

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH
QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE

Wednesday, January 24, 2024 6:00pm

1. **Call to Order** – Kelley called the meeting to order at 6:11 and opened in prayer.
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Sharon motioned; Karen 2nd approved unanimously
3. **Approval of Minutes** – Stephen motioned; Phil 2nd approved unanimously after correction of spelling of Garey name was missing e.

4. New members since Aug 9, 2023 Conference :

Paul Hood-Patterson 8/27/2023

Amanda Tyler 9/3/2023

Todd Kettler 8/27/2023

Laila Sanguras 8/27/2023

Beth Johnson 8/27/2023

5. Staff Reports

A. Rev. Victoria Robb Powers, Sr Pastor – Reported that she sent an email to the congregation regarding the strong end to the year financially. Stewardship ended with 101 pledges and last year 88 up 20%. Previously had been in decline for 15 years. Missions will be adding \$15000 in giving this year and will be slowly rising to meet goals set over the next 5 years. Program Council met Sunday March 20th. Dialogue Institute wants to host a Ramdan dinner at the church. Quarterly coffee with the pastor and Abundant Life time is set. Joining Sundays will continue and want to add a lunch afterwards so congregants can welcome and meet new members. Wednesday nights will possibly change to Wednesday for lunch starting in August. Many don't feel comfortable driving at night. Open for thoughts on that change. We have three ordination candidates (Beth Johnson, Jonathan Green and Tori Jones) and are going through the ordination process. Aug 5th Kenna Curry will start a supervised ministry funded by Perkins working 30 hours a week. Rebranding is in process

and is updating our digital footprint. Sent a timeline piece and impact documents to congregants. Will see remaining updates in the next two weeks.

B. Rev. Harry Wooten, Minister of Music and Worship -

Wednesday night rehearsals will be earlier. Tat Tues Feb 13th, Ash Wed 14th. Holy week starts Palm Sunday 24th, Easter March 31st with flowering of the cross and Easter breakfast. Harry also thanked members of the choir for coming out in the cold.

C. Beth Johnson - Children, Youth and Families Minister –

reported that she is using the book Woven for conversations with youth. The Lamberts hosted a family social at their home and was very well attended and an awesome event. VBS will be from 9-12 this summer. Many parents have said that getting to church on Wednesday nights has been difficult so she is looking at outreach meeting in well populated areas for youth/children. Looking forward to scheduling parent night out events.

6. Treasurer Report – Nancy Ferrell, Treasurer Nancy presented the treasurer report and said that we had a great month for deposits of \$123,700 with \$102,800 costs. Net cash available \$91,000 Equity in Access has been meeting to see how to invest the grant money. The bank loan was paid off in December. Deacons approved a Line of Credit up to \$200,000 if needed. It is an interest only loan for 12 months then becomes a loan at 7.50% 5 year loan this is for repairs or unexpected expenses. No fees are accrued if not used. Motion from Cheryl to approve and Margaret 2nd. Passed unanimously.

7. Finance Report – Jack reported that we had proposed a deficit budget but that the deficit so far has not been as big as what was thought it to be.

8. Committee/Division Reports : Publicity chair Elwanda (interim) said their committee is meeting soon to prepare their budget. Also shared a Power point of new brands for the website, bulletins, social media. All was well received. Feb 4th the pew back cards and banner should be in

Finance chair Phil said that the committee has received 75% of the committee budgets. Working on revenues and will have the rest of the budget completed by the end of the month. Budget should be done by the end of February. The total for the year was less negative than budgeted.

IT chair Ray is working on plans for the sanctuary soundboard, wiring, camera and speakers with power amps.

Missions chair Barbara reported that Easter basket donations will be collected May 20-26 and they are working on the Mission trip to Brownsville.

Personnel chair Rick reported that all staff are working well, and we have a great staff. Rosa (kitchen) will need a replacement.

Worship chair Cathy said that their report is the same as what Harry reported.

Properties chair Patrick reported that he has a great committee to work with. We will need to have a facility manager at least part time. Raw sewage was backing up under the organ and had to replace the entire main sewer line. Used \$40,000 from the insurance money. HVAC is ancient and will need to be replaced. All heat and air all working currently, and the electrician have cleaned up the wiring etc. All lights in sanctuary replaced. Leak under the kitchen sink so flooring in the kitchen will need to be replaced with industrial tile. Security lights have been replaced. Purging of many items in the closets and threw away 2 roll off dumpsters. Finishing fire alarm project. Working on access control. The youth is moving to the cottage so will be preparing a bid for cleanup, furniture etc. Redoing the library. It is time to be proud of our facility. Budget will be significantly higher than before.

9. New Business –

10. Adjourn with prayer - David motion, Jack 2nd dismissal 7:28

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Robinson