

Houston's First Baptist Church Regular Business Meetings

Jan 10, 2016

Feb 14, 2016

Mar, 6, 2016

Apr 3, 2016

No Meeting May 2016

Jun 5, 2016

No Meeting July 2016

Aug 28, 2016

No Meeting Sep 2016

Oct 2, 2016

Nov 6, 2016

No Meeting Dec 2016

Houston's First Baptist Church
Regular Business Meeting
January 10, 2016

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

The Moderator stated that the minutes of the November 1, 2015 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.

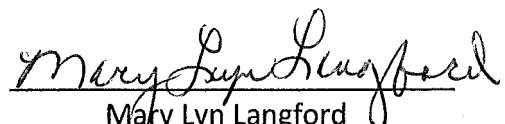
The Church Conference Report for the months of October and November, 2015 was presented listing the names of those who have been added to the Church roll since the previous regular meeting, as well as the names of all to whom letters of recommendation have been granted to other churches. Church membership at the end of November was 28,728. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the reports were unanimously accepted. A copy of the Conference Report for the above mentioned months is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Moderator presented the Financial Report for the months of October and November, 2015. Total receipts for the month of November were \$2,636,631.53 which was \$186,581.89 less than what had been budgeted. Total expenses for the month of November were \$2,107,679.67 which was \$286,442.19 less than the amount budgeted. The Financial Report came from the Finance Committee in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second. The Financial Report for the month of October and November was accepted unanimously by a voice vote. A copy of the Financial 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 in the form of a motion to approve a Guaranteed Maximum Price contract with Tellepsen with construction costs not to exceed \$23.5 MM based on a total project budget not to exceed an amount of \$36.6MM. An additional \$1.6 MM of funding will be provided from General Fund Cash. In addition, approval is given to authorize two HFBC Trustees to execute any other necessary contracts with vendors and our lender that conform to the \$36.6 MM budget. Any unspent funds at the conclusion of the project will be returned to General Fund Cash. The motion came from the Finance Committee and carries the weight of a second and was unanimously approved.

The Moderator presented a spreadsheet with a list of church members recommended by the Selection Committee to serve on HFBC Committees for a 3 year term from 2016 through 2019. The spreadsheet also included the names of three church members to serve the remainder of an unexpired term through 2018 on two committees. The recommendation came in the form of a motion from the Selection Committee and carries the weight of a second. The motion was unanimously approved. A copy of the spreadsheet 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 the closing prayer.


Mary Lyn Langford
Church Clerk

Houston's First Baptist Church
Regular Business Meeting
February 14, 2016

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

The Moderator stated that the minutes of the January 10, 2016 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.

The Church Conference Report for the month of December, 2014 was submitted in error. Therefore, no action was taken on the Conference Report. The correct report will be available for approval at the March business meeting.

The Moderator presented the Financial Report for the month of December, 2015. Total receipts for the month of December were \$3,946,507.67 which was \$140,147.83 less than what had been budgeted. Total expenses for the month of December were \$2,734,734.66 which was \$89,217.70 less than the amount budgeted. The Financial Report came from the Finance Committee in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second. The Financial Report for the month of December was accepted unanimously 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.

Dr. Self presented a recommendation from the Deacon Body in the form of a Resolution as follows:

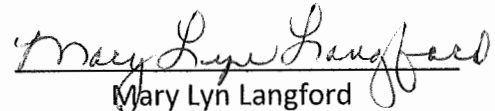
"Whereas the laws of the State of Texas permit a church officer to officiate at weddings provided such leaders are authorized to perform such officiating by the recognized religious organization for which they are an officer, First Baptist Church of Houston authorizes any In-Service Deacon to officiate at a wedding as an officer of the Church, providing the Pastor, or his designee, has authorized the specific In-Service Deacon to perform the specific wedding."

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Resolution was unanimously adopted. A copy of a document handed out at this meeting which is entitled "Deacons Officiating at Weddings Frequently Asked Questions" is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Moderator presented a recommendation from the Selection Committee that the following church members serve on various committees beginning in 2016 through 2019: **Finance** - Clark Davis; **Personnel** - Russ Johnson (d); **Selection** - Amanda Millican; **Facilities** - Kelly Dendy, William Rios; **Missions** - Cody Nicholson; **FRC** - Nicole Self; **Benevolence** - Janice Jones; **Preschool** - Kathy Wales, Rob Grooms. The recommendation came in the form of a motion from the Selection Committee and carries the weight of a second. The motion was unanimously approved. A copy of the spreadsheet is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Dr. Self presented a recommendation from the Deacon Administrative Committee for approval for David Self or Chad Hamm to execute up to a 5 year electricity contract at any price below the current electricity contract price of 4.7 cents per kWh. The recommendation came in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second. The motion was unanimously approved.

