

West Side Baptist Church Council Minutes

May 10, 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: The Treasurer's report was reviewed by Nancy along with her summary report. The Church's US Bank accounts were closed due to a mix-up with another American Baptist Church in another city. New accounts have been opened with Capital Federal as a result. Payroll needed to be paid with money orders. Given this change, new checks needed to be ordered. Some payments had to be made out of an old Capital Campaign account. It was also determined that the credit card with US Bank was also closed. A decision was made to just use our MasterCard credit card through our Sam's Account for the time being. Following Nancy's meeting with a US Bank Executive, the Church's additional fees, overdrafts, etc. were covered by US Bank with an apology issued on behalf of the Bank. Income for April was \$15,371.18 (with year's total at \$81,753.86). In expenses, these totaled \$22,168.69 for April (with a year's total of \$96,979.73). Several items were highlighted with expenses which included \$600 for new checks, \$200 for tree trimming, and money for Missionary hotel accommodations at \$111.50, along with several other expenses beyond the usual items. The difference of income to expenses for the first four months is a negative \$15,225.87. The checking account amount on the balance sheet shows as \$118,137.71 but the majority of that money is Capital Campaign monies which total \$85,087.84. Several other smaller designated amounts are included in this amount, as well. Following discussion, a motion was made and seconded with approval received to accept the financial report as presented.

Minutes: The April minutes were approved with a minor correction following a motion and second. Given that not all Council members received the minutes for this month, suggestion was made to include routing of minutes to Lynda so she can make copies to place in mailboxes.

Ministry Reporting

Fellowship/Membership: Carla shared some health issues she is facing and would appreciate assistance with some of this committee's activities, as a result. The next item in her area of responsibility is that of the quarterly business meeting. The office can order chicken for this event and since it is potluck, ample food should be brought. Several in attendance offered to provide assistance as needed. Prayers offered for an ultimate positive outcome in Carla's health status.

Outreach: Jack noted that Church members participated in the ShareFest event at several different sites. Jack reported that there have been some food shortages experienced by Harvesters due to supply chain issues. Food distribution is done with what is received and no one has complained but express gratitude for what is able to be given out. April numbers for this Program were the highest number of families thus far despite the lowest numbers of items able to be distributed. Future decisions will be made re: the "Milk to My Plate" Program.

Personnel: Janice expressed appreciation for the dedication of paid staff but had nothing further to report.

Administration/ Stewardship: Harry stated work will be done on the parking lot after the sidewalk work is completed. Notice was provided on our website about the work being done due to a needed temporary change in parking site availability. Parts for the sanctuary air conditioning unit have been ordered but due to age of our units, parts can be challenging to obtain at times. Some problems in starting the van were noted. A battery was replaced and the van is being otherwise checked out. Per question, Harry also reported that the lift portion of the van has been fixed.

Worship: Brice let folks know that Easter 2023 reservations have been made for Old Prairie Town. All of the Easter special services/activities went well this year. Special thanks were extended to the Greuter family for their work with the Seder dinner. The Worship Committee meeting has been rescheduled due to several member conflicts. Use of the Capital Campaign monies were used on issues impacting the Church organ with some cracks. The piano has been tuned and we were told that we need to be very careful of the humidity level along with temperature in the Sanctuary. If humidity not kept at a relatively consistent level, damage can occur to the wood. Brice noted that fluctuations in these factors could also impact our Sanctuary computer and processing equipment. According to Midwest Organ, temperature should stay in the 70-75 degree range. A motion was made to use either the air conditioning or heating functions year round to meet this need. The motion was seconded and passed.

Christian Education: Colleen reported the WWW carnival was well received. The help of many workers for this event was appreciated. Two youth have earned their camping scholarships thus far. Summer School cinema is planned to start on June 5th and run through August 7th with a sign-up again this year for breakfast items. Graduation recognition is scheduled for May 22nd. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for the end of July. Resources are once again being shared with Manhattan First Baptist Church and we will be helping them with the cost of materials. Thus far, \$250 has been spent and then there will be the cost of food for this event, as well. A new Bible study group will be starting soon that will be led by the Pastor.

Missions: Jim reported that Church members returned to Bethel on April 22nd and had a wonderful time. Don provided the devotion for the evening. The next trip will be at the end of July and will intersect with one VBS evening. The next missionary offering is the One Great Hour of Share with a goal of \$1,750.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ivan shared his monthly written report of activities.

Moderator's Report: Pat had nothing new to report but remains appreciative of all the work done by numerous Church members.

Old Business: None noted.

New Business: None noted.

The meeting was closed with prayer. The next Council meeting is scheduled for June 14th, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by

Fran Seymour-Hunter, Church Clerk

