will be available Sunday, March 30.

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- He reported he had been on a retreat with the pastoral staff this week and the theme was “Life Together.” He said the fall planning emphasis is going to include “Life Groups” which will be off-site, outward focused groups that are designed to reach people for Christ. A planning ministry group has been formed to help implement a “Life Group Ministry” and in September church members will have an opportunity to get involved.
- Dr. Shiell presented 15 new members for membership approval. A motion was made, seconded and adopted to accept them for membership.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Pullen, Church Clerk

**Minutes of the Church Business Meeting  
First Baptist Church of Tallahassee  
May 28 2014**

On May 28, 2014, Deacon Chair Richard Duley called the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee into business meeting.

Mr. Duley requested review and approval of the April 30, 2014 minutes. A motion was made and passed to approve the April minutes.

Mr. Duley recognized Finance Committee Chair Bill Gardner to present the April 2014 financial report. Mr. Gardner reported that tithes and offerings at the end of April was \$65,000 above last year and as of last Sunday had increased to \$80,000. He said the other receipts total of \$29,479 included a \$25,000 transfer from the Endowment fund. He emphasized that while the trend is good, more is needed to meet the general budget since expenses for the year are \$49,379 over receipts received. The Christian Life Center also has a \$1,503 deficit for the year. He pointed out that Weekday Education and Food Services continue to have positive numbers with the Weekday Education receipts exceeding expenses by \$43,345 and Food Services receipts exceeding expenses by \$5,825. He said the net of General budget, Christian Life Center; Weekday Education and Food Services categories give us a total operating deficit of \$1,712 year-to-date. Mr. Gardner reported that the Finance Committee and the Property Committee are working on a number of items, including the sound system that will involve substantial expense.

Mr. Gardner, on behalf of the Finance Committee, made a motion that the financial report be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Duley recognized Kandi Winters to present the Endowment Committee report. Mr. Winters reviewed the Endowment Fund financial statement for the quarter ended March 31, 2014. She issued a reminder of the free Endowment Seminar to be held Tuesday, June 17 which will include a meal at 6:00 PM followed by a presentation at 6:45 PM by Mrs. Brenda McCollum an attorney and team strategist in the Endowment Giving Office of the Florida Baptist Convention. An RSVP is required. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the report.

Mr. Duley recognized Rhonda Smith, Minister to Children, to present a report on the Sabal Palm School Partnership. She said since the inception of the partnership a year ago, there has been many good works through God's leadership. She shared examples and expressed appreciation to those who are participating and encouraged those who are not to join in the ministry.

Mr. Duley recognized Dr. Bill Shiell to present the Pastor's Report.

- Dr. Shiell said he assisted in officiating at the May 23 weekday graduation for 27 children. This was a welcomed opportunity since one third of the weekday families are un-churched.
- He noted that the “Full Summer” joint effort with St. John’s Episcopal Church, Second Harvest and Leon County Schools to pack food for needy families will be held Saturday, June 7. Twenty additional volunteers are needed.

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- He issued a reminder that VBS/Sports Camp is coming up June 9-13. Brochures are available for distribution. All church members are encouraged to come to family night Friday, June 13 which will be a time to network.
- Dr. Shiell presented 12 new members for membership approval. A motion was made, seconded and adopted to accept them for membership.

Mr. Duley announced that the approved roof repairs to the Adams, Duval and Sanctuary buildings will begin after VBS.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Pullen, Church Clerk

Minutes of the Church Business Meeting  
First Baptist Church of Tallahassee  
June 25 2014

On June 25, 2014, Deacon Chair Richard Duley called the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee into business meeting.

Mr. Duley requested review and approval of the May 28, 2014 minutes. The minutes were amended to read Mrs. Winters under the Endowment Committee report. A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes as amended.

Bill Gardner, Finance Committee Chair, was recognized to present the May 2014 Financial Summary Report. He pointed out that progress continues in Tithes and Offerings with an increase over last year. The operating budget year-to-date has a \$42,137 deficit. The CLC Committee is working on ways to reduce the CLC deficit. Weekday Education continues to do well with receipts above last year. Mr. Gardner said upcoming weddings should help increase the income for Food Services. He stated that the Here for Life expenditure of \$13,205 was for architect fees related to the upcoming roof repairs.

