# Houston's First Baptist Church **Regular Business Meeting** January 8, 2012

The regular business meeting of Houston's First Baptist Church was held on this date with Dr. David Self, Executive Pastor, serving as Moderator. Pastor Gregg Matte voiced the opening prayer.

The Moderator stated that the minutes of the November 6, 2011 church conference had been posted on the Church's website and paper copies were provided with other reports for this meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved.

Dr. Self presented the Financial Report for the months of October and November, 2011. Total receipts for the month of November were \$1,373,385.98 which was \$16,425.38 more than what had been budgeted. Total expenses for the month of November were \$1,438,599.55, which was \$12,199.60 less than the amount budgeted. The Financial Report came from the Finance Committee in the form of a motion and carries its own second. The Financial Report for the months of October and November was unanimously accepted by a voice vote. A copy of the Financial Report for the above mentioned months is attached and made a part of these minutes.

The Church Conference Report for the months of October & November, 2011 was presented listing the names of those who have been added to the Church roll since the previous regular meeting, as well as the names of all to whom letters of recommendation have been granted to other churches. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the reports were unanimously accepted as presented. Church membership at the end of November was 25,617. A copy of the Membership Report for the above mentioned months is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Dr. Self presented a recommendation from the Finance Committee and the Missions Council to extend the lease term at the clothes closet and food pantry for another five years, beginning July 2012. The extension will continue at the current rate of \$4,000 per month. The recommendation, which came in the form of a motion and carries its own second, was unanimously accepted.

There being no further business to come before the Congregation, the meeting was adjourned. Obie Langford voiced a closing prayer.

# Houston's First Baptist Church Regular Business Meeting February 12, 2012

The regular business meeting of Houston's First Baptist Church was held on this date with Dr. David Self, Executive Pastor, serving as Moderator. Ron P'Pool voiced the opening prayer.

The Moderator stated that the minutes of the January 8, 2012 church conference had been posted on the Church's website and paper copies were provided with other reports for this meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved.

Dr. Self presented the Financial Report for the month of December, 2011. Total receipts for the month of December were \$2,962,505.14 which was \$605,544.54 more than what had been budgeted. Total expenses for the month of December were \$2,018,033.69, which was \$32,949.71 more than the amount budgeted. The Financial Report came from the Finance Committee in the form of a motion and carries its own second. The Financial Report for the month of December was unanimously accepted by a voice vote. A copy of the Financial Report for the above mentioned month is attached and made a part of these minutes.

The Church Conference Report for the month of December, 2011 was presented listing the names of those who have been added to the Church roll since the previous regular meeting, as well as the names of all to whom letters of recommendation have been granted to other churches. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the report was unanimously accepted as presented. Church membership at the end of December was 25,632. A copy of the Membership Report for the above mentioned month is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Dr. Self presented a recommendation from the Finance Committee and the Deacon Administrative Committee to sell the Missions Condo in the Bayou Wood Condominiums. Sale documents to be signed by at least two trustees. The proceeds would be used to purchase another condo near the Medical Center to be used as the Hope House. The recommendation came in the form of a motion and carries its own second. The motion was approved.

The Moderator presented a recommendation from the Finance Committee to authorize Chad Hamm or David Self to enter into a fixed price contract for electricity for the time period starting 1/1/2015, at a price not to exceed 7 cents per KWH, before distribution costs. The recommendation came in the form of a motion and carries its own second. The motion was approved.

Dr. Self presented a recommendation from the Deacon Administrative Committee to renovate the Fitness and Recreation Center based on a budget not to exceed \$1.5 mm. The approval will include entering into contracts with our current architect (Merriman Holt Architects) and GC (Tellepsen) and signed by at least two trustees. The recommendation came in the form of a motion and carries its own second. The motion was approved.

There being no further business to come before the Congregation, the meeting was adjourned. Dr. Self voiced a closing prayer.

Mary Lyn Langford

Church Clerk

# Houston's First Baptist Church Regular Business Meeting March 4, 2012

The regular business meeting of Houston's First Baptist Church was held on this date with Dr. David Self, Executive Pastor, serving as Moderator. Mark Brunson voiced the opening prayer.

The Moderator stated that the minutes of the February 12, 2012 church conference had been posted on the Church's website and paper copies were provided with other reports for this meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved.

