

West Side Baptist Church Council Minutes

August 9, 2022

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

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. Per Nancy's summary report, the income for July was \$16,318.61 (year's total of \$138,538.22). Expenses for July totaled \$21,161.30 (year's total of \$168,793.45). Expenses in July highlighted were maintenance and improvements (\$1,520.69); electricity (\$2,683.78); music resources (\$403.89); pulpit supply (\$380); and expenditures from the youth fund (\$352.61). The checking/savings account balance shown on the balance sheet is \$53,656.89 with the Benevolent Fund at \$5,873.49. In July, the 5% Topeka Community Foundation distribution from the Allbert estate was received in the amount of \$4,435.57. The amount of \$300,000 was the goal of the Fortifying our Foundation for the Future campaign. Sources funding this campaign are \$50,000 from Don Morris's life insurance, \$30,000 from the Reg Kirby estate, \$18,000 from the previous campaign, and 27 pledges to date totaling \$179,684 with \$53,656.89 in that account currently. In this campaign, several projects have already been completed which range from the upgrade of the sound system in the sanctuary; ladder access to the roof; an expansion of the Baby Closet; repair of the tower parapets; and repairs on the air conditioning units (which is also ongoing). Next on the list is upgrading the nursery monitor sound/picture system and replacing five of the office windows. As a reminder, 10% of the campaign monies are pledged for Missions projects. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report with corrections made on the balance sheet. This motion was seconded and passed.

Minutes: Minutes of the August 5th Special Meeting were approved following a motion and second. The distributed Council meeting minutes were also approved after a motion that was seconded.

Ministry Reporting

Fellowship/Membership: In Carla's absence, there was a reminder of the Church luncheon on the 14th to be held at Ward Meade. Chicken will be ordered and other food items will be via pot luck.

Outreach: Jack reported that 106 families were served in the first week back of the Harvester's distribution from the summer break. As much food as was received was given off and Jack continues to check regularly on what is available to order. There was a misunderstanding on quantity with a recent Baby Closet order from Harvesters but Jack was able to correct this prior to delivery. Next week should be the Milk distribution time. Also, the Baby Closet continues to see a large turn-out. Due to the nationwide formula shortage, they have run low on that product, as well.

Personnel: Janice stated that a notice has been put out related to a need for a Nursery worker on both Wednesday evening and Sunday morning.

Administration/ Stewardship: Harry stated much work has been expended and intermittent problems on trying to facilitate repair needs for the air conditioning units. There was a leak found in an upstairs

classroom ceiling which was not considered attributable to the air conditioner. Further evaluation will be done on this to determine the cause of the leak.

Worship: Due to the ongoing issues with the air conditioning, Church services will be held in Homer Hall. Plans will be made to continue the ability to transmit the service and record it in this setting. Matt will talk with Nancy about the potential use of Memorial money for the purchase of some new hymnals.

Christian Education: Colleen reported that Summer Cinema has gone well with one more Sunday scheduled for this. Appreciation was extended to Nancy Lindberg for her work on making this a success again this year. Regular Sunday School classes will resume August 21st. Jack is exploring the use of the film series "The Chosen" again for his class. Teachers are assigned for Children Sunday School classes in preparation for any students. Janice Kirby will lead the High School class until a replacement can be found. Colleen also presented the ideas she has for the WWW kick-off scheduled for August 31st. WWW handouts will be available at this event. Medical release forms will be obtained at this event when feasible in preparation for the restart of WWW. The end date for the fall semester will culminate with the Christmas Program on December 7th. Tree limbs will need to be cleared from around the garage. Harry indicated he would see that this was done.

Missions: There was no report provided by Jim but Pastor Ivan reaffirmed the thanks received from the General Secretary of North India for the donation made by our Church.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ivan shared his monthly written report of activities prior to the meeting. He also noted that he/his family had experienced COVID during their family vacation time. He is scheduled for Jury Duty starting on August 22nd. He will be attending a September meeting in Philadelphia for International Ministries. He will be making an address at the Kansas City National Conference. Registration for the convention of 9/30-10/1 is open for two delegates from our Church. The Pastor will also be involved in the commissioning ceremony for International Missionaries. Because of his role in this convention, his registration fees are covered. He was appreciative of the granting of his last minute vacation time to travel to North Dakota to retrieve his daughter.

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

Old Business: None.

New Business: Some suggestions were made to enhance the worship experience in Homer Hall. The Pastor brought up his offer to teach in the Liberia Africa Seminary for one semester during his Sabbatical period. Reminder: The quarterly business meeting is planned for August 14th.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by

Fran Seymour-Hunter, Church Clerk