Mr. Gardner, on behalf of the Finance Committee, made a motion that the financial report be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

Fran Buhler, Associate Pastor, presented the Pastor's Report.

- Josh Hall's Ordination Service is scheduled for August 10.
- Two hundred ninety-two children attended Vacation Bible School
- The Youth Choir had 63 participants in their recent tour to Tennessee
- One hundred twenty-five FBC volunteers participated in the "Full Summer" meal preparation and \$4,440 was contributed in donations.
- Thirty FBC volunteers participated in the Bill Glass Weekend. Seven different area facilities were visited with an inmate population of 7,446. First time decisions were made by 235 inmates and one corrections officer and there were more than 500 rededications.
- The Estate Planning Seminar was attended by 48 members and four staff.
- Our Youth Group is attending a Youth Camp at Toccoa Falls in north Georgia this week.
- Five new members were presented for membership approval -- two by baptism and three by transfer of letter. A motion was made, seconded and adopted to accept them for membership.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Pullen, Church Clerk



**Minutes of the Church Business Meeting  
First Baptist Church of Tallahassee  
August 27, 2014**

On August 27, 2014, Deacon Chair Richard Duley called the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee into business meeting.

Mr. Duley requested review and approval of the July 30, 2014 minutes. A motion was made and passed to approve the July minutes.

Bill Gardner, Finance Committee Chair, reviewed highlights of the July 2014 Financial Summary Report. July was a good month. Total receipts have increased 6% over the prior year and actual expenses are below budgeted expenses. The tithes and offerings year-to-date are 95% of budget. CLC continues to be a concern. Weekday Education is doing well with increased receipts. Food Services is meeting the goal of breaking even for the year. The Here For Life Fund balance will be spent for the roof repairs currently underway.

Mr. Gardner noted the special called business meeting date of September 17 to vote on the proposed sale of residential property that was given to the church last year. An offer has been received to purchase the property. Church by-laws require before selling any real property, such proposed action has to be published at least two weeks prior to the date of the business meeting at which a vote of the membership is to be taken. He said the special business meeting will be in lieu of the regularly scheduled September 24 meeting. Normal business will also be conducted at that time. Mr. Gardner, on behalf of the Finance Committee, made a motion that the financial report be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

Carl Monson, Endowment Committee Chair, presented the Endowment Fund Financial Statement. Mr. Monson said the format of the report is different so a comparison can be made for twelve month rather than six months. The negative amount of \$43,985 for the year ended June 30, 2014 was a result of the amount distributed to the church budget this year. The loan receivable amount of \$300,000 was the loan made to the church at a 4% interest rate. The total distribution of endowment fund assets to specified funds and the general budget for 2013 was \$46,667; \$48,858 for 2014 and \$52,694 proposed for 2015. Mr. Monson made a motion that the endowment fund report be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

Bill Smith, on behalf of the Property Committee, presented a brochure listing needed facility updates and repairs over the next 3-5 years with project costs. The purpose of the brochure is to generate discussion and feedback from the membership in helping to establish direction and prioritization of future projects. Some of the projects are already underway and many of the small projects will be completed on the "Helping Hand" work days by church members.

Dr. Shiell presented the Pastor's Report.

- Good progress is being made on the Executive Pastor search and a report is forthcoming
- Upon Fran Buhler's retirement, staff assignments during the transition will include Todd Smith working with age 40-70 SMBS classes; Jenna Young working with 70+ age groups as well as pastoral care; Zach Allen working with First Love and calendar coordination; Josh Hall will be launching Life Groups this fall; Rhonda Smith working with the Missions Committee and Dr. Shiell working with the Nominating Committee
- There was a good start with Fall Promotion Sunday. Those interested in "greeter ministry" should contact Roy Story. "Sidewalk greeters" are needed.
- Go Week Friday and the weekend Deacon Retreat were tremendous successes
- The successful Sabal Palm Ministry begins its 2<sup>nd</sup> year
- On Wednesday evening, September 3, a new preschool program will begin designed to reach weekday families and young families
- A new Wednesday evening Bible Study Series "Challenge of the Gospel" begins September 3
- The September calendar of events was reviewed
- Six new members were presented for membership approval – all by Statement of Faith. A motion was made, seconded and adopted to accept them for membership.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Pullen, Church Clerk

**Minutes of the Church Business Meeting**  
**First Baptist Church of Tallahassee**  
**July 30, 2014**

On July 30, 2014, Deacon Chair Richard Duley called the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee into business meeting.