Dr. Self presented the Financial Report for the month of January, 2012. Total receipts for the month of January were \$1,459,874.58 which was \$224,763.66 less than what had been budgeted. Total expenses for the month of January were \$1,462,441.38, which was \$28,923.00 less than the amount budgeted. The Financial Report came from the Finance Committee in the form of a motion and carries its own second. The Financial Report for the month of January was unanimously accepted by a voice vote. A copy of the Financial Report for the above mentioned month is attached and made a part of these minutes.

The Church Conference Report for the month of January, 2012 was presented listing the names of those who have been added to the Church roll since the previous regular meeting, as well as the names of all to whom letters of recommendation have been granted to other churches. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the report was unanimously accepted as presented. Church membership at the end of January was 25,706. A copy of the Membership Report for the above mentioned month is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Dr. Self presented a recommendation from the Finance Committee and the Deacon Administrative Committee to proceed with the construction of a new retreat facility at Hunt Retreat not to exceed the cost of \$1.3 million. A contract will be entered into with B&A Builders for the construction of the new facility with signature of two HFBC Trustees on all relevant documents. The recommendation came in the form of a motion and carries its own second. The motion was approved unanimously. A copy of the Hunt Retreat Plans are attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Moderator presented a recommendation from the Missions Council and the Finance Committee to accept the Timbergrove Baptist Church Property. The acceptance of this property is contingent upon a clear title, and an environmental survey. Relevant documents will require the signature of two HFBC Trustees. The recommendation came in the form of a motion and carries its own second. The motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Self presented a recommendation from the Selection Committee naming those persons to be placed on the Church Committees beginning April 1, 2012 and serving through

March 2015. The recommendation came in the form of a motion from the Selection Committee and carries its own second. The motion was unanimously approved. A copy of the list as presented is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Dr. Self announced that effective April 15, 2012 the HFBC Staff will implement a time change for the Sunday schedule. The 8:20 a.m. Life Bible Study will begin at 8:00 a.m.; the 9:30 a.m. LBS and worship service will begin at 9:15 a.m. The 10:45 a.m. LBS, the 11:00 a.m. worship service and the evening schedule will not change. The purpose of this time change is to allow more time to make the transition between the 9:15 and 11:00 services and to give a little more time to ease the congestion in the parking lots.

There being no further business to come before the Congregation, the meeting was adjourned. Dr. Self voiced a closing prayer.

lary Lyn Langford

Church Clerk

# Houston's First Baptist Church Regular Business Meeting April 1, 2012

The regular business meeting of Houston's First Baptist Church was held on this date with Dr. David Self, Executive Pastor, serving as Moderator. Les O'Neal voiced the opening prayer.

The Moderator stated that the minutes of the March 4, 2012 church conference had been posted on the Church's website and paper copies were provided with other reports for this meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved.

Dr. Self presented the Financial Report for the month of February, 2012. Total receipts for the month of February were \$1,523,862.18 which was \$166,901.58 more than what had been budgeted. Total expenses for the month of February were \$1,385,813.05, which was \$12,098.05 less than the amount budgeted. Dr. Self stated that with the over giving of the budget and the under spending the of budget expenses the Church had a \$1.3 million Operating Surplus at the end of the month of February. The Financial Report came from the Finance Committee in the form of a motion and carries its own second. The Financial Report for the month of February was unanimously accepted by a voice vote. A copy of the Financial Report for the above mentioned month is attached and made a part of these minutes.

The Church Conference Report for the month of February, 2012 was presented listing the names of those who have been added to the Church roll since the previous regular meeting, as well as the names of all to whom letters of recommendation have been granted to other churches. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the report was unanimously accepted as presented. Church membership at the end of February was 25,766. A copy of the Membership Report for the above mentioned month is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Dr. Self presented a recommendation from the Selection Committee to add the following to complete the roster of HFBC Committees 2013-2015. They are: Will Taber to the Missions Council. term to expire March 2014; Bill Haskett to the Scholarship Committee, term to expire March 2014; and Vonda Richardson, to the Scholarship Committee, term to expire March 2015. The recommendation came in the form of a motion from the Selection Committee and carries its own second. The motion was unanimously approved. A copy of the revised list as presented is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

There being no further business to come before the Congregation, the meeting was adjourned. Dr. Self voiced a closing prayer.

lary Lyn Langford Church Clerk

# **Houston's First Baptist Church Regular Business Meeting** May 6, 2012

The regular business meeting of Houston's First Baptist Church was held on this date with Dr. David Self, Executive Pastor, serving as Moderator. Ben Pritchett voiced the opening prayer.

The Moderator stated that the minutes of the April 1, 2012 church conference had been posted on the Church's website and paper copies were provided with other reports for this meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved.

