

FBC- Huntersville  
Family Forum Minutes  
February 9, 2020  
6:00 pm

Call to Order: Gerald Craig, (Trustee)

Devotion/Opening Prayer - Rita Mashburn

John 15:4 Remain in me and I will remain in you.

He will enable and empower us. We need to rest in his ability to carry through His will for our lives and the church. "To remain" is both active and passive. Decision making, bearing one another's burdens, and being in relationship with God.

Minutes from the November 10, 2019 Family Forum were accepted and Membership Report was affirmed.

### Report from Staff

Marcus Mims:

- Since we were on the waiting list for Caswell's student ministry camp in July, we decided to switch to the location to Centrifuge at Carson Newman in Tennessee. July 13 - 17th.
- DNow registration will start this weekend. DNow will take place the weekend after Easter, April 17-19th.
- Planet 68 - church program to help those students in grades 6 -8, who are transitioning to youth group, will take place the same week as VBS, June 14-17.
- Youth, middle schoolers and high schoolers will join the Lenten studies groups, where we'll be studying *The Art of Neighboring*.

Tina Burleson:

- Will be teaching *The Art of Neighboring* on Wednesday mornings.
- Cross Generational ministry: Senior Adults will be sending valentines to college students, with coffee cards
- Caring in Action: 40 people on this list now. Are adding a few deacons to this ministry and 2 people are helping with enrollment.
- The playground behind the FLC building is progressing despite the rain.
- 3 people connected with our church live at Ranson Ridge now. Tina will start visiting there once a month on Sunday afternoons.
- Working on a marriage retreat - will have a date soon.

Jamie Winkler:

- Each week she sends an email to parents of children and workers. Focus of emails: Home Life Improvement - how to become more like Christ, daily, in our homes.
- Children's Sunday school teacher training is being offered on Saturday, March 21.
- GA and RA badge to be awarded on May 13th, which will be the last Wednesday night meal
- April 5th, Children's Easter Celebration
- May 3 at 6 p.m., the children's choirs (Ages 3 - Grade 5) will present a Concert of Praise.
- VBS will take place on Campus with a sports theme to start at either 6 to 6:15 pm., June 14 to 17th

Rafael Hernandez:

- In January we celebrated 20 years of Latino Ministry at FBC. 240 people came for the meal.
- The ministry started in 2000 with 23 people. On average 71 people attend on Sundays, at times there are as many as 100 people.
- On February 29, the Latina Ladies are hosting the NC Ladies Baptist Fellowship Conference. Speaker will be the wife of the national coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. All set for registration, the meal, and child care. Rafael's wife, Emma, is facilitating and organizing the event.

Kyle Murphy:

- Handbell choir has started again.
- On Ash Wednesday, there will be a bilingual service in the Discipleship Center at 6:30 pm
- Maundy Thursday: will be trying something new.

- Music and Arts Camp will take place the last week in July.
- Our worship team will lead the Easter Sunrise service at Independence Hill Baptist Church.
- Anna and Kyle will do a Lenten study group at their house on Mondays.
- Music Opportunities for Youth - will be meeting with the youth soon to gauge interest and discuss options.

Stacy Nowell:

- Had 50 people take the CBF survey!
- Considering more bilingual services, which are time consuming to plan and execute.
- Chapel Hill Missionary Church will host us at their church on Maundy Thursday.
- Pastor shared that she feels that with all of the church activities and fund raising events of the last year, we need to wait in hopeful expectation of what God wants us to do. Listening for and to God is not a passive thing.

#### **Report from the Deacons:**

- Tami Guerrier, the chair of the season, spoke.
- Ginger Cason and Gary Brooks are two new deacons who were recently ordained.
- Their discussions focused on how we can continue to be a caring church: how best to reach new members with our welcome class, support of volunteers doing inreach/outreach, Greeters, Benevolence, and supporting Caring in Action.
- Deacon for the week does Sunday reading, but also reaches out to new people who attended that week and follow up. More visitors are coming for the service and staying for community.
- She reminded us to take the time to introduce yourself and connect them with Marcus, Jamie or another deacon if it is appropriate.