Mr. Duley requested review and approval of the June 25, 2014 minutes. A motion was made and passed to approve the June minutes.

Bill Gardner, Finance Committee Chair, reviewed highlights of the June 2014 Financial Summary Report. The giving trend in tithes and offerings continues to improve over last year with an increase of \$82,000 year-to-date. The month of July giving has been very good. For the first six months of the year, expenses have been \$300,000 more than last year. The CLC continues to be a concern and the deficit is about the same as last year. Weekday Education is doing exceptionally well. The goal for Food Services remains the same; break even for the year. Some of the funds from the \$138,832 balance in the Here for Life Campaign Account will soon be spent on approved projects.

Mr. Gardner reported that two new 15-passenger buses have been leased for five years at less than \$700 per month for each bus. He provided the following 2015 budget preparation dates:

- September 12 – Finance Committee Workshop
- October 20 – Presentation to Deacons
- November 2 – Presentation for church-wide discussion
- November 9 – Church vote without discussion at both worship services

Mr. Gardner, on behalf of the Finance Committee, made a motion that the financial report be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

Chairman Duley presented a Sanctuary Sound System recommendation. He advised that the Property Committee and the Finance Committee had approved a Phase I project in the amount of \$120,000. The funding source will be a \$50,000 designated gift and the Church's line of credit. Sound system improvements will include the following:

- The patch bay
- The house speakers
- The wiring
- The automation of the sound board for small house sound needs
- The choir loft speakers
- The foyer, baptistery and hallway speakers

In response to an inquiry he advised that future project phases will include TV and lighting improvements. Mr. Duley made a motion to approve the Phase I project. The motion was seconded and passed.

Chairman Duley announced that an Endowment Fund has been established to honor Fran Buhler upon his retirement. Church members are encouraged to make their donations to the Endowment Fund goal of \$25,000 prior to Fran's retirement on August 24.

John Schambacher was recognized to report on the third floor Duval Wing AC analysis. Prior to giving the AC analysis, he stated that the roofing repair project has started and is scheduled to be completed in three months unless delayed by weather conditions. The Property Committee and the Finance Committee have approved the recommendation to hire the H2 Engineering Company to design a new AC system for the third floor Duval Wing. The cost of \$27,914 includes design, bidding process and construction administration. The preliminary estimate for the cost of the entire project is \$300,000. The funding source will be the Church's line of credit. Mr. Schambacher made a motion that the recommendation to spend \$27,914 to hire the H2 Engineering Company be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

Charles Maynard was called on to make the Nominating Committee report. He noted that the majority of the SMBS leadership, WOM and Ministry group positions have been filled. He submitted the report for approval. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the report. Mr. Maynard advised that Deacon Nominations will begin Sunday, August 3 and conclude Sunday, August 17. Nominations forms are available in the foyer, the welcome center and on line.

Dr. Shiell presented the Pastor's Report.

- There were 50 participants on the Builders for Christ trip.
- The nine mission volunteers in Haiti have ministered to 90 children in VBS and there have been five professions of faith.
- Attention was directed to the Church activity dates for August and September. It was noted that the September 6 date for the newly named "Helping Hand Day", formerly "Love First" was not listed.
- Ten new members were presented for membership approval -- two by baptism, five by transfer of letter and three by associate membership. A motion was made, seconded and adopted to accept them for membership.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Pullen, Church Clerk

**Minutes of the Church Special Called and Monthly Business Meeting  
First Baptist Church of Tallahassee  
September 17, 2014**

On September 17, 2014, Deacon Chair Richard Duley called the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee into business meeting.

Mr. Duley requested review and approval of the August 27, 2014 minutes. A motion was made and passed to approve the August minutes.

