

West Side Baptist Church Council Minutes

December 13, 2022

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

The meeting was called to order and opened with a prayer by Pastor Ivan. As the incoming Moderator, Sonia was welcomed to the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's reports were provided by Nancy along with her summary report. Income for November was \$19,595.80 (with a year's total of \$230,366.45). Month's income included money in the Youth Fund from the pie auction (\$451) and School Holiday Fund (\$370). Expenses for November totaled \$27,374.93 (with year's total of \$256,517.06). The difference of income to expenses for the year-to-date is a negative \$26,150.61. Cash flow remains "good" due to capital campaign funds remaining in the checking account. The checking/savings account in the main account on the balance sheet is \$109,040.46 but this includes the funds noted above in addition to the Liberia Mission Trip (currently at \$6,791.80). The Benevolent Fund is at \$6,834.17. In the December business meeting, the proposed 2023 budget was approved. This includes a 3% staff salary increase. A deficit budget of \$4,006 was approved. It is now known the insurance premium cost for Lynda will be \$2,980.08. Additionally, \$1,140 was presented to the Pastor through gifts received in recognition of Pastor Appreciation Month. Jack will follow up with Nancy on a few items from his area of responsibility. 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 learned of our shut-in outreach at Christmas. She expressed excitement at being able to participate in this. She will ask for needed historical details to provide for this outreach. Nancy confirmed that she has the cards ready for distribution. Lynda can help to provide needed contact information. There was a brief discussion on the list of individuals who should be included.

Outreach: Jack reported that food distribution has been slowing down. There was a brief discussion about the food the schools provide. PPE supplies were received via Harvesters and have/will be distributed. Jack will work on the painting and setting up of the Blessing Boxes.

Personnel: Janice noted that there remains a need for another nursery worker. Recruitment will restart for this position. Nancy Cottrill will be added to the Personnel Committee.

Administration/ Stewardship: Harry talked briefly about the value for Lifevac units in the Church. These are portable airway clearance devices using in choking situations and cost around \$70. He will talk with Pat Carreno about these units. Harry alerted us to a broken door lock with repair needed. McElroys has submitted a new contract and the Properties Committee will review it and make recommendations.

Worship: Brice was absent, but work continues on worship service planning. It was noted that "Unhanging of the Greens" will occur on January 8th.

Christian Education: Colleen was absent, but a reminder was given of the Youth gift wrapping fund raiser coming up.

Missions: Jim expressed continued gratitude to the Church for their generosity with the mission offerings. A short meeting will be held on Sunday. A packing of hygiene items will be held in January. There has been no update for our work with Bethel Neighborhood Center.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ivan shared his monthly written report of activities prior to the meeting. He also noted that he had been questioned on his hours or work with International Ministries (IM) by a member of the Church. He also provided some updates. It was moved, seconded, and approved to affirm the Pastor's IM work as a part of his work schedule. There was a reminder that the associated costs (e.g. travel) are covered and are not a cost to our Church (or the Pastor). The Pastor reported that the financial goal for the Liberia trip has been reached. A check was received for \$1,000 to cover books to take to Liberia and the expense of getting them there. There was a brief discussion of the Pastor asking Art Campbell to fill in as an interim Pastor and preach on January 15, 22, and 29. An Honorarium would be provided for this work and Pastor Ivan incorporated that expense in his Liberia trip funding. It is understood that the Pastor will miss the annual meeting due to the absence in Liberia. The Pastor filled us in briefly on some of what he has learned about his time in Liberia, including the presence of a round the clock body guard.

Moderator's Report: Pat expressed appreciation for the assistance she has received throughout her Moderator term. She is proud to have served in this role for a loving Church that demonstrates God at work.

Old Business: Pastor Ivan will be having a meeting with Regional staff after Christmas and prior to leaving related to some issues that need to be addressed. The Nominating Committee continues their work and has continued to experience folks declining positions. They have come up with a new list of individuals to ask to fill vacancies. The Council endorsed this continued work and list of names presented.

New Business: Due to Nancy's trip and activities related to the New Year, the next Council meeting will be delayed until January 17th. Additionally, following discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and approved for the Annual Meeting to be held on the 29th of January.

The Pastor was excused from the meeting and Christmas gifts were discussed. Following the amounts provided last year, it was decided to provide \$300 to the Pastor, \$100 to the Staff except for the Nursery workers who will receive \$50. This recommendation was made into a motion. The motion was seconded and approved.

A thank you was expressed from the group to those leaving the Council.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2023.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by

Fran Seymour-Hunter, Church Clerk

