

**Strasburg Baptist Church Membership Meeting Minutes\***  
**June 9, 2010**

- Scripture Reading ~ 1John 4:7-12 ~ Kevin Harris
- Preston offered prayer
- Meeting was called to order by Kevin Harris at 7:05 p.m.
  - Kevin announced that Mathew Bricker will roam with an extra microphone. This should help to eliminate some of the hearing difficulties we have experienced in prior meetings.
- Church Clerk Report provided by Margie Webber
  - Margie read the Membership Meeting Minutes from May 12, 2010;
  - Jeremiah Bricker motioned to accept minutes as read ~ Sandy Collins seconded ~ motion carried;
  - Frank Webber motioned to provide meeting minutes to congregation via paper or in an online format prior to the membership meetings and eliminate the actual reading of the minutes ~ Jim Ruckdeschell seconded ~ discussion ensued;
  - Although there was opposition, motion carried with a 16/13 vote.
- Treasurer Report provided by Bill Henry
  - Bill highlighted the following:
    - Total offerings for May 2010 were \$33,472.82;
    - Total assets as of May 31, 2010 were \$199,906.46;
    - Net income for May 2010 was \$18,563.62;
  - Angela Allard motioned to accept Treasurer's report as presented ~ Gerran Allard seconded ~ motion carried.
- Finance Committee Report (Jodi Proffitt)
  - Jodi Proffitt advised Kevin Harris prior to the meeting that the Finance Committee has no activity to report.
- Deacon Report (Mike Scott)
  - No activity reported.
- Trustee's Report (Larry Seelinger)
  - No activity reported.
- Long Range Planning Report (Larry Seelinger)
  - No activity reported;
  - Margie Webber asked if it was appropriate to remove Long Range Planning from future Membership Meeting Agendas as no current long range planning projects exist. Larry Seelinger agreed it would be appropriate to remove Long Range Planning until further notice.
- Building and Grounds Report (Roger Proffitt)
  - No activity reported.
- Bus Report (Junior Ross)
  - No activity reported.

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- Library Ministry Report provided by Bob Hausmann
  - We have a library and are in the process of acquiring more books and resources for use by membership;
  - A book give-away program is underway. Six books were given away in May;
  - If you want to check-out a book or resource from the church library, simply fill out the checkout card found at the front of the resource and place the card in the basket on the desk in the library;
  - Quantities of books are being purchased and then sold at a discount to membership. These book promotions are being announced in *The Sentinel*. The current book being sold at a discount is *The Bookends of the Christian Life* by Jerry Bridges.
- Music Ministry Report provided by Bob Hausmann
  - There were 3 music ministry teams established in the fall of 2009 after Mark Beckham resigned his position as Minister of Music. These teams take turns leading the worship music. All team members meet monthly to study worship matters and each are also involved in other Bible studies in an effort to be grounded in the Word of God;
  - The three team leaders are Ben Bricker, Rick Lewis and Bob Hausmann. These leaders meet monthly to discuss music ministry schedules. Rick Lewis is in charge of special music. These leaders receive and discuss feedback from congregation and make adjustments when appropriate to do so;
  - Discussion ensued regarding song familiarity and music style preferences. Bob expressed that 45% of the songs sung each Sunday morning are songs found in the church hymnal. Several in attendance felt even when songs were from the hymnal, the music was changed so drastically that the songs are unrecognizable and impossible to sing. Others felt the song selections appropriately glorify the Lord and are appreciative of the volunteers engaged in this ministry. Bob advised that Lee Boyd and Treena Wilt are providing him with a list of hymns they believe would be well received and well recognized by those who have expressed concerns regarding song familiarity. It is obviously difficult to satisfy the individual music style preferences of each member. We experienced these same concerns when Mark Beckham was our Minister of Music. A mix is being attempted.

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- Discipleship Director Report was provided by Bob Hausmann
  - In 2009, a men's mentoring program was developed. The goal was to get men interested in Bible study and prayer. That program has been placed on hold until an elder decision has been made.
- Sunday School Report (Bob Champion)
  - No Activity Reported.
- Worship Attendance Report (Mike Scott)
  - Figures were not available at the time of the meeting, but Mike Scott reported to Margie Webber after the meeting that Worship attendance averaged 261 for the month of May.
- Children's Church Attendance Report (Mike Scott)
  - Figures were not available at the time of the meeting, but Mike Scott reported to Margie Webber after the meeting that Children's Church attendance averaged 61 for the month of May.
- Youth Group Report (Preston Sanders)
  - Interested individuals continue to meet to discuss youth direction. Preston has received resumes for a Youth Leader even though we have not solicited this opening;
  - Preston requested Mike Scott develop a team to discuss direction;
  - Kenny Burke is handling the upcoming youth mission trip;
  - Aaron Cram is the current high school Sunday School teacher. Kenny Burke is his backup/associate;
  - Changes to the Youth Garage Sale Fund Raiser were reported by Angela Allard. The garage sale will now be held at the Allard home and not at the corner of Country Club and 7 Highway as reported at the last Membership Meeting. This fundraiser is scheduled for June 23-26.
- RA Report provided by Roger Proffitt
  - Roger reported an outstanding year and attributes the success to parent and team involvement. He recognized the Barbaricks, Roger Kemerling and Scott Todd specifically;
  - There were anywhere from 14-28 participants.
- GA Report (Lynn Burke)
  - No activity reported.

