



Elders Meeting 9/18/17

Attendance

T. Perkins, A. Stafford , D. Dunnam, J. Roberson, E. Allen, H. Dean, M. Loolara, T. Thompson, A. Hunter

Opening Prayer

I Financial Update

Mrs. Amy Hunter presented and reviewed the financials for the month of August.

- **General Fund = \$475K, Designated = \$306K, Disaster Relief = \$433K, ELC = \$64K**
 - Reviewed separate statement that listed all of the Disaster Relief monies to date including, Income, Expense Categories, Total Expense and Net Income.
- **Disaster Relief – Statement as of**
 - Total Balance as of 8/1/17 = \$452K
 - Total Month Donations = \$7K
 - Total Expenses = \$26K
 - Net Balance 8/31/17 = \$433
- **Church Month Expenses = \$192K, Giving = \$189K , Variance = (-\$3K)**
- **Current Building Note Balance – \$3,960,560**
- Reviewed Monthly Bank Statements, P&L, Income Statement, as well as Offering Statement YTD.

II Auditors

Chris Johnson from Phil Hebert, CPA attended the meeting and presented the financial statements for the period ending 12/31/16. The audit went very well with only a few areas that were noted as recommendations for improved record keeping. Those recommendations are on file at the GSBC church office.

III Devotional & Prayer

Matthew 13:33

³³ Another parable He spoke to them: “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures^[a] of meal till it was all leavened.”

Bro Tony shared: “Many times in the bible leaven represented evil or impurity. One would clean the house to get rid of any signs of leaven, make the unleavened bread. In this passage a little bit of leaven in three measures of meal was good. We are here in this world Christians and represent the “little bit of leaven” that needs to be in the meal of the world to influence the world. God use us as we are here in the world but not of the world. Many times we may feel that we are in the minority but we do have the power to influence through His strength”.

IV Ministry Update

a. Baptism / Membership

- August = 6
- Jan –Aug = 29
- Oct 22nd new members breakfast

b. Pastors / Briefing & Truth Conference

- **Pastors Briefing** –there were 100 in attendance and this event was in conjunction with the FRC. The Attorney Gen. was in attendance as well as Will Hall who spoke from the La Baptist Convention. The culture Impact team served at this event.
- **Truth conference** – we thought this event went very well. Tony was very pleased. We had a good overall good and all of the volunteers did well. Everyone that came was very appreciative and little over 400 came through the door. We will be looking at a date for the Truth Conference in 2018th

c. Son Day – Oct 7

- Serve Your Neighbor Day – getting with Sunday school classes. Internal and external. October

V Budgetary Items

- #### a. Refinance of Loan
- we are currently looking for a new 10 year amortized loan. One of the conditions for our review will be to take in an current audit report. Phil Hebert CPA has

completed the audit and has our Financial Statements completed as of 12/31/16. Bro. Dale Dunnam and Bro. Michael Loolara are currently working with Whitney Bank for the new loan. Our current loan is due 10 of 2019 but we are looking for a better rate at this time and one that we can get the building paid off.

b. Termite Treatment

- We have issues with termites
- Student building with damage guarantee –look at scanned item

VI New Member Process

VII Pastor Search Update

Bro Ernie – We received an update from Bro Ernie Allen. He informed us that the PST will be going to see someone this week and that they have been viewing him over the internet. They will also be visiting with his family. This man was in their top list of candidates and was actually number 5. They like the way he presents his message and seems to be more of an evangelistic type of preacher. Has never worked with an Elder board but indicated that he didn't think he would have an issue with this type of government.

VIII New Business

- **Missions Meeting** -meeting for next Sunday for the TN trip. 9/24
 - **October 15th – 19th** – church will pay for a van
 - **Operation Christmas Child** - \$5,000 to be donated from Missions
- **Houston Mission Trip** –folks were going to Houston to work with Samaritan's Purse.
- **Dr. Dean** -11 -12 lights out in the auditorium. Looking at the entire lighting program in the sanctuary. May look at scaffolding.

Facilities Update – Bro Andy

- **HVAC Issues / Education building** – Fans installed in the ceiling area that should take care of the condensation issue.

Closing Prayer