

JBA General Board Minutes – 6/28/18

At 7pm our **JBA Moderator Mark White** opened up the meeting with prayer and a devotion taken from 2 Corinthians 9:1-9. He mentioned how we reap what we sow. He extolled the cheerful giver. Paul was writing to his friends in Corinth and was bragging on them. In the same way he noted that “JBA’s future looks bright!” for the following reasons: 1) God is willing to go with us. Just as Joshua and Caleb came back from their spying trip into Canaan and said, “We can do this with God’s help!” we as an association can do anything because of God’s help! 2) The spirit of our people. Paul spoke highly of the Corinthians and of the Macedonians who gave liberally out of their poverty. They gave to the Lord first. In the same way, our JBA family is living out a missional lifestyle that is making an impact on our whole county.

Among our attendees, **John Myklebust, church representative for White Oak Baptist Church**, was recognized as being present at the JBA General Board for the first time.

In the absence of our **Clerk, Rev. Steve Grice**, no minutes from the March meeting of the General Board were read.

In the area of “**Old Business**,” Dr. Hinton made note of the new construction taking place at the back of the JBA office building. This new construction has been under discussion for the last two years and is now finally becoming a reality! All were invited to tour the site before leaving for the evening.

Our **Associational Missionary, Dr. Kelton Hinton**, gave an extensive report to the Board. Among the many items covered, he highlighted the vision statement: “JBA Churches: Pushing Back the Darkness” and told of two of our JBA churches—**Blackman’s Grove** and **Jonesboro** who recently organized an outreach event for children at the GALOT Motorsports Speedway near Benson as recent examples of our JBA churches living out this vision. He also elaborated on the need for initiating Multi-Housing Ministries across the JBA territory, specifically challenging our churches to begin 50 “Missional Communities” in the next 5 years—one in each major apartment complex in the county! (He also thanked us for the opportunity to serve in the JBA for the last 20 years. His anniversary is August 1, 2018)

JBA Treasurer Shirley Pike reviewed the budget balances and introduced the new budget for 2018-19. All was reviewed and accepted as presented. It was noted that we anticipate church receipts this year to come in \$2,000 above our budget. The major new item in the new budget will be the new mortgage payment to pay for the new addition on the building.

Ms Pike also made a motion, “**We the JBA General Board recommend that our JBA churches each give a minimum of 3% of their undesignated offerings towards the budget of the JBA.**” **John Myklebust**, church representative from White Oak Baptist Church offered the

second. In the discussion that followed **Vice-Moderator Blair Maust** suggested that a “wish list” be developed for the new monies needed as the JBA seeks to expand her presence and effectiveness in the coming years. This list can go out with a letter encouraging all of our JBA churches to increase their percentage giving in the coming year. The resolution was passed with no expressed opposition.

In the area of Missions Development, **Sam Frye, church planter of The Point Church in Clayton**, introduced himself and his vision for a new church somewhere in the Clayton area (at least initially targeting the Riverwood Community northeast of town). Their sponsoring church is The Point Church, headquartered in Cary, NC and affiliated with the Raleigh Baptist Association. After hearing his report and answering a variety of questions from the group, **Blair Maust, our JBA Vice-Moderator** made the motion to officially acknowledge the fledgling group and recommended that the JBA partner with them. **Rex Everhart, JBA Baptist Men Director** seconded the motion and it was passed with no expressed opposition.

The meeting was closed in prayer and adjourned at 8:15pm.

Submitted by Dr. Kelton F. Hinton

(in the absence of Clerk Steve Grice)