Bill Gardner, Finance Committee Chair, reviewed highlights of the August 2014 Financial Summary Report. Tithes and offerings for the month were \$51,798 more than last year. For the period August 31, 2013 to August 31, 2014, tithes and offerings have increased 16%. The deficit for the same period last year has been reduced from \$174,000 to \$108,000 this year. Designated gifts received include \$18,300 given to the Fran Buhler Endowment Fund. While the CLC had a deficit for the month, he pointed out that without janitorial contract expenses being reimbursed to the general budget there would not be a deficit, but an excess. Weekday Education continues to have excess receipts over expenses. Food Services is meeting the goal of breaking even since ministries using the services are now allocating funds to cover their costs. The Here for Life fund balance has been spent for the first draw on the roof repairs. The remaining costs will come from the church line of credit. Mr. Gardner, on behalf of the Finance Committee, made a motion that the financial report be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Gardner presented a request for a love offering to be taken at the FAMU Concert Choir event to be held in the Church Sanctuary on a future date. The original date of October 19 had to be cancelled because of a conflict. On behalf of the Finance Committee he made a motion that the request be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Gardner reported that last October, the Church received a contribution of a residential real estate lot. The Finance Committee voted to accept the gift and immediately list the property for sale. An offer of \$25,000 has been received. There will be a \$3,000 cost related to the sale of the property. On behalf of the Finance Committee he made a motion that sale of the property be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Shiell recommended for affirmation the call of John Rice as Executive Pastor. He reviewed Pastor Rice's background and outlined the duties he will perform. Dr. Shiell made a motion of affirmation to accept John Rice as Executive Pastor. The motion was seconded and adopted. Pastor Rice will assume the position October 5, 2014.

Dr. Shiell presented the Pastor's Report.

- There were 80 participants involved in the Life Group Training Weekend. They will be commissioned Sunday, September 21.
- The Single Focus and Senior Adults Retreat will be September 26-28. Dr. Shiell will be the guest speaker. The subject being "Power of God's Forgiveness, the Heart of the Matter Past, Present and Forever".
- The First Joy Choir and friends will depart on a mission trip to Maine October 6 and return on October 11. They will be working with a Baptist church. Those attending will be commissioned October 5.
- Faith, Food, Friday begins October 10 and concludes April 10, 2015. Dr. Shiell will be moderator for the first two sessions, "Us vs. Them" on October 10 and "When God Talks Back" November 14.
- First Love, October 25, sign up is underway.
- Eleven new members were presented for membership approval – one by baptism, one by statement of faith, five by letter and four by statement of faith and letter. A motion was made, seconded and adopted to accept them for membership.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Pullen, Church Clerk

Minutes of the Monthly Business Meeting  
First Baptist Church of Tallahassee  
October 29, 2014

On October 29, 2014, Deacon Chair Richard Duley called the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee into business meeting.

Mr. Duley requested review and approval of the September 17, 2014 minutes. A motion was made and passed to approve the September minutes.

A nominating committee report was presented by Charles Maynard. A motion was made and passed to approve the Supplemental List of 2014-15 SMBS Leadership Confirmations on page 4. The list of 15 deacons to begin service in January 2015 was presented. The 2015 Church Officers to serve for one year was presented. The church trustees and secretary listed on page 10 were also presented. Dave Westberry was presented as the Chair Elect of deacons. Jim English will replace Lorne Shackelford as head of the security patrol. A motion was made and passed to accept the committees as presented.

A Strategic Planning Committee were presented to serve for one year. A motion was made and passed to accept the Strategic Planning Committee.

Bill Gardner, Finance Committee Chair, reviewed highlights of the September Financial Summary Report. In September we received 90-95% of the budgeted amount. The CLC is a little over budget. Weekday education is doing well. Food service is doing well. Food prices are going up. It was approved by the finance committee to raise the price of the Senior Adult Luncheons from \$5 to \$6. A motion was made and passed by the general membership to approve this increase. Mr. Gardner, on behalf of the Finance Committee, made a motion that the financial report be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Shiell presented the Pastor's Report:

- The roof project has been completed
- Kelly from Pro Sound is here making final adjustments to the new sound system
- First Joy had wonderful mission trip to Maine and plans to share their concert with us possibly November 19
- A dozen life groups are in various stages of forming and meeting
- 400 volunteers served on First Love projects on October 25
- The youth retreat is November 1 and 2
- The young adults will go to the Beale Farm on November 1
- The weekday fall carnival in November 7
- November 9 is Heritage Sunday. Members with over 50 years will be recognized
- The next Pastor's Class will be November 16
- Free tickets will be available starting November 12 for the Christmas Musical on December 14
- Ten new members were presented for membership approval-one by baptism, one by statement of faith, one associate member and seven by letter. A motion was made, seconded and adopted to accept them for membership.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

By Lois Duley for Bob Pullen, Church Clerk

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Monthly Business Meeting

First Baptist Church of Tallahassee

November 19, 2014

On November 19, 2014, Deacon Chair Richard Duley called the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee into business meeting.

