

West Side Baptist Church Council Minutes

January 17, 2023

Present: Sonia Roling; Nancy Lindberg; Jack Janway; Janice Kirby; Don Johnson; Carla Donnelly; Colleen Smith; Brice Smith; and Fran Seymour-Hunter Absent: Absent: Pastor Ivan Greuter; Harry Carpenter

The meeting was called to order by Sonia Roling and she opened with a prayer. As the new incoming Moderator, Sonia said she was honored to have the opportunity to serve in this capacity. She asked for guidance and patience as she transitions into this role.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's reports were provided by Nancy along with her summary report. Income for December was \$51,287.05 (with a year's total of \$281,653.50). The major income for this month was due to a year end title of stock sold which totaled \$27,071.68. Expenses for December totaled \$25,117.34 (with year's total of \$281,843.04). This made the difference of income to expenses for the 2022 year of a negative \$189.54. The checking/savings account balance in the main account shown on the balance sheet is noted as \$115,598.93 which includes funds for capital campaign, youth, outreach, and the Liberia Mission trip. The Benevolent Fund balance is \$6,834.17. There are several program balances that need to be considered as year-end carry over for 2023. These are as follows: Baby closet: \$683.01; Milk 2 My Plate: \$828.33; Food Pantry: \$6,371.47; School Supplies: \$62.84; Blessing Boxes: \$770; and Meadows Clothes: \$61.65. The Youth Fund balance of \$3,858.85 will also be carried forward. Due to Stock Marker value fluctuations in our Endeavor Investments, we lost nearly \$90,000 in 2022 with a total of \$4,653.80 paid in 2022 for investment/advisory fees. It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes. This motion was seconded and passed.

Ministry Reporting

Fellowship/Membership: Carla expressed appreciation for the patience shown her in the last year. There is a funeral dinner planned for Friday. There was a brief discussion of the logistics for this dinner. Carla has started the monthly birthday celebrations in WWW. She is now aware of the activities scheduled around Easter and Christmas and for shut-ins, e.g. She has started a notebook log to track the various needed responsibilities in this position. In order to support the work of this ministry area, Carla should feel free to create a committee to assist with some of these activities. As a reminder, there is a potluck dinner in connection with the Annual Business Meeting on the 29th.

Outreach: Jack reported that there is a Super Bowl chili meal planned. This will start at 5 PM. Attendees should also bring snacks to share during the game. Information has already been routed for the 2023 Shared Fest event to be held on April 29th. This work will be scattered across ten sites, nine of which are schools. The first planning meeting is scheduled for March 8th. A suggested donation for participation is requested each year and our Church has given \$50 in the past.

Personnel: Janice noted that there remains a need for another nursery worker. As it relates to Worship, Jan Mauck is planning to retire from regular pianist duties. She remains willing to fill in as needed.

Worship: As an extension of the previous discussion. Brice plans to make special recognition of Jan at the Annual Meeting on the 29th for her years of service as a pianist. As the need arises, taped music

could be utilized to assist with accompaniment or other musical needs—e.g. at the beginning of the worship session. Planning has been done for all services during Ivan’s absence in Liberia.

Administration/ Stewardship: In Harry’s absence, no report was provided.

Christian Education: Colleen reported the restart of WWW following the Holiday period. There will be no WWW scheduled on 3/15 or 4/5 with the last spring session scheduled for 4/26. Several ideas have been generated for this last meeting but nothing final yet decided. The Youth were planning to have a dinner around Valentine’s Day but will reschedule due to the Super Bowl events on 2/12. Plans are underway to have a Junior Church for the Middle School level with needed material on order. This would occur after the Children’s Sermon has been given. Ashley and Tera have volunteered to teach this.

Missions: Don said that there will an assembly for Blessing Box packages on the 22nd after Church. The Church sent a sympathy card to Mong at the Bethel Neighborhood Center following the passing of his Mother. A gift will be provided in her memory out of the Missions portion of the Capital Campaign funds. The Missions committee will discuss this at their next meeting and is approved per that committee’s decision. Don also noted that he is welcoming any ideas for projects that could be supported in this Council area.

Pastor’s Report: Pastor Ivan is on leave with his trip to Liberia and therefore no report was presented.

Moderator’s Report: Sonia had nothing to report but did comment that she may “change up” the agenda. This might involve projects and training for the group.

Old Business: The Nominating Committee continues their work and is considering additional individuals to fill needed positions. The Council endorsed this continued work and list of names presented.

New Business: Clarence Payne has resigned from the Properties Committee and a replacement will be sought. It was noted that Harry might appreciate names of individual to ask.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Jack. The next meeting is on February 14th.

Respectfully submitted by

Fran Seymour-Hunter, Church Clerk