

November 5, 2011
Cherry Log Christian Church
Board Meeting
Minutes

Ham Kimzey opened the meeting and Sharon Meek brought us a moving devotional. She focused on how we as “church” continue to strive to live in the image of God.

There was a **motion and second to approve the minutes**. They were unanimously approved with no discussion.

Ham Kimzey referred to the consent agenda which consists of reports that require no board action. These are all posted on line. He invited comments from anyone wanting to discuss any of the items. There was no discussion. There was a **motion and a second to approve the consent agenda**. It was approved by unanimous vote.

We moved to the discussion agenda. The first item was Treasurers report by Byron Wyndham. Byron Wyndham walked us through the Analysis of Revenues and Expenses – Summary Oct. 11, 2011 which is attached to the minutes. The following were some of his comments: We have improved since last year. We continue to be able to pay our bills—the operating budget revenues keep pace with expenses; however sometimes the capital revenues has fallen short of expenses throughout much of the year. With the conclusion of the recent capital campaign, however, these revenues for October are in line with expenses. **There was a motion (no second needed) to accept the treasurer’s report**. After some general discussion the motion was approved with one dissenting vote.

Jim Self reported that the stewardship/finance committee is working with Church Extension to reduce our loan payments. This is a slow process but we have made some success. We are paying \$16,000 for the consulting services for our capitol campaign. Church Extension has agreed that we can pay it off at \$1000 per month and \$550 of that \$1000 goes to pay down our capital debt. Currently our pledges do not meet our obligations. We are about \$52,000 short annually.

Budget discussion:

There was a discussion about the discrepancy in the amounts of money given to the Gilmer food pantry and the Fannin food pantry. Gilmer receives \$6000 and Fannin receives only \$3000. Efforts will be made to go back through the committee to make a more equitable distribution. There

are 76 families from Fannin and 83 from Gilmer in our congregation using a most recent listing from Malinda.

Jack Senterfitt explained that the line for bereavement was established to provide a set amount of money for providing for families who hold services in our church. The family can decide to spend the money for lunch for the family or lesser fare for all attendees.

There were suggestions that we update the congregation regularly with a budget summary. The summary could accompany the budget with verbal explanations telling why in some areas lines were increased or decreased .

Ann Doster expressed the idea that more money could be placed in the budget for elders and deacons to take workshops.

We discussed the fact that we have a congregational meeting on Nov. 20 and the budget must be given out two weeks before that meeting. We might not be ready to do that in only two weeks.

Bill Thompson suggested an expense report that tells how the money was spent in each line. Jim Self will check to see if this can be provided easily for Bill and other committees too.

Susan Pleasant brought up the fact that we have a need for stewardship and no one is working on it at the moment. Bill Groce said that stewardship might need to be broken off from finance.

Sharon Meek noted that the graphics were great for the capital campaign and made things clear. She suggested that maybe there was a way to incorporate similar graphics into the operating campaign.

Susan moved that the exec committee appoint a stewardship committee until the by laws were completed. Motion was later withdrawn. Bill Groce said that many churches used the word "Giving" or Giving Campaign" rather than stewardship. There are people not accustomed to that meaning of stewardship.

Jack Senterfitt said they are looking at separating the stewardship and finance committee in the new constitution and by laws but currently they are in the same committee. There is no need to appoint a new committee. The current constitution gives stewardship to Jim Self's committee. Ham asked if there were volunteers with a passion for stewardship who would work with Jim's committee. Jack Westbrook, Bill

Thompson and Susan Pleasant agreed to help. Ham will meet with the committee. The work needs to be immediate.

Ann Doster mentioned having "Mission Minutes" to give meaning to the campaign and the numbers.

Jim reported that the goal for our budget is \$375,125. **There was a motion and a second that the budget be accepted** with some changes (but no overall increases) within individual line items possible as committees refine their budgets. It was unanimously accepted.

Charlie McCann reported from the property committee. The first item was issues surrounding the floor peeling up. Byron and Lynn have worked to get a suit filed against the manufacturers and installers Mohawk and Beckler. Lynn has worked with a lawyer, David Blevins. He charges \$200 per hour and a \$5000 retainer fee. He has agreed to cut his retainer to \$3000 for us. Ann Doster has the name of a second attorney who handled this type of legislation. We decided to go with the committee recommendation of David Blevins. **Bill Groce made a motion that we approve the \$200 per hour and \$3000 for retainer and an additional @2000 as needed.** If additional money is needed Charlie would have to return to the board for permission. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Charlie noted that we are considering upgrading to commercial tile for our replacement. Ida Anne and Jennifer suggested that we look at concrete floors where appropriate. Jennifer knows someone who does these types of floors for a good price.

Charlie said that there were people here from Thompson Heating and Air looking at our system. We may be looking at spending more money to correct the problem we are currently having. He wanted the board to know that an expense might be coming in this area.

Charlie pointed out that if we acquire the little white house we will need about \$7500 for improvements including heating and air, electricity and other miscellaneous repairs. His question was where will that money come from since it is currently not budgeted. Bill Groce said that there were pledges in the approximate amount of \$4500 for that purpose already designated. Charlie said they could work with that.

That brought up the question of where the money would come from to pay for the lawyer handling our tile suit. It was agreed that it would come out of the general fund.

There was a general round of applause for Lynn Doss, Byron Wyndham, and Larry Hanson for the work they had done to get the suit filed and to do it quickly for us.

Mac McRoberts gave the nominating committee report. Positions filled were listed on his report. There are two positions still needing leadership. One is Wellness and the other is Evangelism.

Jack Senterfitt thanked the nomination committee for the hard work they had done. Mac thanked the board for the great committee he had to work with. **A motion was made to accept the report recognizing that those two positions would need to be filled. Motion passed unanimously.**

After a short discussion there was a motion to move the congregational meeting to Dec 12 so that the stewardship would have time to get information out to the congregation. The motion was passed unanimously.

Ham adjourned the meeting with the singing of "Blest Be the tide that Binds."

We had a quorum (22) along with four proxy votes (Donna Foley, Nancy Blackadar, Cindy Avens, Dick Zelle). Attendees were as follows:

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| 1. Ham Kimzey | 18. Jack Senterfitt |
| 2. Jane Kimzey | 19. Ann Doster |
| 3. Sharon Meek | 20. Tom Mitchell |
| 4. Cheri Thompson | 21. Jan Mitchell visitor |
| 5. Bill Thompson | 22. Jim Self |
| 6. Ronald Midkiff | 23. Carolyn McGinnis |
| 7. Susan Pleasant | 24. Bill Groce |
| 8. Judy Wyndham | 25. Kathy Knox |
| 9. Bryon Wyndham | 26. Mac McRoberts |
| 10. Bill Cox | 27. Nancy Porter |
| 11. Mike Smith | 28. Bob Clark visitor |
| 12. Charlie McCann | Proxies votes: |
| 13. Kenny Neal | Donna Foley |
| 14. Ida Anne Clark visitor | Nancy Blackadar |
| 15. Lynn Doss | Cindy Avens |
| 16. Charles Argo | Dick Zelle |
| 17. David Griffin | |

Submitted by Jane Kimzey