

## West Side Baptist Church Council Minutes

September 13, 2022

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

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Ivan.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's reports were provided by Nancy along with her summary report. Income for August was \$14,817.05 (with a year's total of \$158,159.24). The expenses for August totaled \$20,669.14 (with year's total of \$189,214.48). The difference of income to expenses for the year-to-date is a negative \$31,055.24. Of special note with this month's report is line item #6270 (organist) with expense of \$341.80 which makes this line item over budget; line item #7720 (maintenance/improvements) also over budget with expense of \$953.75; and utilities at #7810 and #7820 close to total budgeted. The checking/savings account balance in the main account shown on the balance sheet is noted as \$67,226.80. The Benevolent Fund is at \$6,054.17. Nancy reminded the group of need for budget recommendations so a draft budget can be prepared for the October meeting. It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Nancy additionally provided a report from the Properties Committee. A new programmable thermostat was installed in Homer Hall by Tom. McElroys is working on freon and repairs to the air conditioning. A recommendation was made to have Clayton work on the roof air conditioners and McElroys to work on the sanctuary air conditioning. Nancy moved to approve the Committee recommendations. This motion carried.

**Minutes:** Due to a transmission error in August, minutes for both July and August were routed for review. With minor corrections provided to each document, a motion was made to accept the reports as amended. This motion was seconded and passed.

### Ministry Reporting

**Fellowship/Membership:** Carla provided phone contact should something arise that she needs to be involved in. Carla would like to introduce monthly birthday recognitions. Several ideas were discussed but ultimately it was decided to hold this recognition at the first WWW session of the month. Both September and October birthdays will be celebrated together for the trial run. A motion was made to support a birthday recognition in connection with the first WWW session of the month. This motion received a second and passed.

**Outreach:** Jack reported that the Baby Closet would have a booth at a Stormont-Vail event to advertise this option for families with needs for formula and diapers in addition to other items. Pat is always alert to any grant opportunities to support this outreach function and has recently applied for another one. Volunteers will be sought to help with the sale of a truckload of pumpkins. This sale will benefit refugees from Ukraine. Jack also shared a Harvester's Agency impact report. Our Church served 5,487 households with over 157,000 pounds of food distributed and an estimated equivalency of over 131,000 meals. These numbers are a drop from previous years but still distribution numbers to take pride in.

**Personnel:** Janice noted that there remains a need for another nursery worker.

**Administration/ Stewardship:** Harry stated that new cameras have been installed with the assistance of both Tom and Brice. This addition should help with identifying any real/potential problems. As a

reminder, please be sure that external doors are secure if you are the last person to leave the Church. It would be helpful to once again lock the classroom doors as was previously done. This is a major help for security purposes if a search of the building is needed. The phone system has had to be reset. This impacts internet access. If there is a problem with this, please contact either Brice or Harry. Some of our air conditioning problems can be attributed to the meter and transformer power surges.

**Worship:** Brice is working on pulpit fill options when the Pastor is absent. He anticipates worship services returning to the sanctuary “soon”.

**Christian Education:** Colleen reported that the fall WWW kickoff event went well. The kids found the foam especially fun. We did not get as many registration forms that night as anticipated but it is hoped that our WWW numbers will continue to grow. Sunday School classes have resumed. Colleen would like to recruit for another adult Sunday School option.

**Missions:** There was no report provided. Bethel gatherings have moved from Friday evenings so it is currently unclear how our Church will be able to participate with serving of a quarterly meal.

**Pastor’s Report:** Pastor Ivan shared his monthly written report of activities prior to the meeting.

**Moderator’s Report:** Pat continues to appreciate the work done by this Church.

**Old Business:** None was presented.

**New Business:** There was discussion about the need for a Church cleaning/sorting day. An example of an area that could use some attention was the Library. Other areas can be placed on a “to do” list. Ernie has had some health issues of late and help of this nature would be appreciated. October 15<sup>th</sup> from 9-Noon was decided upon as a good day/time for scheduling this activity.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2022.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by

Fran Seymour-Hunter, Church Clerk