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


Mary Lyn Langford
Church Clerk

Houston's First Baptist Church
Regular Business Meeting
March 6, 2016

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

The Moderator stated that the minutes of the February 14, 2016 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.

The Church Conference Report for the months of December, 2015 and January, 2016 were 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. Church membership at the end of January was 28,839. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the reports were unanimously accepted. A copy of the Conference Report for the above mentioned months is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Moderator presented the Financial Report for the month of January, 2016. Total receipts for the month of January were \$2,042,188.89 which was \$781,024.53 less than what had been budgeted. Total expenses for the month of January were \$2,625,317.84 which was \$328,509.80 less than the amount budgeted. The Financial Report came from the Finance Committee in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second. The Financial Report for the month of January was accepted unanimously 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.

Dr. Self presented a recommendation from the Finance Committee to proceed on the renovation of the former Snap Fitness space at the Sienna Campus based on a total project budget not to exceed \$420,000. Approval is given to use Crossmark Construction as the general contractor based on a construction price that conforms to the \$420,000 total project budget. All legal documents would require the signature of two Church Trustees. The recommendation came in the form of a motion from the Finance Committee which carries the weight of a second. The motion was unanimously approved. The funds to renovate come from the sale of land acquired with Sienna Campus.

The Moderator presented a recommendation from the Selection Committee that the following church members serve on two committees completing the 2016-2019 Committee Roster:

Scholarship Committee:


Dana O'Neal – to serve the remainder of the 2014-2017 term
David Cline – to serve the remainder of the 2015-2018 term

Fitness & Recreation Committee:

Randy Giveans – to serve the 2016-2019 term

The recommendation came in the form of a motion from the Selection Committee and carries the weight of a second. The motion was unanimously approved.

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


Mary Lyn Langford
Church Clerk

Houston's First Baptist Church
Regular Business Meeting
April 3, 2016

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 March 6, 2016 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.

The Church Conference Report for the month of February 2016 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. Church membership at the end of February was 28,914. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the report was unanimously accepted. A copy of the Conference Report for the above mentioned month is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Moderator presented the Financial Report for the month of February 2016. Total receipts for the month of February were \$2,098,531 which was \$177,370 less than what had been budgeted. Total expenses for the month of February were \$2,121,129 which was \$327,858 less than the amount budgeted. The Financial Report came from the Finance Committee in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second. The Financial Report for the month of February was accepted unanimously 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.

Dr. Self presented a recommendation to authorize Pastor Gregg Matte to appoint up to ten messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting in St. Louis, MO, June 14-15, 2016. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was approved.

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


Mary Lyn Langford
Church Clerk

Houston's First Baptist Church
Regular Business Meeting
June 5, 2016

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

The Moderator stated that the minutes of the April 3, 2016 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.

The Church Conference Report for the months of March & April 2016 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. Church membership at the end of April was 29,016. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the report was unanimously accepted. A copy of the Conference Report for the above mentioned months is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Moderator presented the Financial Report for the months of March & April 2016. Total receipts for the month of April were \$2,702,331 which was \$426,429 more than what had been budgeted. Total expenses for the month of April were \$2,110,562 which was \$339,194 less than the amount budgeted. The Financial Report came from the Finance Committee in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second. The Financial Report for the months of March & April was accepted unanimously by a voice vote. A copy of the Financial Report for the above mentioned months is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Dr. Self presented stated that in the April 3 business meeting the Church approved authorizing Pastor Gregg Matte to appoint up to ten messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting in St. Louis, MO, June 14-15, 2016. The following church members have been appointed to serve as messengers: Gregg & Kelly Matte, Mike & Jamie Green, Tarah Sawyer and John Bolin.

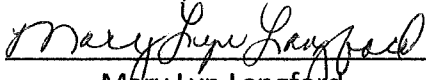
The Moderator presented a recommendation from the Finance Committee for the Proposed Operating Budget for 2016-2017. The amount for the proposed budget is \$30,405,956. The recommendation came in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second. The motion was unanimously approved. A copy of the 2016-2017 Operating Budget, called the 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 from the Finance Committee to approve the renewal of the parking lease with the owner's of the LaFayette Garage. The lease shall be extended sixty months commencing October 1, 2016 and expiring September 30, 2021. The recommendation came in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second and was approved.

The Moderator presented a recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve the re-carpeting of the Fellowship Center, Garden Room and main first floor corridors at a price not to exceed \$175,000, with selections coming from the Facilities Committee. The recommendation came in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second. The motion was approved

Dr. Self presented a recommendation from the DAC and New Deacon Committee to approve ordaining Brian Burk, Rob Grooms, Rhett Dotson and Robbie Schilhab as new deacons and to activate Rob Jensen who was previously ordained in a sister church. The recommendation came in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second. The motion was approved.

