

West Side Baptist Church Council Minutes

July 19, 2022

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

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Ivan.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was provided by Nancy along with her summary report. Income for June was \$13,749.89 (with a year's total of \$126,351.69). The expenses for June totaled \$24,090.89 (with year's total of \$147,632.15). Several items related to the report are of note. There were three pay periods encompassed for this period. (Two payroll periods are usual/month.) There were several facility expenses including a new battery for the floor cleaner. Van insurance was paid. Toilet parts and fluorescent lighting were need and we had an increase in the electrical bill. Also, \$260 was spent for movie night supplies. With expenditures exceeding income, the difference is a negative \$21,280.46. The majority of money (\$114,780.01) in our checking/savings account is attributed to the new Capital Campaign funds (\$74,420.67). This balance amount also includes Outreach funds of \$10,946.50 and the Youth fund of \$3,792.17. The Benevolent Fund balance is \$6,899.58. Nancy still intends to give a progress update in the August business meeting of completed projects with the Capital Campaign. This report will include update on the parapet work and the replacement of the administration office windows along with other completed projects from the approved list. This Capital Campaign is to run across three years and so folks need to be cognizant of expenditures utilizing this funding source as projects are completed and new ones from the list are scheduled. The January Topeka Community Foundation distribution of 5% was \$8,054. A second distribution will be received from this same source out of the Vern and Portia Allbert account which has to be utilized for "music". As a reminder, this can help offset salaries for our musicians. This distribution is anticipated to be around \$4,000. As most are aware, investments have lost value and for the Church, this amount stands at around \$26,000. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed.

Minutes: The June minutes were approved following a motion and second.

Ministry Reporting

Fellowship/Membership: In Carla's absence, no report was provided.

Outreach: Jack stated the movie night went well. There is no Harvester's distribution for July.

Personnel: Janice was asking about a need for nursery workers with the restart of the WWW Program. This will be determined prior to that start.

Administration/ Stewardship: Harry reported on several items that fall in his area of responsibility such as signage above the sanctuary door; work on the air conditioning compressor and a faulty switch with that unit; increased electricity costs; parapet work; security cameras externally in some blind spots; consideration of smoke detector replacements; investigation of high water usage which led to a need to replace some toilet parts, e.g.

Worship: Brice let council members know that the choir will officially be taking the summer off. With the cancellation of Vacation Bible School and the planned follow-up Sunday worship service being devoted to a program from that event, modifications in the schedule have been needed.

Christian Education: Colleen reiterated a cancellation for VBS this year. As a result of this, there was discussion about the potluck event that was to occur on the 31st after VBS. It is possible that Ward Meade might be willing to entertain a change in the date for a Church potluck there. There is still a need for an August business meeting so perhaps this could be linked to the use of Ward Meade. A check of potential date changes will be explored. A kick off for the restart of WWW is planned for August 31st with hot dogs/chips/water games. Classes will resume on September 7th.

Missions: Jim stated that combined with the Ukraine focused offering, the One Great Hour of Sharing offering well exceeded the goal set. It was noted that we have had amazingly generous Church body. Mention was made of the past donation that the Church made for the building of a dormitory in India and that specific thanksgiving was provided on those donations that enabled this to be done.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ivan shared his monthly written report of activities prior to the meeting. He noted that COVID cases are on the rise again. He shared some of the activities he is involved in with Missions and International Board work. He will be specifically participating in a commissioning ceremony for future missionaries to Thailand.

Moderator's Report: Pat had nothing new to report.

Old Business: Nothing was needing to be discussed.

New Business: Pastor Ivan has been asked to accept nomination to be the Vice President of the Board of International Ministries. This would be a three year commitment followed by three years as President and then six years as a Past President. This would involve travel for meetings within the United States in addition to international travel. If he accepts this honor, he would plan to drop two of his community volunteer positions. By consensus, the Council voted to support the Pastor in this role.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by

Fran Seymour-Hunter, Church Clerk