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- Acteen Report provided by Angela Allard
  - Acteens will start meeting each Sunday evening from 6-7 beginning June 13, 2010 and will no longer break during the year;
  - There are currently 6 girls from our church involved in Acteens, 2 girls from other churches, one of which is from another faith;
  - Flamingo Flocking fundraiser currently underway;
  - On June 19<sup>th</sup> our Acteens group will participate with other Blue River Association Acteen groups in a face painting and evangelizing event at Walmart;
  - In July, they will provide services at an impact center. They will be painting and collecting items to donate to the center;
  - In August they will partner again with Central Baptist Church to host a back-to-school fair in the Muslim community served by Central Baptist Church. The weekend prior to the back-to-school fair they will evangelize in the Muslim community and invite people to attend the back-to-school fair;
  - Alexis Allard has been recognized and nominated as a WMU emerging leader. Please be sure to let her know what a great job she is doing to serve the Lord.
- Challenger Report provided by Garren Allard
  - Garren reported that he will begin and lead a Challengers program at our church for young men grades 7-12 who are interested in mission field work. This program is designed to be a bridge between the existing RA program and men's mission work after boys graduate from high school. The program teaches young men missionary and evangelical skills as well as the enjoyment of serving the Lord. Garren made the decision to begin this ministry after experiencing the outreach in which the Acteens participated in the Muslim community last fall. There was no official program for young men to participate in this outreach, but several of our young men had expressed an interest in participating in this outreach. Gerran plans to team with Roger Proffitt and Roger Kemerling to develop mission-minded continuity as this group ages;
  - Mid-to-late July will be the first official outing.

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- Mission Friends Report provided by Misti Henry
  - They had a great year. The program provides a way for ages 3-K (if potty trained) to begin learning Bible truths and God's Word. Lacy Weir and Misti Henry are stepping down and are still looking for two new leaders to replace them;
  - 10-15 kids participate on average.
- Women's Ministries Report (Rena Ruckdeschell)
  - No report for May and June as ministry team has taken a break since the retreat in April;
  - Quarterly meeting scheduled for July to plan for the remainder of the year.
- WMU reported provided by Angela Allard
  - Lynn Burke has agreed to replace Angela as WMU Director;
  - Angela and Treena Wilt have offered to assist Lynn;
  - The next event is being planned for Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30. They plan to sew for the community after a potluck luncheon at the church. An invitation was extended for all women interested to attend and become involved with WMU.
- M.O.M.S. Report provided by Misti Henry
  - The last two Park Day outings were rained out;
  - A Bubble Blast is being planned for the end of June. A lot of fun with water is expected. Watch for details in the bulletin;
  - A Burr Oak Woods outing is being planned for later this summer.
- Women's Bible Studies Report provide by Liz Bricker
  - The Thursday night group is taking a break;
  - Tuesday morning group starting back up soon;
  - Monday morning group to start on the book of Daniel on June 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Welcoming Committee (Shelly Jones)
  - No activity reported.
- Brotherhood Report provided by Roger Kemerling
  - There was no Saturday morning breakfast held at the church in May due to the God and Guns Weekend;
  - Lights in parking lot and other electrical problems will be worked on at the upcoming Saturday breakfast on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

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- Pennies from Heaven Movie Night Report provided by Bill Henry
  - Movie night is now being referred to as Pennies from Heaven Movie Night;
  - 50-70 have been participating;
  - A snack bar is being offered with proceeds going to missions.
- First Place Report provided by Emily Decker
  - They are currently in week 6 of 12;
  - Program is opened to men and women / married couples encouraged to participate;
  - Program consists of Bible study and walking video;
  - Extra books always available at a cost of \$15.00 each;
  - Group meets Monday nights at 6:30.
- Calendar / Church Council Report provided by Preston Sanders
  - Preston reminded attendees of the Collins and Mitchell anniversary celebrations coming up on June 12<sup>th</sup>;
  - Preston announced he would be taking off June 17<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup>;
  - The draft of the July calendar was discussed and adjustments were made accordingly.
- Elder Recognition Committee Update provided by Preston Sanders
  - Committee continues to work out details and will provide a written recommendation to the congregation as soon as possible. It is a time consuming process and no firm target date has been established.
- Old Business
  - No old business was presented.

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- New Business
  - Margie Webber reported that Nicholas Beck was baptized in May. Rick Lewis motioned to accept him to the congregation ~ Angela Allard seconded ~ motion carried;
  - Sandy Lewis motioned to begin financially supporting Eternal Vine Ministries ~ Gerran Allard seconded and discussion ensued;
  - After discussion, the motion was then amended to expand the motion to include a 1% increase to our existing mission support and dedicate this 1% to the support of Eternal Vine Ministries ~ the amended motion was seconded by Helen Thompson ~ discussion ensued;
  - Although there was opposition, the motion carried with a 25/2 vote;
  - Preston provided details that a home and 33 acres of property were recently donated to Eternal Vine Ministries. Youth ministry plans are underway.
  - Rick Lewis reported the second annual Ride for the Vine was scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup>. Cars and bikes are welcome to participate. They will be riding to Clinton for lunch. If the weather doesn't cooperate, a make-up date is scheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Margie Webber, Church Clerk

*\*These minutes are not yet approved. Approval consideration will be discussed at the July 2010 Membership Meeting.*