Mr. Duley requested review and approval of the October 29, 2014 minutes. A motion was made and passed to approve the October minutes.

Charles Maynard presented Jeff Crew to serve as a deacon for one year to fill the unexpired term of Ted Lane. A motion was made and passed to accept Jeff Crew.

Bill Gardner, Finance Committee Chair, reviewed highlights of the October Financial Summary Report. October was not a good month. Expenses were up by \$44,000 and tithes and offerings were down by \$15,000. Mr. Gardner presented four items for approval by the general membership.

1. The Praise Team is having a retreat November 21 and 22. They are asking for permission for Kirk Kirkland to sell CDs in the Welcome Center.
2. The Youth Choir Reunion would like to take a love offering to offset the choir trip.
3. The Youth Choir trip will be to New Orleans in June 2015. They will not be passing out coin jars this year, but will have the dessert theatre and silent auction to raise funds.
4. Zach Allen, Minister to College Students is planning a college trip to Boston. He would like to sell Boston Butts in March to raise funds for the trip.

Mr. Gardner recommended approval of these four items. The motion was seconded and approved.

Mr. Gardner, on behalf of the Finance Committee, made a motion that the financial report be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

Executive Pastor's Report by John Rice: The Annual Report was completed this past month and includes many eternal numbers.

33 believers were baptized

128 new members were added

407 first time guests were welcomed

419 people participated and accomplish 54 First Love Projects

20 Life Groups were formed to reach lost people

Advent Key Dates:

- Hanging of the Green: November 30 A 6:00 p.m.
- Winterfest and Ring in the Season: December 6 starting @ 4:00 p.m.



- Breakfast in Bethlehem: December 13 @ 9:30 a.m. – encourage basketball, weekday and VBS children to attend
- Christmas Musical: December 14 @ 6:00 p.m.
- Christmas Eve Services: 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- Seven new members were presented for membership approval

Remember the endowment fund for year-end gifts. Help us finish the Fran & Nancy Buhler Fund.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

By Lois Duley for Bob Pullen, Church Clerk

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 17 at 6:00 p.m.

## Minutes of the Special Church Business Meeting

First Baptist Church of Tallahassee

November 2, 2014

On November 2, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., Deacon Chair Richard Duley called the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee into a special business meeting to review and discuss the proposed church budget for 2015. He recognized Finance Committee Chair Bill Gardner to lead the discussion.

Mr. Gardner began by reading 2 Corinthians 8:18-20: *(18) And we have sent along with him the brother whose fame in the things of the gospel has spread through all the churches; (19) and not only this, but he has also been appointed by the churches to travel with us in this gracious work, which is being administered by us for the glory of the Lord Himself, and to show our readiness, (20) taking precaution that no one should discredit us in our administration of this generous gift;*

Mr. Gardner expressed his feeling that the Finance Committee has done a good job in looking after the financial interest of the church. He said that the booklet that has been prepared gives a good summary of the proposed budget. He invited members to ask questions at any time during the review of the proposal. Then he gave a description of how expected income is determined:

- Budget is prepared by Pastor and staff, then given to the Finance Committee
- Considered the history of the last budget: the increase in giving was 9% so a budget was prepared reflecting a 9% increase.
- The budget receives 4% of the income from the Endowment Fund
- The church gets other income from various sources such as estate gifts, parking space rental, donated real estate sales, etc.
- It was decided that the budget would not be balanced by using the Rainy Day Fund.

The budget proposal for Mission Ministries was reviewed, and it was noted that any decreases in the various mission budgets are due to specific requests by the committees and coordinators of those ministries. Then the budget proposals for Pastoral and Education Ministry, operations, administration, personnel, and debt service were reviewed.

After some brief discussion, Deacon Chair Richard Duley recessed the meeting until Sunday, November 9, 2014. At both the traditional and contemporary services, the business meeting will be called back to order, and a motion to approve will be voted upon. There will be no discussion at that time.

Respectfully submitted by:

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