

# General Board Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2021 - in person and via ZOOM

- ATTENDING** Pamela Jones, Carol Madere, Dak McInnis, Rev. David Chisham, Chris Culp, Ray Acardo, Ann Baskin, Shelly Cody, Ann Landry, Bill Trotter, Jo Craddock (Admin. Ass't.)
- ABSENT** Judy Lester, Mike Wilson
- OPENING** Pam Jones called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m. Nominated Elder chair Chris Culp offered the opening prayer, and followed with a call-response devotional with Pam Jones.
- Jo Craddock introduced the January 2021 meeting minutes, previously distributed for review, for acceptance into the record. Chris Culp moved, with second by Bill Trotter, and the motion to accept the January 2021 minutes passed without opposition.
- TREASURER** Dak McInnis disbursed the treasurer's report. He advised the PPP loan forgiveness process had begun. The Finance Committee will be paying off the building improvement loan.
- A Building Use subcommittee has begun deliberations, and upon review by the entire Finance Committee with discussion detailed in their minutes, the Committee presented to the General Board a motion that the 2020-2021 contract for building use with the Berean Education Resources, Inc. not be considered for renewal. Ann Landry seconded the motion, and discussion was opened within the Board. The vote was called, and the motion was unanimously approved. Rev. Chisham was directed to provide written notice to BER that renewal will not be offered at the end of the 2020-2021 contract.
- Mr. McInnis further described the Building Use subcommittee which has formed, and opened an invitation to those among the Board who may be interested in joining. Inquiries into considerations and contracts as experienced by other churches opening property to full-time tenants has begun. He advised there will be a number of factors to consider as FCC moves into this possibility.
- COMMITTEE RPTS.** No committee reports were presented.
- PROPERTY** Rev. Chisham offered the property report, attached, and added concern over the water oaks on east-adjoining property which have already had limbs fall. A chancel rail contractor contacted by Mike Wilson has not yet scheduled a visit to the property. The east-side driveway needs resurfacing in the short term, before degradation increases resurfacing costs even more. He advised the Finance Committee hopes to have bids to present at the May meeting. As this will involve another improvement loan, it is a matter for the congregation to consider. He, Bill Trotter, and Paul Allain are in discussion on gravel update to the circle drive. And, Rev. Chisham will be obtaining a bid amount on some 12-foot of fencing to be replaced on the west property line, where current fencing is leaning.

OLD BUSINESS Pam Jones advised she will be working on appointments to the Safe Church and Memorial Committees; and, Carol Madere on Personnel and Nominating.

MINISTERS RPT. Pam Jones segued new business into the minister's report by Rev. Chisham discussing plans for Holy Week and Easter: only Easter morning service at 10:00 a.m., but the Lenten devotionals being offered via email and posted to our website will focus on the Stations of the Cross during Holy Week. Small baskets for children on Easter morning are planned, and the exciting Elders Zoom meeting the previous Monday resulted in plans for personal visits to those still isolating (at least to their homes, but not in) to deliver communion kits and invitations to join online worship on Easter Sunday. Chris Culp is spearheading this endeavor.

Rev. Chisham plans, again, a vacation the week after Easter, and will be officiating at his sister-in-law's wedding in Abilene that weekend. Prayers that this vacation trip can actually take place!

ADJOURNMENT With no further business before the Board, following a benediction offered by Rev. Chisham, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Lester, Secretary  
by Jo Craddock, Admin. Ass't.