Dr. Self presented the Financial Report for the month of March, 2012. Total receipts for the month of March were \$1,669,294.07 which was \$312,333.47 more than what had been budgeted. Total expenses for the month of March were \$1,464,862.74, which was \$32,097.65 less than the amount budgeted. The Financial Report came from the Finance Committee in the form of a motion and carries its own second. The Financial Report for the month of March was unanimously accepted by a voice vote. A copy of the Financial Report for the above mentioned month is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Church Conference Report for the month of March, 2012 was presented listing the names of those who have been added to the Church roll since the previous regular meeting, as well as the names of all to whom letters of recommendation have been granted to other churches. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the report was unanimously accepted as presented. Church membership at the end of March was 25,797. A copy of the Membership Report for the above mentioned month is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Dr. Self presented recommendation to elect John & Uldine Bisagno, Jim Dermon, Carole Lewis, Jay & Dana Martin and David & Bonnie Self to serve as Messengers representing Houston's First Baptist Church at the Southern Baptist Convention of Texas to be held in New Orleans, LA June 19-20, 2012. He also requested the Church authorize Pastor Gregg Matte to approve an additional two messengers to meet our quota of ten messengers should other church members come forward who plan to attend the convention. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the recommendation was unanimously approved.

The Moderator presented a recommendation from the Finance Committee to execute a new contract with Generis to focus on the development of Multi-site funding strategy. The new contract would require the signature of two trustees. The recommendation came in the form of a motion and carries its own second. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Self presented a recommendation from the Deacon Administrative Committee to extend Brandon Burke's term as chairman of the Finance Committee to March, 2013. The recommendation came in the form of a motion and carries its own second. The motion was unanimously approved.

There being no further business to come before the Congregation, the meeting was adjourned. Dr. Self voiced a closing prayer.

# Houston's First Baptist Church Regular Business Meeting June 3, 2012

The regular business meeting of Houston's First Baptist Church was held on this date with Dr. David Self, Executive Pastor, serving as Moderator. Robert Slavens voiced the opening prayer.

The Moderator stated that the minutes of the May 6, 2012 church conference had been posted on the Church's website and paper copies were provided with other reports for this meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved.

Dr. Self presented the Financial Report for the month of April, 2012. Total receipts for the month of April were \$1,792,645.01 which was \$108,006.77 more than what had been budgeted. Total expenses for the month of April were \$1,468,441.82, which was \$41,021.67 less than the amount budgeted. The Financial Report came from the Finance Committee in the form of a motion and carries its own second. The Financial Report for the month of April was unanimously accepted by a voice vote. A copy of the Financial Report for the above mentioned month is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Church Conference Report for the month of April, 2012 was presented listing the names of those who have been added to the Church roll since the previous regular meeting, as well as the names of all to whom letters of recommendation have been granted to other churches. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the report was unanimously accepted as presented. Church membership at the end of April was 25,856. A copy of the Membership Report for the above mentioned month is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Moderator presented a recommendation from the Finance Committee for the proposed 2012-2013 HFBC Great Commission Budget (Operating Budget). The amount of the proposed budget is \$20,394,238. The motion came from the Finance Committee and carries its own second. The motion was unanimously approved. A copy of the 2012-2013 Great Commission Budget comparing the previous year's budget showing the increase/decrease for various line items is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Dr. Self presented a recommendation to purchase .91 acres of land at 6800 Long Point Road, which is directly north of the FBA Athletic Complex, at a not to exceed price of \$550,000. The down payment for such a purchase will come from General Fund Cash. A portion of the purchase will be financed, and the Finance Committee will approve the final financing terms prior to closing. Concurrent with this purchase, the Church will increase the balance outstanding on the existing note between the Church and FBA by the amount of the purchase price, and any further improvements made to the property. This property, like the FBA Athletic Complex, will be Church owned property and incorporated into the existing lease for the Athletic Complex between the Church and FBA. Relevant documents will require the signature of two HFBC Trustees. The recommendation came from the Finance Committee in the form of a motion and carries its own second. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Moderator presented a motion to negotiate and enter into an Earnest Money Contract with Caldwell Companies for the purchase of a 20 acre site at Towne Lake at a not to exceed price of \$2,800,000, and a not to exceed earnest money deposit of \$50,000. The contract will have a yet to be negotiated feasibility period in which the church for any reason can back out of the contract with no penalty and a full refund of the earnest money. Prior to the expiration of the feasibility period, the final negotiated contract will be brought to a Church Conference for a final vote. The signature of two HFBC Trustees will be required to execute relevant documents. The motion came from the Finance Committee and carries its own second. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Self presented a recommendation to set aside \$350,000 in General Fund Cash for Youth Area Improvements, and to enter into a contract with Tellepsen to facilitate these renovations. The signature of two HFBC Trustees will be required to execute contract. The recommendation came in the form of a motion from the Finance Committee and carries its own second. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Self presented a motion from the Deacon Administrative Committee to approve Marc Kohler, Doug Morgan (HFBC deacons) and Todd Gentzel (FBA parent) as FBA Trustees. The motion carries its own second. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Moderator presented a recommendation from the New Deacon Committee to approve Thomas Alleman, Hunter Barrow, Kevin Ha, Joe Woods and Martin Hokanson, previously ordained in another church, to be ordained on July 8, 2012. The recommendation came from the DAC in the form of a motion and carries its own second. The motion was unanimously approved.

