

## West Side Baptist Church Council Minutes

March 14, 2023

Present: Sonia Roling; Jack Janway; Nancy Lindberg; Don Johnson; Jessica Gilmore; Colleen Smith; Brice Smith; Janice Kirby; Chuck Cozad; and Fran Seymour-Hunter. Absent: Harry Carpenter and Ivan Greuter.

The meeting was called to order by Sonia Roling and she opened with a prayer.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Nancy discussed highlights from the financial reports provided to Council members. Income for February was \$18,126.28 with expenses totaling \$20,939.18. The checking account balance was noted as \$128,489.44 in large part due to monies from both the Capital Campaign and Outreach funds. The Bruno Sprengs memorial fund has \$270 in it. The February youth fund luncheon raised \$922. There was good news for our investments in that they increased by over \$14,000; however, caution was expressed given the market's ups/downs. Nancy talked about line item 6930 (for conference, lodging, travel expenses) being re-instituted. Delegates for the biennial in Puerto Rico brought this to mind. Per discussion, it was moved and seconded to cover registration and meal expenses for both Rexanne and David with their attendance in conjunction with putting line 6930 back into the budget. Per discussion of those costs, it was approved to cover this for Rexanne and David along with the return of this line item. (The Pastor's expenses are already covered through his other National role.)

### Ministry Reporting

**Fellowship:** Jessica was welcomed to the group. She had no report to provide due to her newness in the role.

**Outreach:** Jack reported that the Blessing Box was dedicated on Sunday. With the Harvester's distribution, February was the highest numbers served for that month. No distribution is planned for the 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. Per Jack's response to a question about the Easter egg hunt and no volunteers yet stepping forth, Jessica volunteered to take responsibility for that event this year. Suggestions were given on how to publicize it.

**Personnel:** Janice reported that Jessica will now be helping out in the Nursery.

**Administration/ Stewardship:** In Harry's absence, no report was provided by him. On a side note, due to Harry's friendship with Bruno, the family has offered his computer to the Church that was purchased in 2018. Per a question asked, Brice gave an assurance that the data on Power Church is backed up.

**Worship:** Brice stated that the Greuters will once again host a Seder meal this year. Several have volunteered to assist them with this event. A Good Friday service will be held at First Baptist in coordination with several other Churches. There will be a combined choir and Matt is leading that group. Easter sunrise service will be held at Old Prairie Town. Jessa Greuter will be in the pulpit on this coming Sunday. She will talk about her time in Liberia and will address the ABWM project there. Art Campbell will fill the pulpit on Palm Sunday. Other dates for the Pastor's planned absences have yet to be filled. Positive feedback was received on our Church's welcoming action for visitors after the closure of the North Topeka Baptist Church. Ordered flowers will grace the Sanctuary on Easter.

**Christian Education:** Colleen reported Junior Church for the Middle Schoolers is going well. The week-end of March 31<sup>st</sup> will be Young Christian's week-end in Branson with 7 adults and 4 kids attending. The camp scholarship program has begun. VBS is scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup> through the 9th and Middle Schoolers will be included in the age range being covered. Summer cinema will be offered again and Nancy has graciously agreed to be in charge of this again. The last WWW session for this spring will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Tentative plans are to have a bingo/cake walk for that evening. There was a brief discussion of the summer meal opportunities with more information to be obtained on the details with that.

**Missions:** Don said he continues to welcome any ideas for projects that could be supported by the Missions committee. One possibility is creating more hygiene kits. The goal for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering is \$1750. Chuck announced that April is WSBC's month to volunteer at Door Step. He has placed a notice on the bulletin board about the need for volunteers. Nancy noted there is confusion about the various offerings being taken. The recent offering for earthquake relief is an example of this confusion.

**Pastor's Report:** No report was provided by Pastor Ivan.

**Moderator's Report:** Sonia had nothing to report but continues to welcome feedback or suggestions in her new role.

**Old Business:** None was brought forward.

**New Business:** Brice brought up request for a special offering for the ABWM project to held in conjunction with Jessa's presentation. Additionally, Jessa is taking another trip and is wanting to do fund raising for that trip. Given the earlier discussion on congregational confusion on the various offering requests (including the one for the ABWM project), it was decided that it would not be a good idea for this request from Jessa on the same day as that offering is being taken. Per a discussion following a motion, the Council is in support of Jessa doing fund raising efforts for this trip which could take the form of phone calls and creation of a flyer to be included in the bulletin, e.g. That motion was seconded and approved.

Jack brought up that McElroys has made a proposal for \$985 related to a water meter need on a chemical feed for the boiler. We do have a contract with them for boiler maintenance. It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept this bid.

Brice brought up the need for a new laptop for the Pastor's use. The suggestion was made to use Memorial monies to purchase this item. Per protocol, this will be discussed with family memorials to use funds and Brice would check on pricing.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for April 11th.

Respectfully submitted by

Fran Seymour-Hunter, Church Clerk