

**NORTHERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH  
MESSENGER**

**Council Meeting with SFS - 5.20.10 6:30 p.m.**

**and**

**Council Meeting 5.22.10 8:30 a.m.**

Submitted by Imogene Triplett, Clerk

The following includes a brief report of the 2 meetings mentioned above.

The Council was asked to meet with SFS team; Mike Christianer, and Kelly Stindt. Attending the meeting along with the entire Council were Darrell Buerky, Lanny Rawdon and Danny McCubbin. The purpose of the meeting was for SFS to explain an outline of information they will need in order to procede.

They are asking for in-put (including long range dreams) from various small focus groups within the Church. The seven (7) Directors making up the Council, will use the outline SFS furnished in selecting small (short term) focus groups of approximately 3 – 5 members who are active in their Directorates; Worship, Education, Children/Youth, Finance, Operations, Internal Ministries and External Ministries. The Directors will be contacting those people to prepare for the meeting with SFS. Those meetings will be held, June 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at one of two time slots: 6:30 or 7:45 p.m.

EACH of the small focus groups will be submitting information to “feed” into the following areas: 1) Nature of Activity/Team/Ministry, 2) Importance within the Church’s priorities, spiritual and/or physical, 3) Characteristics of space needed (size, storage, access, # people involved, permanent or temp space needs, 4) Interaction with other teams/activities/ministries, 5) anticipated future growth, 6) technology required, 7) Special equipment required, 8) Exterior requirements.

SFS intends to have a report ready within 6 months.

**Council Meeting 5/22/10 at 8:30 a.m.**

Wayne S. opened with prayer

All Council members were present along with Kim Sidden for a financial report.

Education/Discipleship Skip reported a new Sunday School class targeting newly graduating Seniors and young single adults will begin May 30. Doug will be facilitating the leadership, with the hopes God will lead someone to take over this ministry.

Worship Pastor reported the major emphasis at this time is supporting VBS led by Kelly Evans.

Internal Ministries Wayne reported the men’s campout will be rescheduled.

Women’s Ministry has an upcoming prayer retreat scheduled in June, a conference in July and Marriage Ministry is planning a one-day seminar in the near future. Other activities are continuing – see schedule in the Sunday bulletins.

External Ministries Harold reported Northland Compassion Ministries have purchased a van to facilitate that ministry in moving food and people to the needed sites in the Northland. A group continues to go ‘downtown’ K.C. every 2 weeks on a Saturday to feed the homeless.

Finance/Human Resource Ben...Kim Sidden reporting. Giving is \$49,000 below approved budget for the past 7 months. The Finance Team will be working on a proposal for an investment policy to be

brought before the Council for approval. Human Resource Ben reports he still needs a list of keys that have been issued. Consideration for additional persons needing access to the building was discussed, It was determined that 'borrowing' a key from Lisa, or pre-planning to make arrangements with Wayne, Sandy or Skip would suffice.

Children/Youth Doug asked for a Jamaica trip TEMPORARY loan. American Airlines REQUIRED a \$4000 deposit that will be refunded AFTER the trip is complete. That has been paid out of the Jamaica Funds, however, that \$4000 is needed for other expenses BEFORE the refund will be made. Pastor made the motion seconded by Skip to allow that 'loan' be given the Jamaica Fund until AA has refunded the deposit. Motion passed. Derek Stephenson and Megan Sandridge start their part time employment from May 24 through Aug 13 @ \$10.00 an hour. This expenditure of \$6000 total was previously approved.

Operations Roy's report illustrated an example of a Director's responsibility. The main focus was the specific prayers he offered for EACH of the Coordinators and Team Leaders in his Directorate. (Praises, concerns, frustrations and dependence on God for answers) The report also included resurfacing of the parking lot and upcoming striping. He gave a brief update on a request by NHCA involving their need of classroom space. He reiterated again, the responsibilities associated with the meetings with SFS and encouraged prompt adherence to the scheduling.

The Council is starting a process to evaluate, after 6 months, how the Council may better serve God and the Vision of NHBC and the Congregation. A questionnaire listing 18 items taken from the approved structure (By-laws) was returned by each Council member. This prompted some very open heart-felt discussion which included positive and negative comments. These may lead to some modifications that will accomplish the goals intended.

Meeting adjourned with Harold offering prayer.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 17 – 8:30 a.m.