There being no further business to come before the Congregation, the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Lyn Langford ()

# Houston's First Baptist Church Regular Business Meeting October 7, 2012

The regular business meeting of Houston's First Baptist Church was held on this date with Dr. David Self, Executive Pastor, serving as Moderator. Les O'Neal voiced the opening prayer.

The Moderator stated that the minutes of the August 26, 2012 church conference had been posted on the Church's website and paper copies were provided with other reports for this meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved.

Dr. Self presented the Financial Report for the month of August, 2012. Total receipts for the month of August were \$1,537,072.01 which was \$68,994.01 more than what had been budgeted. Total expenses for the month of August were \$1,575,875.89, which was \$41,809.72 less than the amount budgeted. The Financial Report came from the Finance Committee in the form of a motion and carries its own second. The Financial Report for the month of August was unanimously accepted by a voice vote. A copy of the Financial Report for the above mentioned month is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Church Conference Report for the month of August, 2012 was presented listing the names of those who have been added to the Church roll since the previous regular meeting, as well as the names of all to whom letters of recommendation have been granted to other churches. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the report was unanimously accepted as presented. Church membership at the end of August was 26,054. A copy of the Membership Report for the above mentioned month is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Dr. Self presented a recommendation to elect John & Joan Brunson and Paul & Janet Sanders to serve as Messengers representing Houston's First Baptist Church at the Southern Baptist Texas Convention to be held November 12-13, 2012 in San Antonio, Texas. He also requested the Church authorize Pastor Gregg Matte to appoint six additional messengers per HFBC quota should other church members come forward who plan to attend the convention. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the recommendation was unanimously approved.

The Moderator presented a recommendation from the Selection Committee to approve Alicia Ashdown to complete an unexpired term on the Counseling Committee. The recommendation came in the form of a motion and carries its own second. The motion was approved.

There being no further business to come before the Congregation, the meeting was adjourned. Mr. Johnny Harper voiced the closing prayer.

Mary Lyn Langford

Church Clerk

# Houston's First Baptist Church Regular Business Meeting November 4, 2012

The regular business meeting of Houston's First Baptist Church was held on this date with Dr. David Self, Executive Pastor, serving as Moderator. Les O'Neal voiced the opening prayer.

The Moderator stated that the minutes of the October 7, 2012 church conference had been posted on the Church's website and paper copies were provided with other reports for this meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved.

Brandon Burk, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the Financial Report for the month of September, 2012. Total receipts for the month of September were \$1,814,379.28 which was \$9,155.72 less than what had been budgeted. Total expenses for the month of September were \$1,359,821.52, which was \$261,626.05 less than the amount budgeted. The Financial Report came from the Finance Committee in the form of a motion and carries its own second. The Financial Report for the month of September was unanimously accepted by a voice vote. A copy of the Financial Report for the above mentioned month is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Church Conference Report for the month of September, 2012 was presented listing the names of those who have been added to the Church roll since the previous regular meeting, as well as the names of all to whom letters of recommendation have been granted to other churches. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the report was unanimously accepted as presented. Church membership at the end of September was 26,149. A copy of the Conference Report for the above mentioned month is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Dr. Self presented a Resolution for Multisite Campuses to Become Cooperating Churches stating the conditions by which any multisite of Houston's First Baptist Church has the right to incorporate as a separate non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation functioning as an independent church. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Resolution was unanimously approved. A copy of the Resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

There being no further business to come before the Congregation, the meeting was adjourned. Mr. Malcolm Morris voiced the closing prayer.

Mary Lyn Langford

Church Clerk