

## West Side Baptist Church Council Minutes

April 12, 2022

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

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Ivan.

**Treasurer's Report:** Nancy provided three reports (the balance sheet, year to date profit and loss report, and year to date budget vs actual by monthly amounts) for Council members as is done on a quarterly basis. The income for March was \$17,231.67 (yearly total of \$66,108.78) and the expenses for March totaled \$31,451.53 (yearly total of \$74,564.48). Expenses in March included an annual insurance premium of \$11,094 and \$526.20 as a Youth Fund expenditure. The difference of income to expenses for the first quarter is noted as a negative \$8,455.70. The checking account balance shows as \$101,071.55 with the majority of that amount being Capital Campaign money along with Outreach funds and the Youth fund. Nancy also informed the group that the Benevolent Fund has nearly \$5,500 in it. The Church received \$135 from an Easter offering and to date, \$1,100 has been collected for the Ukrainian relief fund. Clarification was asked on a donation of \$100 for the Baby Closet (which has been credited). For use of the building, the local DAR group contributed \$100 to the Church and the AA group has given \$200. As always, Nancy welcomes any questions related to the financial reporting figures. A motion was made and seconded with approval received to accept the financial report as presented.

**Minutes:** The March minutes were approved following a motion and second for that purpose.

### Ministry Reporting

**Fellowship/Membership:** Carla requested assistance with the scheduled Easter breakfast and several readily agreed to help.

**Outreach:** Jack noted that there is an Easter egg hunt planned on April 16<sup>th</sup>. The ShareFest event is scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup>. A tee shirt if available if participants register by the 20<sup>th</sup>. Assistance would be appreciated for the Harvester's distribution this month. Jack knows he is already short by one worker.

**Personnel:** Janice reported that Sage Poe has been hired as a nursery worker.

**Administration/ Stewardship:** Harry stated that we had had a heat sensor that was tripping in one of the sensors. Needed repair has been done. Work will begin soon on the sidewalk/parking lot areas. Work will be coordinated with the Church calendar as much as feasible. With the weather changes and temperature variances, coordination has been needed for use of the boilers versus the air conditioning.

**Worship:** Brice let folks know that activities have been finalized for Holy Week. As reported last month, 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. Jan let Brice know that she is playing the piano at Brewster when not playing for our Church service. As it stands now, Jan will cover two Sundays of the month with Janice covering the other two Sundays. If there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month, Janice will cover that need. Confirmation was received that Mariann Spano will coordinate all of the Church service activities for ABWM Sunday, including the Children's sermon. Brice plans to reserve both the patio area and Chapel for the Easter Sunrise service in 2023.

**Christian Education:** Colleen reported that there is only one more week of WWW lessons and then there will be the carnival as the final event the following week. The carnival is planned to take place in the Church basement following a supper meal. The Summer Cinema event is planned for June 5<sup>th</sup> through August 7<sup>th</sup> with a sign-up again this year for breakfast items. The youth and adult sponsors had a “great time” at the Branson Christian Youth week-end event. Colleen appreciates the work that Pastor Ivan is doing for the camping scholarship program. Clarification was sought on the use of one of the upstairs youth classrooms given the hole in the ceiling. Plans are to repair the ceiling but for now, this room holds the items taken from the toddlers Sunday School room when the Baby Closet was expanded.

**Missions:** Jim reported that the goal for the March America for Christ offering goal of \$1,750 was exceeded. The visit from the Missionaries went well and was an “eye-opening” session. Church members will be returning to Bethel on April 22<sup>nd</sup> to host a meal and participate in a worship event.

**Pastor’s Report:** Pastor Ivan routed his monthly written report of activities. With his International Missions Board policy work, he routed over 150 documents. He would like to be gone May 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> to participate in both a graduation ceremony and a wedding in Nebraska. This request was made into a motion, was seconded, and passed.

**Moderator’s Report:** Pat had nothing new to report but remains appreciative of all the many activities the Church is involved in. She also noted that she is pleased we will be able to return to Bethel for our in-person contributions there.

**Old Business:** As a follow-up to a previous discussion on Church attendance/outreach, Ivan presented average numbers on a couple of items including the numbers with the mailing of 35 copies of our monthly newsletter. Some of these reach our Ward Meade neighbors per their request. Both our Google and FaceBook traffic has increased. On Sunday morning we average around 55 folks in physical attendance and 45 attending on-line.

**New Business:** Given the changes for Virginia Mansfield, a replacement is needed for the Pastoral Relations Committee. Angie was recommended as a replacement. This was made into a motion and seconded. This motion passed (with the Pastor abstaining) and she will be approached about taking on this function per Council recommendation. There is a need to schedule the next quarterly meeting. This one will be combined with a meal and by consensus, this was scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Carla also suggested we think of some ways to have celebratory meetings in the future. An example was a celebration of all of the birthdays in a specified month. It was also noted for the need to appoint Nelda as the replacement financial secretary. Nancy has already provided some training for this role. There was a brief discussion about that function and the need for a second person to assist with the counting of the money. Nancy will discuss this with Nelda. Brice moved to make the appointment of Nelda as financial secretary which was then seconded. Via voice vote, this motion (was approved with Jack abstaining).

The meeting was closed with prayer. The next Council meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by

Fran Seymour-Hunter, Church Clerk

