

Wingate Baptist Church
Joint Meeting of Church Council & Deacons
Sunday, March 25, 2018

The Wingate Baptist Church Council & Deacons met at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 25, 2018. Those present were Dennis Burton, Gary Bodford, Ron Glover, Louise Glover, Sonny Ziegler, James Hall, John Coleman, Jonathan Philemon, Bill Buttrell, Joe Ray, Denise Ray, Brent Moser, Emily Lowery, Kay Jo Baucom, Brad Sellers, Ella Hargett, Cheryl Muldrow, Chris Ziegler, Ginger Tucker, Doris Buttrell, Cheryl Bagley, Edwin Bagley, Carole Williams, Don Merrill, David Sherwood, Billy Austin, Danny Morgan, and Annette Moser.

Sonny Ziegler, Presiding Office of the Church Council, called the meeting to order.

Gary Bodford opened the meeting in prayer.

Sonny Ziegler, reported a sub-committee (numerous lay leadership) meeting was held immediately prior to this joint meeting of Church Council & Deacons regarding three quotes that had been received for audio/visual equipment for the Sanctuary. The sub-committee reviewed and discussed the three quotes and narrowed it down to one quote by Excel Media. The bid was \$47,064. WBC will be required to purchase separately a computer estimated at \$700, and software estimated at \$800, for a total cost of approx. \$50,000.

The quote includes a retractable screen mounted in the choir loft, a projector mounted above the arc in the choir loft, a flat screen TV mounted in front of the choir on the balcony wall, a flat screen TV in the annex, and narrow speakers mounted in the corner beside the curtains on each side of the choir loft. Excel Media will train volunteers on operation of the equipment and will be available for any issues that may arise.

Wingate University has generously offered to donate \$25,000 toward this equipment. Wingate Baptist Church will be responsible for the remaining cost of approx. \$25,000. Based on the above information, Sonny opened the floor for discussion and questions.

- The equipment will upgrade Wingate Baptist Church, specifically and only. Wingate University is VERY interested in providing a worship service to its students in WBC's sanctuary; therefore, the university would be using the audio/visual equipment.
- Installation and training will take proximately (2) weeks.
- Wingate University personnel will be trained to operate the equipment.
- Sonny stated WBC will be receiving \$50,000 of upgrades for an approx. investment of \$25,000.
- The electronics will remain in the same area; however, two people will be needed. The electronic cabinet will be expanded and Joe Ray hopes to recruit youth to assist him, Tim Harrell or Ginger Tucker.
- The software will include licenses which will allow individuals to develop a presentation on their personal computer and place on a flash drive which will then be plugged into the Sanctuary computer for presentation to the congregation.
- The quality of the Excel Media equipment along with the inclusion of electrician charges, etc. was discussed.
- Dennis Burton will ask Excel Media how expandable is the system.
- The current video camera (home camcorder) needs to be replaced due to poor quality of recording worship services and live-streaming. A new camera (not camcorder) will cost approx. \$1,250-\$1,400. WBC has received a donation toward a new camera and a fund has been set-up for donations to purchase a camera. Individuals are encouraged to donate toward this fund.

Brad Sellers made a motion to present the purchase of audio/visual equipment from Excel Media to the congregation for vote. Brent Moser seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the Church Council and Deacons.

Discussions regarding the audio/visual equipment will take place on Wednesday, April 18, 6:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall and also on a Sunday morning (date to be determined).

Discussed followed regarding the \$25,000 WBC would be responsible to pay. If the congregation approves the purchase of the audio/visual equipment from Excel Media, the questions of funding can be discussed at that time.

Sonny Ziegler adjourned the meeting.