

## West Side Baptist Church Council Minutes

March 8, 2022

Present: Pastor Ivan Greuter; Nancy Lindberg; Pat Carpenter; Harry Carpenter; Jack Janway; Brice Smith; Jim Goodnow; Janice Kirby; Colleen Smith; Carla Donnelly; Chuck Cozad; and Fran Seymour-Hunter.

The meeting was called to order with a prayer by Pastor Ivan.

**Treasurer's Report:** Nancy shared a letter received by the Church from Roberta Cleveland's nephew related to the unexpected donation received awhile back. He supported the findings that Pat had found and shared with the group related to her baptism in our Church many years ago. Nancy provided Council members with financial reports. As noted on the summary sheet, our February income was noted as \$18,196.31 and our expenses as \$17,964.31. The difference between income and expense for the first two months of 2022 is \$5,988.70. As noted on the balance sheet, our checking account balance is \$110,431.62 with the majority of that being the \$83,192.07 amount designated for the new Capital Campaign. This also include Outreach funds of \$10,686.04 and money in the Youth fund of \$6,199.60. The Benevolent Fund has a balance of \$5,823.25. Nancy explained again about how we will "balance" out the insurance premium paid for Lynda given the unexpected expense for this in January and the automatic withdrawal made for that purpose. Nancy also discussed the Capital Campaign expenses such as approximately \$10,000 for the Baby Closet renovations along with expenses for the parapets and parking lot repairs. There is a 10% amount noted for Missions work out of the Capital Campaign noted on line 1006MIS as a recommendation from the Missions Committee. Nancy also answer a question about the Capital Campaign amount. As always, if there are questions related to the financial reports, please feel free to contact Nancy. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted. Motion was seconded and motion passed.

**Minutes:** The February minutes were approved as printed with one revision. A motion was made and seconded to approve with that motion carried.

### Ministry Reporting

**Fellowship/Membership:** Carla had no report to present but did note that she had brought cookies to show appreciation for all of the work that the Council does on behalf of the Church.

**Outreach:** Jack noted that he will soon have spent the last of his dollars specific to the "Milk to My Plate" Program. At that point, he will make a decision of what he does going forward. He continues to apply for grant money as he is made aware of those opportunities. Jack provided numbers of families served both last year and thus far this year. There is a meeting tomorrow that Jack will attend related to the ShareFest event planned in April. Tentatively, there will be a showing of the film "Sabrina" on the 25<sup>th</sup>. There is an Easter egg hunt planned on April 16<sup>th</sup>. He is requesting candy that will fit in the eggs. Lately the Harvester delivery of food has required adaptation for distribution after the truck arrives.

**Personnel:** Janice reported interviews are scheduled for a nursery worker. There was also a brief mention of the increase of the health insurance premium on Lynda's policy and fact that the Church will cover \$150/month of this expense.

**Administration/ Stewardship:** Harry stated that some tree trimming will occur prior to these trees getting leafed out. This expense is covered within his budget allocation so no action is needed by the Council.

**Worship:** Brice left folks know that the communion server lists have been posted and distributed. Procedural instructions will be provided to benefit folks new to this task. Ed O’Rear will cover the pulpit on March 20<sup>th</sup> in place of Art Campbell and on April 24<sup>th</sup>, pulpit supply will be covered by an ABWM speaker. Plans have been made for Holy Week. There will be a Seder meal, Good Friday service, and Sunrise Easter service at Old Prairie Town Chapel followed by a breakfast and Church service. Janice has requested to play the organ on both Palm Sunday and Easter given musical selections conducive to these services. This will be discussed and coordinated with Jan.

**Christian Education:** Colleen reported that WWW will have a break next Wednesday. Youth and adult sponsors will be traveling to Branson in April for a Christian Youth week-end event. The program for earning camp scholarships is in process under the direction of Ivan. Plans are to have the Summer Cinema for the Sunday School time again this summer. Both Nancy and Sonia have agreed to oversee this but would appreciate suggestions on films to be shown. An evening Vacation Bible School event is planned for the week of July 26<sup>th</sup> with a program following on the 31<sup>st</sup>. There is the possibility of following the Program with a Church picnic. Contact has been made with Manhattan First Baptist and they are willing again this year to share their materials with us. (Their session will be held in June.)

**Missions:** Jim reported that the goal for the March America for Christ offering is \$1,750. Promotional videos will be shown during Church for this. For Jessa’s summer mission trip, a recommendation was made for the Church to provide a donation out of Capital Campaign money to support this activity. This will be further discussed under New Business. On March 20<sup>th</sup>, there will be an evening with the Osterbach Missionaries hosted by our Church.

**Pastor’s Report:** Pastor Ivan previously E-mailed his monthly report. Work with the International Mission Board has been one of his activities. He reminded the group of the pancake breakfast this coming Saturday. He will be taking time off for spring break to spend time with his family on a stay vacation with a fly fishing vacation planned for later on. Planning has been done for activities/services related to Holy Week.

**Moderator’s Report:** Pat had nothing new to report. She did let the Council know, however, that remembrances for Jim Lagerberg would be appreciated given his current admission to a facility in Wamego.

**Old Business:** As a follow-up to a grant opportunity presented last month, a letter of intent for grant application is being prepared by the Pastor for the National Fund for Sacred Places. The awarding of any grant money needs to be directed toward historical preservation and will require matching funds. Janice assisted the Pastor with determining some of the needed historical context for this application. Postponing repair on the masonry work until status of the grant is known was recommended.

**New Business:** Property insurance has increased. For this year, the recommendation was made to pay the increase but to explore potential coverage options for next year.

There was discussion about van drivers for our various Church activities. There is the potential for taxi service use and/or bus vouchers. For now, we will plan to cover through internal means versus hiring a driver.

With the status change of Potwin Presbyterian Church, several groups are needing a new location for their meetings. Per discussion, only the AA group will be invited to use our facilities. They will meet from 7:30 to 8:30 on Wednesdays and for now, Harry has volunteered to his presence in the building during their meeting time. They will be made aware of the contractual obligations and the suggested donation amount for this use.

After brief discussion, Jim made a motion to provide Jessa Greuter with \$200 from the old Capital Campaign fund for her summer mission trip. This motion was approved (with the pastor abstaining).

The meeting was closed with prayer. The next Council meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by

Fran Seymour-Hunter, Church Clerk