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


Mary Lyn Langford
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Houston's First Baptist Church
Regular Business Meeting
August 28, 2016

The regular Church Conference 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.

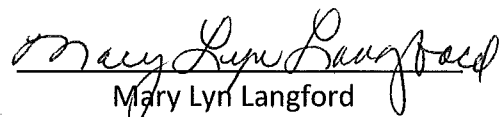
The Moderator stated that the minutes of the June 5, 2016 Church Conference had been posted on the Church's website and paper copies were provided with other reports for this meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved.

The Church Conference Reports for the months of May, June & July 2016 were 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. Church membership at the end of July was 29,187. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the reports were unanimously accepted. A copy of the Conference Report for the above mentioned months is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Moderator presented the Financial Report for the months of May, June & July 2016. Total receipts for the month of July were \$2,420,057 which was \$437,443 less than what had been budgeted. Total expenses for the month of July were \$2,156,061 which was \$584,596 less than the amount budgeted. The Financial Reports came from the Finance Committee in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second. The Financial Report for the months of May, June & July were accepted unanimously by a voice vote. A copy of the Financial Report for the above mentioned months is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Dr. Self presented recommendations from two separate Licensing Councils each Coordinated by Charles R. Poor to license Kevin Spivey and Michael Brady to the Gospel Ministry of Jesus Christ. The recommendations follow examination of written and oral responses from Messrs. Spivey and Brady about a wide range of biblically based theological matters. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the motion was approved. A copy of the letter of recommendation from each Licensing Council is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

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


Mary Lyn Langford
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Houston's First Baptist Church
Regular Business Meeting
October 2, 2016

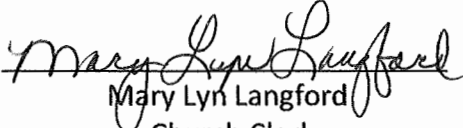
The regular Church Conference of Houston's First Baptist Church was held on this date with Dr. David Self, Executive Pastor, serving as Moderator. Ron P'Pool voiced the opening prayer.

The Moderator stated that the minutes of the August 28, 2016 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.

The Church Conference Report for the month of August 2016 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. Church membership at the end of August was 29,241. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the report was unanimously accepted. A copy of the Conference Report for the above mentioned month is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Moderator presented the Financial Report for the month of August 2016. Total receipts for the month of August were \$2,232,668 which was \$77,521 less than what had been budgeted. Total expenses for the month of August were \$2,561,003 which was \$177,994 less than the amount budgeted. The Financial Report came from the Finance Committee in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second. The Financial Report for the month of August was accepted unanimously 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.

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


Mary Lyn Langford
Church Clerk

Houston's First Baptist Church
Regular Business Meeting
November 6, 2016

The regular Church Conference 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 October 2, 2016 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.

The Church Conference Report for the month of September 2016 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. Church membership at the end of September was 29,295. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the report was unanimously accepted. A copy of the Conference Report for the above mentioned month is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Moderator presented the Financial Report for the month of September 2016. Total receipts for the month of September were \$2,389,402 which was \$79,213 more than what had been budgeted. Total expenses for the month of September were \$2,510,096 which was \$202,449 less than the amount budgeted. The Financial Report came from the Finance Committee in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second. The Financial Report for the month of September was accepted unanimously 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.

Dr. Self presented recommendations from two separate Licensing and Ordination Councils each Coordinated by Charles R. Poor to license Ameer Omar and Peter Lee to the Gospel Ministry of Jesus Christ. This recommendation follows examination of written and oral responses from Messrs. Omar and Lee related to a wide range of biblically based theological matters. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the motion was unanimously approved. A copy of the letter of recommendation from each Licensing and Ordination Council is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Moderator presented a recommendation to elect Paul Sanders to serve as messenger to the Southern Baptist Texas Convention and Newt Cole to serve as messenger to the Baptist General Convention of Texas from HFBC. He also requested the Church authorize Pastor Gregg Matte to appoint additional messengers per HFBC quota to each convention should other church members come forward who plan to attend the conventions. The Southern Baptist Texas Convention will be held on November 13-15, 2016 in Austin, Texas and the Baptist General Convention of Texas will be held on November 13-15, 2016 in Waco, Texas. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the recommendation was unanimously approved.

Dr. Self presented a recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve two trustees to execute a sales contract to purchase the building located at 1730 Jefferson at a price of \$9 MM. A budget for improvements, and funding for this purchase, including debt financing if necessary, will be voted on by both the Finance Committee and Church Conference prior to closing on the building in February, 2017. The recommendation came in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second and was unanimously approved.

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


Mary Lyn Langford
Church Clerk