

January 2012 Update from the Trustees

In the three short months the Trustees have been in place, much time and effort has been spent seeking God's direction and carefully laying the groundwork for how the trustee body will operate moving forward. As pioneers of this new governance model, we realize the importance of the precedence being set with each and every decision, and want to ensure that each decision is made with wisdom and God's blessing.

We were very fortunate as one of our first acts as a Trustee body was to have Dr. Gerald Stowe of Brentwood Baptist Church come and provide two evenings of orientation on what it means to be a trustee. Dr. Stowe is a long-time pastor and has served as a trustee of Brentwood, which has been a tremendous resource for FBC Burluson as they have graciously mentored us through our governance change. The wisdom and insights Dr. Stowe provided were a blessing to get us started in the right direction.

Officers and Terms of Service

Since this was the initial election of the entire Trustee body, our first two tasks were to determine how many years each trustee would serve and to elect the church officers. The results are as follows:

- Siegfried Schatzmann was chosen to serve as Chair
- Craig Pope as Vice Chair
- Jeff Masteller as Secretary

The following shows how many years each trustee will serve, as determined by lottery:

- Four Years – Siegfried Schatzmann, J.D. Henderson, Wayne West
- Three Years – Rocky Bransom, Tomi Grover, Craig Pope
- Two Years – Connie Lincecum, Jeff Masteller, David Ross II
- One Year – Bruce Basden, Bob Denton, Tiffany Geeo

Furthermore, sub-teams were created to allow the trustees to focus on specific areas of the church between meetings, and to limit the number of trustees each area would need to interface with on a regular basis. Those sub-teams and their members are as follows:

Pastor:	Siegfried Schatzmann, Jeff Masteller
Executive Pastor:	Craig Pope, David Ross II, Connie Lincecum
Stewardship:	Wayne West, Bob Denton
Staff Resource:	Tomi Grover, Tiffany Geeo
Promises:	J.D. Henderson, David Ross II
Communication:	Tiffany Geeo, Jeff Masteller
Building (ad hoc):	Bruce Basden, Rocky Bransom

January 2012 Update from the Trustees

Standing Committees

Memberships of the two standing committees (Staff Resource Committee and Stewardship Committee) are in the process of being finalized from the nominations received. Jeff McGee has already agreed to serve as Chair of the Stewardship Committee having already served three years on the committee.

Once the committees are finalized, the results will be communicated to the church body.

Executive Pastor Position

One of the Trustees' first acts was to ask David Green to continue in his current role as Associate Pastor, until the Trustees could get settled and follow the process outlined in the by-laws for officially filling the Executive Pastor position.

Since that time, a job description for the position has been drafted and the Staff Resource sub-team will serve as the ad hoc committee that will recommend the nomination to the church body. We anticipate having the nomination ready for church vote at the next church business meeting tentatively set for March 25th.

Building Program

Several steps have been taken to get the building process started as quickly as possible. A Building Plan was drafted and approved that outlines the roles, responsibilities, financial approval, and change processes for all parties. Extra caution was taken to ensure adequate financial controls and segregation of duties were in place, while still allowing the church to fully benefit from the vast amount of construction expertise available via its members.

The plan calls for each building project to have a separate Chairman to build a ministry team and lead the project. Bill Dunaway will lead the Promises Team, Mac McCoy the Atrium Addition, and Larry Vincent the Events Center.

The Trustees approved expenditures for the creation of blueprints by Form Architecture for the Promises' Haskew location, the FBC campus Event Center, and the Atrium. We also approved the go-ahead to have both properties re-platted, which is required before any construction can begin. Matt Powell has graciously donated his services for the re-platting of the Promises location.

Upcoming Dates

Business meetings have tentatively been scheduled for March 25th and September 16th of this year. Town hall meetings will be held in accordance with the by-laws leading up to each

January 2012 Update from the Trustees

meeting. As those dates are finalized, further communications will be made to inform the membership.

As trustees, we appreciate the opportunity you've provided us to serve God and the church body in this manner. We realize the trust you've placed in us and are prepared to be open, honest and forthright in all we do, and we continue to ask for your prayers and support as we move through our first year of service. Thank you!