

Sullivan Baptist Association
Executive Team Quarterly Business Meeting Minutes
Fort Robinson Baptist Church
Thursday, December 4, 2014, 10:00 a.m.

The Executive Team of the Sullivan Baptist Association met on Thursday, December 4, 2014 at Fort Robinson Baptist Church. Those in attendance were:

Executive Committee: Tiger Brooks, Moderator, Campus Pastor, Indian Springs; Steve Spratlin, Pastor, *New Fellowship*; Rick Hill, Parliamentarian, *Calvary*; Wes Rankin, Pastor, *West Colonial Hills*; Josh Clark, Lay Rep, *New Fellowship*; Tim Cartwright, Lay Rep, *Bloomingtondale*; Phil Whitemore, Pastor, *Bloomingtondale*; Dustin Allman, Pastor, *Fort Robinson*; Greg Doebler, Pastor, *Crosspoint*; **Directors:** **SBA Staff:** Chris Alford, *Associational Missionary*; Christy Brister, *Ministry Assistant*; **Guests:** Dallas Bivins

Tiger Brooks, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Tiger Brooks read scripture and led in a time of prayer.

The minutes from the previous meeting were presented and approved as written.

Christy Brister, Ministry Assistant, presented the financial report. It was approved as written.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Disaster Relief: Tiger Brooks pointed out the report in the packet.

See Attachment A

Prison & Jail Ministry: Tiger Brooks pointed out the report in the packet.

See Attachment B

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel Team: Tiger Brooks presented out the report in the packet regarding the resignation of Dave Baughn, Director of Information Services.

See Attachment C

MINISTRY REPORTS:

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY'S REPORT:

Chris Alford presented his report. He noted that the Holston Methodist had approved the option of purchasing the Retreat Center property and that it was currently being processed by the title company.

See Attachment D

MISCELLANEOUS:

No miscellaneous business was submitted for the meeting.

Tiger Brooks stated that when the Retreat Center was officially sold, he would charge the Finance and Missions Teams with the task of determining the best way to facilitate the use of the money from the sale.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Submitted by Christy Brister, Ministry Assistant

Date Approved: _____

Attachment A

DISASTER RELIEF REPORT

Submitted to the Executive Team of the SBA

December 4, 2014

During the last quarter, Body & Soul Ministries requested that we deliver shoeboxes for them to Miami where they then shipped the boxes to Belize.

Once again, your Disaster Relief Team partnered with the People Loving People Ministry to provide 3,001 Thanksgiving meals to those in need in the Rogersville area.

The team also did some much needed upkeep and repairs to several of the Disaster Relief autos.

I am still serving on the Search Team for David Acres' replacement as the TBC Disaster Relief Coordinator.

I also attended a regional VOAD (Volunteer Organization Active in Disasters) in Johnson City.

We are looking forward to having two training events in the first part of the year which I will be leading in the training. We have secured a location for one of the training to be held in Scott County.

We are still looking for a church to host one in the Tri-Cities area. If you interested in serving as a host church, please call me at 423-579-2435.

Thanks and we ask your continued prayers for your Disaster Relief Ministry.

Submitted by:

Jim Ramey

Disaster Relief Coordinator

Attachment B

PRISON AND JAIL MINISTRY REPORT

Submitted to the Executive Team of the SBA

December 4, 2014

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December 1, 2014

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

These last few months have been blessed by the Lord. We have had several saved and rededications at the Jail and Prison; as well as, good attendance in all services. We are in the process of getting the Christmas cards and stamps ready to hand out Sullivan County jail. Thank you to all the WMU women who help with this project. The men and women really appreciate your thoughtfulness. We had communion services at North East the Sunday before Thanksgiving and on Thanksgiving at the jail. This was a real blessing to the men. We have been able to send out many Bibles and Bible Studies by mail these last few months. We have 3,200 planners and tracks to hand out this year and 1,300 Bible Ribbons to give out at Christmas at the Jail and prisons. All this is made possible by your faithful support of the ministry. Only God knows all that has been accomplished by His Grace.

If I can be of help to anyone, please feel free to call. Keep us in your prayers.

Chaplain Elmo

Where's Elmo
Wednesday – Hope Haven Mission
Thursday – Sullivan Co. Jail
First Saturday- NECC Annex – (Carter County Work Camp)
First Sunday-AM Sullivan County Jail - PM. Maple Oaks
Third Sunday – AM- PM Morgan County Prison
Fourth Sunday- NECC Prison

Attachment C

PERSONNEL TEAM REPORT

Submitted to the Executive Team of the SBA

December 4, 2014

On Saturday, November 15, 2014; we received a letter of resignation from Dave Baughn who serves as the Director of Information Services. His resignation will be effective on January 1, 2015.

We will be meeting to determine how to proceed in regards to this position in the near future.

Submitted by:
Dustin Williams
Ancel Presnell
Dustin Allman

Attachment D

Report of the Associational Missionary *To the Executive Team of the Sullivan Baptist Association* **December 4, 2014**

Personal Report

Family: Our family is doing well. Kristina has had the chance to meet with and encourage a few of our pastor's wives. Connor (19) my oldest is applying for a 6-week internship in Portland this summer. Cayden (7)...lets just say he's keeping our lives interesting.

I've been blessed with the opportunity to work with several of our churches over the past 3 months. Some of the conversations have been around personnel issues, pastor search team formation, overall strategy, and more.

I'm looking forward to a very productive 2015!

Strengthening Christ-like Servant Leadership

Send >> North America The next Send Conference will be held on August 3 - 4, 2015 in Nashville at the Bridgestone Arena. We are trying to get a group of pastors and leaders from our area to go. If you are interested Contact the Office asap.

Building Christ-like Unity and Community

Roundtables: The roundtables will be kicking off a new year in January. We will be selecting and announcing a topic of discussion each month, selecting a leader to speak on that topic for about 12 minutes and then have a time of discussion.

If there is a topic that you'd like to hear about or a discussion you'd like to lead, contact Chris.

Our Roundtables are 2nd Thursday of the Month at Hibbert Davis in Kingsport, and 3rd Thursday of the Month at Willow Tree Coffee House in JC.

Churches Planting Churches: January 21-22 Cost: \$30 Part of the Send North America strategy of the North American Mission Board is to help churches find answers on how to plant new churches. To help accomplish this we have partnered with the training network, Dynamic Church Planting International (DCPI), to offer “Churches Planting Churches” Training (CPCT). This event is a “workshop” for planting new churches, not a conference. You will actually work with your team to complete an implementation assignment before you leave the CPCT.

Advancing Christ-like Love and Acceptance

Portland: God has opened a door of opportunity to partner with a church planting effort in the city of Portland. Our very own Josh Carter along with 3 other families from the Tri-Cities have moved to Portland to share the gospel with what is statistically the most unchurched city in America.

If your church would like to partner through financial support, sending teams, or in some other way; contact the office today.

Hispanic Pastor: We are in the beginning stages of looking for a Hispanic Pastor to serve at Agua de Vida. Please Pray!