

South Street Christian Church Board Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2007, 5:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES: George Latimer, Evelyn Nichols, Janet Given, Drew Thompson, Aaron Scott, Barby Stark, Traci Hoffman, Mike Hoffman, Andy Squires, Jenny Day, Terry Egan, Cindy Summers, Shirley Hutchison, Kristina Gardner, Joan Hampton, Donna Jones, David Hutchison, Al Manning, Elizabeth Manning, Joe Greene, Wordy Buckner, Richard Nichols, John Holder, Mary Holder, Frank Wann, Harold Hoffman

Frank Wann, board chairman, opened the meeting with a prayer.

Corrections

- Under “New Business” header, correction to the “Drives” point: We do not have a full promise from the city to redo the drive and sidewalks – just the sidewalks.
 - Under “New Business” header, corrections to grammar on the “Sanctuary” point to read “currently superficial but the insulation underneath should be addressed”
 - Under “New Business” header, total cost for capital campaign should be \$400,000 to \$500,000.
 - Under “Ministers’ Report,” General Assembly is held at Ft. Smith, Texas.
- Cindy Summers made a motion to accept the minutes as correction; seconded by Kristina Gardner; approved by voice vote.

Treasurer’s Report

Richard Nichols reported that the checking account is overdrawn on paper but money has been transferred from the money market. There have been a lot of miscellaneous designated memorials. For the capital campaign, two payments have already been made to the contractor with money leftover. Giving and expenses are below budget, but that is typical of the first quarter. Outreach expenses are very low.

Committee Reports

Education, Lisa McGeehee

Lisa and Tammy Parish submitted a written report, reading:

- Jenny Price has been hired to teach the Toddler Class. Anna Robb has moved from Toddlers to the Beginnings Class to replace Ruth Arce.
- Summer Sunday programming for kids will begin June 3, with regular fall programming to resume on September 3.
- Volunteers are still needed for the library.
- The Easter egg hunt will be next Sunday, April 1, immediately after the worship service.

Vision, Jon Ames

Janet Given reports that downtown outreach ideas continue, including work on direct mail marketing. George Latimer reports that the Cougar Supper Club is wonderful.

Membership, Paula Millsap

Frank reports that they have bus drivers through June but will need more thereafter.

Memorials & Stewardship, Chelly Bennett

There are \$16,211.12 currently in memorials. There also happens to be a need for a new paper folder in the office. Carol Thomas received bids for a folder from several sources, the best

being \$2,358.75 from Robinnett Business Systems. Frank proposes using memorial funds for a new folder and including maintenance for the folder in the budget, amounting to \$200 a year. Shirley Hutchison made a motion to use memorial funds to purchase a new folder; seconded by Traci Hoffman; approved by voice vote.

Frank also proposed using memorial funds for a new dishwasher in the main kitchen. A reconditioned washer with warrant is about \$3,000, but it was suggested that up to \$5,000 should be allotted. Joan Hampton recommended not “going cheap” for equipment that the church will have for a long time. On that note, George suggested moving the old unit to the Historical Room. Joan Hampton recommended not “going cheap” for equipment that the church will have for a long time. On that note, George suggested moving the old unit to the Historical Room. Traci made a motion to use up to \$5,000 of memorial funds to purchase a new dishwasher, amended by Richard Nichols to use undesignated memorial funds; Terry Egan seconded the amended motion; approved by voice vote.

Fellowship, Bonnie Baumberger

Frank reports that a good number attended the St. Patrick’s Day dinner and suggested sending Carol Thomas a thank you card for her cooking. The next dinners are a Maundy Thursday potluck and a pancake dinner on April 15.

Outreach, Traci Hoffman

The food pantry at St. Agnes is going well, but volunteers are needed. A special Easter offering will be collected the next two Sundays. Cindy Summers and Traci are going to a women’s retreat. Church World Service has a shortage of school kits and will be taking a collection in May. SSCC typically donates 100 kits, but she suggested collecting money to donate to CWS because it is not cheap to purchase school supplies right now.

Property, Mike Hoffman

No report, though Frank says Mike now has lots of experience grinding out stumps after removing trees that were damaged during the ice storm.

Worship, Cindy Summers

The Lenten Season is going well thanks to the ministers. The music has been marvelous – especially when an absent Mark Given played “Share Your Faith” at worship this Sunday.

Elders, Teresa Counterman

No report.

Trustees, Jack Vaughan

Frank reports that there are still two cemetery lots for sales. Jack and Raylene Appleby are still working on insurance for the church.

Serving Diaconate, Kristina Gardner

“We’re good.”

