

## West Side Baptist Church Council Minutes

July 11, 2023

Present: Sonia Roling; Ivan Greuter; Jack Janway; Nancy Lindberg; Don Johnson; Janice Kirby; Chuck Cozad; Colleen Smith; Brice Smith; Clarence Payne; and Fran Seymour-Hunter.

The meeting was called to order with Pastoral prayer given.

**Minutes:** A minor correction was made along with an addition for historical purposes. With changes to the minutes as amended, they were approved following a motion and second.

### Ministry Reporting

**Administration/ Stewardship:** Clarence reported that he has had three recent calls from the alarm company. It has appeared to be due to the music room sensor. As a result, plans are to remove this area from monitoring. Issues developed around the air conditioning in Homer Hall. Clarence put up a note with instructions on use which provided clarification on use. Work was needed by McElroys for air conditioning in the sanctuary. Air conditioning repair was also needed during Vacation Bible School. A note will be needed in the main floor kitchen to warn individuals not to use both the Keurig and the microwave concurrently due to power outage when done.

**Fellowship:** Jessica/family did end up moving. As a result, this leadership position is open. (As a side note, this means that the Nursery is also in need of another worker.) Of the five baptisms completed, motion made and seconded for recommending membership. This motion passed.

**Worship:** Brice reported that his committee will hold a meeting on Saturday. Wet baptismal robes were found and taken care of on the Monday following this event. Historically this function was completed by the Fellowship committee. Additionally, they have designated “helpers” to assist with helping individuals prepare for baptism and then assist after the fact.

**Missions:** Don had nothing new to report. IM Missionaries will be hosted on Wednesday and 38 reservations have already been received for this meeting. Nancy provided some information on a volunteer opportunity at Murrow via ABCCR. More information will be obtained, and this opportunity announced in the Church newsletter.

**Christian Education:** There was a discussion on the use of the van with our group attending Quest. Per recommendation of the CE committee, registration of \$350 being paid for each of the three adults accompanying the youth was put into a motion. This motion passed. Clarence reminded the group of insurance requirements for van drivers. (These conditions include copy of the drivers license in the office and a driver under the age of 25 needing to be a Church employee.) A CE survey has been created with feedback desired on Sunday School options for the fall. Summer cinema going well with another movie planned in August. The Pastor will be providing a Wednesday Bible study on the Gospels.

**Personnel:** As noted previously, another nursery worker on Sunday will be needed and someone for Wednesday night will also be needed.

**Outreach:** Jack reported that school supplies are being collected. Another option is to donate money for these supplies and shopping would be done to fill this need. Harvesters is closed until the 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be no distribution from WSBC in July.

**Treasurer's Report:** Nancy provided financial sheets for review. Members were encouraged to check on their line items. The Pastor reported a need to move one expense to use of his Liberia Missions fund. Several other clarifications were discussed. Nancy let the group know that additional money will be coming in for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year from the Portia and Vern Allbert Topeka Community Foundation fund.

**Pastor's Report:** The Pastor provided a written report with several items highlighted.

**Moderator's Report:** Sonia had nothing to report.

**Old Business:** None was presented.

**New Business:** Molly has resigned as the prayer chain coordinator. There was a discussion of employing an automated electronic voice mail and/or text message function to meet the communication need on prayer requests. This would be at a cost of around \$250. A motion was made to use this technology. Motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 8<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted by

Fran Seymour-Hunter, Church Clerk