

## **Cliffview Chapel Baptist Church Church Business Meeting February 7, 2021**

Pastor Hounshell called the meeting to order at 11:28 with excerpts of scripture from 1Corinthians 11:17 and 14:26 highlighting the theme of coming together. He emphasized the importance of church assembly, especially during the pandemic. He reminded the attendees that the church is only a church when assembled which is the reason for the building project being titled "A Place to Gather and Grow."

### **Old Business**

Katherine Van Hagan began reading the minutes from the business meeting from February 9, 2020. Pastor Hounshell asked for a motion to waive the reading of these minutes and accept them as written. Bruce J. Davis made a motion, Pat Thompson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Katherine Van Hagan began reading the minutes from the business meeting from August 30, 2020. Pastor Hounshell asked for a motion to waive the reading of these minutes and accept them as written. Gerald Guinn made a motion, Alwyn Goodall seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Katherine Van Hagan began reading the minutes from the business meeting from November 22, 2020. Pastor Hounshell asked for a motion to waive the reading of these minutes and accept them as written. Bruce J. Davis made a motion, Janet Copp seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Pastor Hounshell instructed the ushers Gerald Guinn and Peter Goetzinger to distribute the income and expense report, annual report and building fund report to the members present. He cautioned the attendees that materials are confidential and are to be disposed of/safeguarded properly. He also reminded those present that only eligible members can make a motion or vote. He provided a brief overview of how to attain membership.

Pastor Hounshell provided a broad overview of the income and expense report and the annual report. He noted that there was a small decrease in general offerings, however, it is expected that the total would fluctuate each year due to relocation and death of attendees. He highlighted some of the entries, including transfers to the building fund. He noted that funds are transferred from the general offering account to the building fund if the amount exceeds 3-4 months of reserve to cover church expenses. He also indicated that there have been special offerings dedicated to the building fund which were transferred accordingly since the church is engaged in a building project.

Pastor Hounshell asked if there were any questions. Alwyn Goodall noted that the general offerings were lower than the prior year and was concerned that attendees may be shifting their tithing to support the building project. His exception was noted, and attendees were reminded to honor the Lord's tithe first prior to other gifting.

Bruce L. Davis inquired as to the reason why the \$143,075 was deposited directly to the building fund instead of being routed through the general offering account. Pastor Hounshell stated that these funds were received in a different way and it made most sense to immediately allocate them to the project.

Pastor Hounshell informed the attendees that the current lease steps up each year and that the church will have a rent increase from \$1850 to \$2050 in May 2021. As a result, it would be optimal to move into the new building as soon as possible.

Bruce J. Davis inquired as to when the move would be expected. Pastor Hounshell indicated that it was not possible to predict with accuracy due to several mitigating factors, however, he is hoping that the church will finish construction prior to year-end.

Pastor Hounshell asked for a motion to approve the reports. Bruce L. Davis made a motion, Alwyn Goodall seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **New Business**

Pastor Hounshell continued the meeting by recommending that the congregation renew the pastoral housing allowance of \$1,000 month in perpetuity as long as he is serving in that capacity.

Bruce J. Davis made a motion, Pat Thompson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Pastor Hounshell proposed to retain Stacy Grosz as Treasurer and Katherine Van Hagan as clerk. Pat Thompson made a motion, Gerald Guinn seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

As there were no further questions, Pastor Hounshell asked for a motion to close the meeting. Bruce J. Davis made a motion and Pat Thompson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Pastor Hounshell closed the meeting in prayer at 1225 pm.