

## **Minutes of Church Meeting Held on September 9, 2007**

Pastor David opened with prayer, emphasizing unity of the body through the bond of peace as mentioned in Ephesians 4:3-6.

### **Finances:**

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| 84,958.00  | pesos in our Mission Tithe |
| 147,296.00 | pesos in our General Fund  |

Erle Radel will be moving to CO on a permanent basis. Therefore, Mimi Baca has agreed to take over the responsibility of the Financial Written Reports.

### **Special Events:**

We spent time discussing Crossroads' responsibility as hosts of this year's Annual Meetings for the Baja Convention of Southern Baja. It will occur November 22-24, 2007. It begins Thanksgiving evening with a worship service, and continues through Friday and Saturday. Meetings during the day and worship services in the evening. The organizational worship service of Crossroads being welcomed as an official "church" into the convention will occur Saturday evening.

### **Our Responsibilities:**

Location . . . are checking to see if Sindicato building next door is available.

Breakfast and Comida on Friday and Saturday.

Snacks for breaks during meetings on Friday and Saturday.

Possible cena on Saturday evening after the celebration of our organization.

Childcare support during the days and evenings.

Ushers and Greeters for evening services.

Plan Saturday evening worship service with Pastor Alejandro at First Baptist.

Provide musical support for evening worship services.

A planning meeting with First Baptist (our sponsoring church) will be held Monday, October 1, at 8pm, at First Baptist. Ana & Rodolfo Rodriguez, Mimi Baca, Jean Stratford, Susu Sanders, and Pastors David and Joyce will attend on behalf of Crossroads.

### **UPDATE OF OCTOBER 1 MEETING:**

\*All meetings will take place at the First Baptist Church. Crossroads is not big enough to accommodate everyone and the Sindicato building was not available.

\*First Baptist will provide people in whatever way we need them. We especially asked for support with childcare and meal preparations!

\*Ruben Gamez will work with David & Joyce concerning music selection.

\*Pastor Alejandro will help us with Saturday's service. The convention leaders plan Thursday and Friday evening services. We just have musical selections available.

\*Susu Sanders is investigating a Spanish Vacation Bible School curriculum that might be adaptable for the kids' program.

\*We will begin to plan menus and strategize the meals.

\*Next meeting will be Friday, October 26 at 5:30pm at First Baptist.

### **Mission/Outreach:**

We discussed supporting the medical school expenses of Miguel Buen Rostro, son of Pastor Israel Buen Rostro in San Jose. **Fidel made the motion that we commit \$100 USD a month and re-evaluate the need for this gift in six months (March). Seconded and passed.** Miguel needs to receive assistance in September and January as each term begins.

Update on Raul Martinez Guzman. He is still under restricted visitation to lower risk of infection. All his skin grafts are taking, his legs are the last major hurdle. He can feed himself now! (He is recovering from major burns sustained in a work accident this summer.) He hopes to leave the hospital in Guadalajara by November. **Milton Sanders made the motion to allocate \$500 USD to finish his bedroom: floors, windows, install an air conditioner so as to provide a more sterile environment for his return. Was seconded and passed.** We also said we should partner with the Fourth Baptist Church, Raul's church, on this project. (Raul is a welder and did all the doors, windows, and roof beams for Crossroads)

Christian Bi-lingual School in La Paz: Joyce Reed, Susu Sanders, Ana Rodriguez, Mimi Baca, Jane Jones and Susan Key have been meeting to discuss the possibility of a Christian Junior/Senior High School in La Paz. They shared the vision process through a PP presentation. This will be posted on the web page. Anyone interested in joining their efforts, please speak to Pastor Joyce. And please pray!

Mission Tithes: we continue to pray and seek God's face for like hearts and minds of how God wants us to spend these gifts. Pastors David and Joyce hope to present some ideas at the December meeting based on what God is telling us as a congregation.

### **Christian Education:**

Kids will leave the service earlier. A children's story is being added to the worship service. There are now 2 classes divided according to ages. The kids will take an offering in Sunday School that will go towards buying milk for the El Centenario Breakfast program. The First Sunday in Advent, December 2, the kids will be in charge of the service. We are grateful to Susu Sanders, Jane Jones, Eileen Herrera, Marta Berton, Ana Rodriguez who serve as teachers. And to Kathy Simis, Mandy Longley, Cassandra Cortez, and Crissy Stratford who serve as helpers.

### **Discipleship:**

Wednesday night Bible Study will take on more creative formats. The intent is to expand the elements of worship and prayer before the study. The pastors are willing to start home groups. Speak to them if you have a desire to begin one in your neighborhood.

### **Worship:**

The results of our worship survey was to NOT change our 9:00 AM worship time. We discussed the Sharing of the Peace of the Lord which seems to be another greeting chit-chat time. Pastor David reminded us that this is really a time to meet visitors and bless them with God's peace. NOT a time to catch up on last week's happenings!

Rodolfo Rodriguez will be preaching and officiating as Worship Leader on a regular basis. Phil French will learn more about Media Shout from Stefen West when he is in town.

**Miscellaneous:**

Prayer concerns . . . pray for a youth minister. Pray about our space issues. Should we add a second floor to our present building?

It was suggested that if the Women's Christmas Tea has a fund-raiser this year, that proceeds should go to Raul Guzman and family.

Allen Simis mentioned that 2 Mexicans and 2 Japanese were missing after last week's storm. Did the Mexican families need any assistance? He was going to investigate and find out.

There are new signboards around town. How do we find out about billboards on the Malecon and also ones to/from the airport? Jean Stratford said she would investigate.

An anonymous gift was given to buy a copier for the church. It has been purchased. The idea now is to buy two 2-drawer file cabinets, place them side-by-side on a home-made moveable cart so they will fit easily into our storage closet. Make a wooden desk to sit on top of them for the copier. Drill a hole in the wall to access electricity. Install wall cabinets above for paper/book storage. We want the copier/file cabinets moveable so they can be relocated to dry ground during the rainy season! Any volunteers to start this project? Talk to Milton!

A church Wish List needs to be accumulated!

**Our Next Quarterly Church Meeting will take place in January.**

(Yes, we're due for one in December, but with all the events in late November and early December, we decided to postpone it one month!)