CWF, Shirley Hutchison

No report.

Disciples Men, David Hutchison

No report.

Historian, Irene Palmer

No report.

Foundation, Joe Greene

No report.

Old Business

Old Business will be included in the New Business (further discussions on the capital campaign).

New Business

Capital Campaign

George Latimer reported that no one has been designated as the chair of the Capital Campaign Planning Committee. He passed around handouts with items, their cost, and a list of the projects in four prioritized phases. The project figures are not exact, and no firm estimate has been received from Jack Hood, the architect SSCC is working with at Hood Rich. The committee recommends letting Jack Hood use contractors on a cost plus basis, allowing him to supervise the project and avoid the bidding process. The tuck pointing is almost done.

Traci Hoffman pointed out that George has stepped up to lead the committee, and George added that Andy Squires has put in lots of time and effort. Frank has names for the committee. The proposal for the capital campaign must be taken to the congregation for approval. It will work like a typical capital campaign, in which giving is additional to members' annual pledge. Evelyn made the motion to take the proposal to the congregation; John Holder seconded; motion was approved by voice vote.

Notes on the Capital Needs Assessment and Schedule handouts:

- Parlor Kitchen: CWF has about \$8,500 in funds available to use if approved.
- Playground: The \$25,000 is UCCC's contribution.
- Wordy Buckner asked if the choir loft renovations were included in the capital campaign. George said the money has already been budgeted for the renovations and not included in the capital campaign.
- Phase 3: Will be more along the lines of \$120,000.
- Phase 3: Bus committee met today and vetoed purchasing a used bus.
- Phase 3: A new garage would be built large enough to accommodate a bus.
- Phase 4: The drive-through canopy would be 14–15 feet tall, large enough for a bus to pull through.
- There is already money designated for the capital campaign because people contributed last year in anticipation of the campaign.

Nominating Committee Report

Drew Thompson, committee chairman, submitted a list of nominations and thanked the members of the committee for their help. He asked the board to allow the nominating committee to reconvene to replace names due to the following amendments – Larry Claypool (Elders Class of 2010) requested his name be removed and Tyler Jenkins (Youth Diaconate Class of 2008) has not responded to accept nomination. Upon reconvening, the committee will add the name of a new

elder and youth diaconate. Kristina Gardner made a motion to allow the Nominating Committee to reconvene; Al Manning seconded; approved by voice vote. Drew made a motion to the board to accept the list of nominations (with approval of amendments by the board chair); Joan Hampton seconded; approved by voice vote.

Bus Committee Report

John Holder, committee chairman, reported that the committee met today and submitted a report on what the church needs the bus for, features needed and a suggested model. The committee recommended a new, 2006 Ford 14 passengers bus (so a commercial driver's license is not required) with a gasoline engine, automatic transmission, power brakes and power steering for \$45,950.00.

Notes on Bus Committee Report discussion:

- Drew Thompson asked if the suggested bus would be handicap accessible; John responded that making it accessible would take away two seats and add \$5,000 to \$5,500 to the cost. He recommended saving the money and seating for now until there was a larger need.
- David Hutchison asked if the suggested bus was more accessible than the current bus; John responded that it is, thanks in part to a different type of door and a kick-out step that makes it easier to get in and out of the bus.
- Andy Squires asked if the suggested bus was of normal height; John responded that it is a little shorter than the current bus. There is not an external air conditioning unit, reducing the clearance of the bus.
- Joan Hampton asked if the suggested bus had arm rests; John responded that they are included.
- Donna Jones asked if the price of the suggested bus included signage; John responded that vinyl signage is not included and that they would find out how much it might be.
- Kristina Gardner asked if there have been requests for wheelchair access; George responded that there have been a couple of people that have needed access in the past several years.

Ministers' Report

George added to the recap of the recent mission trip, saying that another trip is already in discussions. Shirley commented on God's Katrina Kitchen. Evelyn said all who went felt blessed to be apart of the trip and that there was a lot of damage to the people who lived there. George reported that registration is now open for the youth mission trip in the summer. He mentioned that Larry Claypool, who requested his name removed from the nominated Elders class, has heart issues and would like to be an elder but can't make the commitment because he does not know what is next for his health.

Janet reported on the upcoming events at the church:

- The Drury University Signers and Chamber Choir will be performing during the April 15 service.
- The dulcimer player who performed at the Christmas Eve service will return for the April 22 service.
- There is no Celebration! service in April. The next Celebration! service is May 13.
- Conni Ess' ordination service is scheduled for May 13 at 3:00 P.M.

George dismissed the board meeting with a prayer.