

West Side Baptist Church Council Minutes

October 11, 2022

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

The meeting was opened with a prayer by the Pastor.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was provided by Nancy along with her summary report. Income for September was \$17,469.06 (with a year's total of \$175,681.74). The expenses for September totaled \$18,788.45 (with year's total of \$208,286.57). This is a shortfall of \$32,604.83. There is enough money in the checking account for cash flow since capital campaign funds have yet to be transferred to a separate account. Elevator expenses of \$17,179.58 remain held in the previous capital campaign account. The checking/savings account balance in the main account shown on the balance sheet is at \$70,911.87. The Benevolent Fund balance stands at \$6,179.17. Nancy expressed appreciation for the 2023 budget recommendations presented to her for completion of a draft budget to be discussed later in the meeting. As a reminder, a budget document will be presented to the Congregation in December. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed.

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

Ministry Reporting

Fellowship/Membership: Carla presented the names of Barbara Amos along with Marion and Mert Blaisdel requesting membership via transfer of Church letter. A motion was made by Janice and seconded by Brice to receive these individuals into membership. Motion passed unanimously.

Outreach: Jack stated that the Harvesters will be moving to its Lawrence location in 2024. Game night is planned for both day and night events. Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Halloween evening. Candy donations are being accepted and Nancy reported that \$70 has been received for this event. Hot dogs/buns/chips and water will be provided for adults as well as kids attending. WSBC will provide food for the teachers during their fall Parent/Teacher conferences. Food pantry monitoring continues. A grant has been received in the amount of \$1500 (with \$150 of that designated for administrative costs) that will assist with food boxes for the Ward/Meade neighborhood. The Baby Closet continues to be popular. Formula and diapers continue with high utilization and short supply at times.

Personnel: Janice reminded the group that there remains a need for a nursery attendance on Wednesday evening. To date, zero applications have been received with the advertisements posted.

Administration/ Stewardship: Harry reported that Cornerstone has scheduled its Christmas dinner for December 5th. Additional motion detectors have been installed. Due to discussion about handicapped parking space utilization and configuration, Nancy agreed to research the applicable municipal codes.

Worship: Brice stated that the Hanging of the Greens is scheduled for Saturday, November 26th from 9-11. Another Worship committee meeting will be held toward the end of October.

Christian Education: Colleen reported that the Branson trip went well with all adult/youth participants having a good experience. A trip to Gary's Berries will be planned as another event. The youth have discussed several fund-raising options. A pie auction is planned for November 20th. They may have

another Church luncheon after the first of the new year. That might be scheduled after a Church business meeting or in conjunction with Valentine's Day. A motion was made to allow three youth fund raisers this year. Two would be in 2022 and one in 2023. This motion was seconded and passed. With some of the activities that the youth might wish to participate in, Nancy informed the group that there are individuals willing to assist with associated costs should that be problematic for anyone.

Missions: Jim stated that the goal for the World Mission offering this year is set at \$1750. It was noted that the Latin American countries are experiencing a large growth with converts. It was moved and seconded that we set aside a tithe portion of our capital campaign monies for international/national/local ministry efforts. This motion passed. Jim is considering information to the Congregation on our Missionaries on a quarterly basis and can tap into Ivan's knowledge base for this. It remains unresolved about our trips to Bethel to provide a meal since the day/time change. Per inquiry from Carla, information provided on the Bethel Center and the populations they serve.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ivan shared his monthly written report of activities prior to the meeting. Of special note, he attended an International Ministries Board of Directors meeting in Philadelphia in mid-September. He also participated in an IM Racial Justice Prayer Vigil. Per the Pastor's work with the Regional Office, related concerns were briefly discussed. Of note: Nancy is now on the Foundation Board which is a positive for our Church's voice being heard.

Moderator's Report: Pat expressed appreciation for all of the work being done. She had a few items for discussion. Clarification was sought on the November 20th Stewardship Dinner. The decision was made to make this a catered dinner as has been done in the past. WWW will host a Thanksgiving dinner on November 16th. Church members will provide side dishes. The Christmas breakfast will be scheduled for December 4th. For Carla's knowledge, members are asked to provide food for this event and no Sunday School is planned for that day since we hold a business meeting that morning, as well. This is when the the proposed budget is presented for the upcoming year. These dates were adopted per consensus.

Old Business: Nothing was needing to be discussed.

New Business: Via Karen, a proposed slate of officers was presented as developed by the Nominating Committee. For Moderator: Sonia Rolig; Assistant Financial Secretary: Nancy Ohse; Missions: Don Johnson; with Brice and Colleen to continue until replacements can be found. Karen Kirby is willing to continue on the Nominating Committee but other individuals will be asked if they would be willing to serve to replace those leaving this committee. Suggestions for individuals to ask that might be willing to serve are welcomed. The Nominating Committee recommendations were accepted.

The next item was the draft 2023 budget document prepared by Nancy. Some of the highlights are noted here. A recommendation was made for a 3% salary increase based on hours worked. It is anticipated that utility costs will increase. An increased cost for the WWW evening meals is also anticipated. For Outreach, grant funding will continue to be sought but is never guaranteed. When grant dollars are awarded, however, these funds are utilized first. The Pastor provided the group with a spread sheet on potential Pastoral compensation amount levels for the coming year. Pastor Ivan departed for the remainder of the meeting where there was continued discussion on the salary components of the budget.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Jim.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by

Fran Seymour-Hunter, Church Clerk