Keller UMC

Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting

November 17, 2020

Attendees:

Lou Tiner, Becky Parks, Tom Belter, Kathy Ezell, Earl Teague, Bob Whetson, Brady Sterchi, Paul Anderson, Pastor Jason Valendy, David Gerig, Joey Gillaspy.

Absent: Mickey Shelley (Lou Tiner recording minutes)

Lou began to intro the budget talks and was reminded that the minutes needed approval.

Minutes to be approved were minutes from the October BofT meeting and the ad hoc meeting about the BSA legal representation.

October minutes: Tom Belter objected to the way the October minutes had recorded the votes on Lou Tiner remaining as Chair.  Tom felt the minutes did not accurately record his vote, and felt the vote should be 6-2 instead of the recorded 6-1.  Debate ensued, after which a vote recorded that the minutes accurately reflected the meeting experience and the minutes should not be changed.

BSA legal representation: the minutes of that meeting were approved 8-0 with one abstention.

Budget:

Led by Bob Whetson.  Bob reviewed the process that resulted in the draft budget.  Bob communicated that the draft budget was communicated to the Finance Committee.  Bob reviewed specific lines of the budget and rationale.

Tom Belter had, prior to the meeting, submitted suggested changes to the budget that totaled over $116,000, and he made his case for his changes.

Much discussion was around the $20k for the FLC Foundation work and the $50k for the proposed water well for irrigation.

Consensus was reached that an engineering study of the FLC foundation needs would be of great benefit by 12/31/2020, and a determination made of what was needed.

No consensus was reached on the water well, but Earl Teague and others felt it was a good option. Others felt that money should not be budgeted without an investigation about potential costs and the ability to put in a well.

Tom Belter made his feelings known that too much was being asked for ourselves, and that he felt strongly that the budget should reflect a lower amount for facilities and more for outreach.

The budget was not adjusted.  Direction from Finance needs to be received about what cuts need to be made from each department after their assessment of the combined first drafts and the results of the annual giving drive.  Until that direction is received, no action should be taken.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.