

West Side Baptist Church Council Minutes

November 8, 2022

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

The meeting was called to order with a prayer.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy provided a summary report. Income for October was \$35,088.91 (total of \$210,770.65 for the year). The income for the month included a \$1500 grant amount for Blessing Boxes. Expenses for October totaled \$22,735.66 (total of \$230,754.35 for the year). That means a negative amount of \$19,983.70 for the year; however, we have enough money in the checking account for cash flow due to receipt of capital campaign funds. The insurance company paid \$32,898.94 for air conditioning repairs due to storm damage. The main account fund balance shown on the balance sheet is \$70,553.74 with capital campaign, youth, and outreach funds. The Benevolent Fund balance is at \$6,179.17. Nancy noted that the 2023 budget was created with information provided by Council members and a recommendation from the Personnel Committee as it pertained to salaries. The 2023 budget will be presented in draft form to the Congregation at the Christmas breakfast. As always, if there are questions related to the financial reports, please feel free to contact Nancy. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted. Motion was seconded and motion passed.

Minutes: The October minutes were approved as printed with one correction. A motion was made and seconded to approve the amended minutes. Motion carried.

Ministry Reporting

Fellowship/Membership: Carla reported monthly birthday recognitions have started with WWW. There are three baptisms scheduled now for November 27th and are Nimmy Gillmore, William Gilcrist, and Jeffrey Fuller. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept these individuals into membership.

Outreach: Jack noted that the Trunk or Treat event went well with 109 children counted as participating in one hour. Harvesters is going well with "surprises" every week in terms of items received for distribution. Thanksgiving boxes will be prepared for Lowman Hills. Jack plans to pull out 16 holiday boxes from Harvesters for that purpose. Monetary donations have been provided for this purpose, as well. We will also provide Christmas boxes for 50 Meadows Elementary families which will include spaghetti and pasta sauce.

Personnel: No report was provided by Janice. Names have been suggested to replace Jim Lagerberg as an assistant financial secretary. A motion was made and seconded to authorize contact for this position. This motion passed.

Administration/ Stewardship: There was much discussion about converting some of our parking spaces to be ADA compliant for handicapped parking. After discussion, it was determined we will decrease to 11 spots in the parking lot north of the Church. This work will not be able to be done for at least 6 weeks. It was moved and seconded for this action. The motion was passed. In the interim, Church members will be asked to be considerate of the need for some members to have parking closer to the building.

Worship: Brice let folks know of some of the scheduled Advent events determined by the Worship committee. These include the Hanging of the Greens and the Christmas Eve service at 7 pm. WSBC will

have a service on Christmas. Per a brief discussion, it was decided that this service will be held at the 10:30 AM time. This service will have a Swedish flavor to it and participants should plan to wear red/white. Ed O'Rear will be in the pulpit when the pastor is attending his meetings in North Carolina.

Christian Education: Colleen reported that WWW is already starting to wind down. There is a Thanksgiving dinner planned with the entire congregation invited. Plans are to have a Christmas Program for closure of the fall WWW session. The Youth are planning to do a pie auction on November 20th and they are also considering doing a Christmas gift wrapping by donation fund raiser. Colleen is trying to encourage attendance at the middle school weekend event. There has also been consideration for another Junior Church session for Middle Schoolers and below focusing on discipleship.

Missions: Jim provided notes for the meeting tonight in his absence. Per a summary of his notes: The World Mission Offering from October raised over \$2000 and far exceeded the goal of \$1750. Thanks expressed to all who contributed to help God's work around the world. In October, the Council approved the Mission Committee's proposal to spend the 10% (Mission) portion of the new Capital Campaign on "care packages" for disaster relief and personal hygiene. At the Nov. 6th Mission Committee meeting, Pastor Ivan presented two lists of items for consideration by the committee. The first list is for Hygiene Kits for disaster/emergency relief. This proposal was approved and plans are to pack 60 kits after the Hanging of the Greens. The second proposal was for 50 Feminine Hygiene kits that could be placed in Blessing Boxes. The committee also approved this proposal and plans are to pack these kits in January. A date for this will be set at the December Mission Committee. The committee will also be looking at the possibility of Christmas items for the Murrow Indian Children's Home. Jim has not yet seen a Christmas list, but there was one from October with items needed. Jim hoped to have a short meeting after Church this coming Sunday depending on his health status. The Mission Committee will also be looking for alternative ways to interact on an occasional face-to-face basis with Bethel Neighborhood Center since the Friday night worship services are no longer an option.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ivan previously E-mailed his monthly report. He has made hospital visits along with other activities noted on his report. He is still planning for this West Africa trip in 2023.

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

Old Business: Earlier in the meeting the handicapped parking changes were discussed. Jack brought up the need to decide on the ability to install a Blessing Box on Church property. It is known that students at Meadows are currently unable to obtain food items for the weekend. Stocking the box with items to meet that need is one function that could be served by this box. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to install a Blessing Box on Church property.

New Business: The Pastor brought up his desire to discuss a new vision statement for WSBC along with exploration of a potential new logo to promote a "branding" for our Church. Pastor Ivan provided details about his planning for the trip to Liberia. He is working on fund raising to cover the needed costs for this trip. He would like to use this trip as Sabbatical leave. The motion was made to endorse this work in Liberia. The motion was seconded and passed. The Pastor also let the Council members know that the Benevolence fund was used to provide turkeys for three families in our Church.

The meeting was closed with prayer. The next Council meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by

Fran Seymour-Hunter, Church Clerk

