

**2024 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

**Minutes**

The Trinity Bible Church (TBC) 2024 Annual Business Meeting and Election was held on February 11, 2024. An agenda was sent to everyone several days prior to the meeting and distributed at the meeting. The business meeting was held in the TBC sanctuary. The meeting was led by Pastor Mitchell and Ed Thomas, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Following is a summary of what took place during the meeting:

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Mitchell opened the meeting with a prayer asking the Lord’s guidance for all that was to take place.

**Annual Election:** Ed Thomas provided a summary of the election process as it was carried out over recent months resulting in the Nominations Committee preparing an Election Ballot that was distributed to the 60 voting members of the congregation. A total of 43 completed ballots were returned. Each of the nominated officers received well over the required majority of affirmative votes and is elected.

**Recent and Coming Events:** Pastor Steve reviewed activities and events that took place over recent months and those that are expected during the upcoming months. He cited the well-attended activities and services during the Christmas holidays, continuing increase in attendance and membership, growth in the children’s ministries, the successful monthly luncheons and chili cook-off. Additionally, Pastor expressed delight for how the Refuge Youth Ministry began and has prospered thanks to the volunteers and the youngsters. Further, he drew attention to the women’s and men’s retreats and Bible studies. Preparations with higher expectations are underway for VBS and we are getting ready for Easter. Pastor is planning on having a discipleship teaching beginning in the spring. In closing Pastor Steve thanked everyone who has worked so hard to accomplish so much.

**2024 Budget**: Ed described the process the Trustees use in preparation of the budget each year, how it is a statement of TBC’s priorities and that it is used to manage spending through the year. 2023 ended with a small surplus and spending in 2024 is expected to increase slightly to $320,000. Missions spending will remain at 20% of weekly income. Total resources at the end of 2023 were $232,757. Copies of the detailed budget including expenditures in 2023 and expected expenses in 2024 are available on the table in the foyer and on the TBC website.

**Follow-up to Last Meeting:** Pastor, Zach Joines and Ed provided responses to questions that were raised at the end of the Third Quarter Business meeting as indicated below:

* It remains possible to sign-up and volunteer via sign-up sheets in addition to doing so electronically.
* A number of improvements that were recently done, are underway or anticipated were briefly outlined.
* Further steps have been taken and more will take place to increase the pictures in the Instant Directory which will be available in paper form to those who request it.

**The Wall Project:** Ed began by explaining the reasons we are going to separate the sanctuary and the foyer: sound proofing, safety, aesthetics, moving the sound booth. This will be accomplished by:

* Removing the current wall and building a new wall a few feet closer toward the pulpit, much of the material in the current wall will be used in the new project.
* A ceiling will be built above the current foyer.
* The three aisles will have doors and there will be two windows to allow seeing into the sanctuary.
* The sound booth will be above the center of the new foyer/lobby.

The project is expected to cost about $50,000 and construction is estimated to begin in May and will take 5-6 weeks to complete. While there will be some discomfort all TBC functions will continue during construction.

**Vacation Bible School:** VBS will occur July 22-25, curriculum has been selected, announcements, in many forms, will start near March 15; training for the volunteers is scheduled. The registration target is 55 children with 50 attending.

**Spring Workday:** OnSaturday March 16 we will fix-up and clean-up getting ready for Easter.

**Open Discussion:** Questions and comments were expressed regarding details related to the Wall Project, the directory and the budget.

Paul Listman made a motion for adjourned which was seconded by Jane Lentz.

Ed thanked everyone for attending and for their suggestions and comments.

**Closing Prayer:** Pastor Mitchell closed the meeting in prayer.

Summary prepared by Ed Thomas, February 13, 2024.