#### **Report from the Ministry Counsel**

Kelly Lefler

- Ministry council meeting was well attended in January. They decided to partner with the Prom Project on March 7th. They are looking for people to help with the faith aspect.
- Check out the calendar on the church website to understand all that is happening in our church.

Rita Mashburn

- Will Bates presented a report that, due to lack of manpower, we do away with the World Hunger yard sale.
- A Steering Committee has been formed to see how we could re-envision World Hunger.
- Community resources have changed, but the need for food in our community and Haiti have not.
- Some ideas that were presented: 5K walk/run, music, cook off, children's carnival, expanded taco concession, limited donations to high value items that can be sold online, and to maximize profits and eliminate sorting by selling Lydia's Loft clothing, which has already been sorted.
- Will do a survey, distributed to Sunday school class to determine the direction for World Hunger and interest in different roles.

Kathie Cox

- Regardless of language and background, we all wonder, "Where did I come from?" "What is my purpose here and what happens when I die?"
- Stacy and Kathie are reading and praying about how to equip us for personal evangelism.
- She provided some examples from her own life, small ways to plant seeds.
- Building bridges: Andrea Swanick learned about a grant from the CM Library to improve academic performance and reading of kids ages 2 - 5. Free to participate: March 5 and 12, Thursday nights at 6 pm. 10 families can participate.
- May 3 is the date for Hello Huntersville - FBC should have a presence there.

Aileen Ramirez

- This is the 10th year for the prom close at FBC-H; they opened for the spring on February 8. Yesterday 24 girls got prom dresses.
- Sharing Christ with the girls who come to shop is an integral part of this ministry. Family and God are the concepts we can help these girls experience.

- We will be hosting Prom Project on March 7th. This event has been taking place for 17 years, in various places in the area. This one day event features prom dress fittings, fashion, etiquette, and safety tips. Visit [fbc-h.org/prom-closet](http://fbc-h.org/prom-closet) to see how to get involved.
- We will host a prom on our campus on May 9th. Tickets sales will go to the capital campaign: \$30 for adults and \$10 for children.
- Volunteers needed on Saturdays from 9 to 12.

#### Dennis Vinge

- Andrea Swanick will be taking over as financial chair in 2021.
- FBC is taking applications for college scholarships.
- Reviewed the Analysis of Revenues and Expenses.
- Of note, the loan balance on the Discipleship Building is now below \$1 million. As of 1.31.2020 is it \$996,782. By refinancing our loan we were able to reduce our interest expense by approximately \$10 to 12K/year. The Weekday Ministry (Preschool) is self-supporting and in fact contributes positively to our church by paying for needed repairs and upgrades in the FLC, that we all benefit from and enjoy. Over the past 5 years, even with changes in church membership and budget giving, our total cash flow has remained fairly consistent.

#### Chris Morris

- God's kingdom is evident across our campus. On a recent Saturday morning, people were shopping at Lydia's Loft, kids and parents were at the Stewards of the Game, leaders were preparing their BSF lessons, and Prom Closet was helping girls find the perfect dress for prom.
- Pine Straw update: we are continuing to take orders for pickup and delivery. We already have orders for 1 truck and are working on the 2nd.
- Building Bridges dinner buffet will take place on March 21st, 4- 8 p.m.
- Any ideas for the capital campaign are welcome and appreciated.

#### Dale Gregory

- There are several new members on the committee
- John McKenzie will serve as chairman next year.
- Gym is complete thanks to the insurance payment. There were some funds left over to help pay for other projects on campus: playground and the dining room.
- Playground rebuild is in process. Working on some drainage issues that arose. We are employing engineers to make sure the problem is addressed correctly. The equipment was delayed but is coming in now.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, motion was made and seconded, followed by a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Garth  
Clerk Recorder

Handouts Provided:

Agenda  
Membership Report  
2020 Leadership Structure  
Analysis of Revenues & Expenses for year ending 2019