

## West Side Baptist Church Council Minutes

May 16, 2023

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

The meeting was called to order by Sonia with prayer offered.

**Minutes:** The minutes contained an error on a designated offering. With change to the correct special offering, minutes were approved following a motion and second.

**Treasurer's Report:** Nancy provided financial sheets along with a summary sheet. Income for April was \$46,747.61. Income shows a significant increase due to a 6 month tithe from one individual. Expenses for April was \$20,927.71. Line 7710 reflects payment for the McElroy maintenance contract and line 7720 reflects expense for new toilets. The difference of income to expenses through April is \$740.72 compared to a negative amount of \$25,335.93 at the end of March. The balance sheet is \$136,174.07 which includes Capital Campaign and Outreach funds. The Benevolent Fund balance is \$8,027.25. A new laptop was previously approved with use of Memorial monies. It was purchased for \$2,699. Nancy expressed appreciation to Brice for his work in acquiring this. An updated amount for monies received for Harry's Memorial is at \$2,705. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report as provided. This motion was seconded and passed.

### Ministry Reporting

**Personnel:** Janice provided no report.

**Worship:** Brice reported that Bev McGurdy will fill the pulpit on May 21<sup>st</sup> in the Pastor's absence. Art Campbell will provide for coverage in July but no one has yet been noted for September. Brice brought up idea of purchasing Baptist hymnals for greater use since there are many hymns known to the congregation. The accompaniment hymnal was previously purchased and has been in use. There was discussion about the possible use of Memorial Fund monies to purchase these. It was decided that the Memorial Fund Committee could review this request and provide feedback. There was also a discussion about removing some of the pews in the choir section to make room for the Praise Band. Given that this could have both positive and negative reactions from the congregation it was suggested that a survey or some other method could be used to receive this feedback. Additionally, there was discussion about the potential of placing a monitor at the back of the sanctuary to allow folks at the front to face the congregation versus looking to the side to view the monitor there. Given the amount of projected cost for this installation, it was moved and seconded to grant permission to install a monitor on the balcony face. This motion passed.

**Missions:** Don continues to welcome ideas for mission projects but otherwise had to report to present.

**Fellowship:** Jessica was complimented on how smoothly the funeral dinner went for Harry. Jessica also mentioned that she would like to paint Veggie Tale characters in the nursery area. It was noted that she would need to obtain a copyright waiver in order to proceed.

**Outreach:** Jack reported that the numbers for the Harvester's distribution increased in April. The grant money has been spent for the Milk to My Plate distribution. He plans to use other funds to cover this expense in June/July. There was discussion on ways to fund this. Jack indicated that his committee will discuss and line up some possible options. Jack is hoping for more community involvement in filling the neighborhood Blessing Box that has been installed.

**Administration/ Stewardship:** Clarence reported that he has done some work on building and outside area clean-up. He purchased weed/seed to assist with grass growth. Several signs were installed related to service needs from the Church office. McElroys has done the needed draining of the boilers. A check of the air conditioners has been done with filters/belts/compressors/oil. Ernie replaced some rose bushes at his expense. Toilets were replaced with high rise seats. New seats had to be purchased do meet standards. Mark Arnold has agreed to serve on the Properties Committee. Ernie will be taking some time off and Macy will provide custodial duties in his absence.

**Christian Education:** Colleen reported on the scheduled Youth Pancake event. Several of our youth will attend Quest. Three adults have offered to provide the adult leadership need. Colleen would like to cover registration expenses for these individuals. The Church van is planned for travel there but the insurance company would need to be informed of this trip. VBS planning is well underway.

**Pastor's Report:** The Pastor's reported that his plans have changed related to the Biennial meeting. This is related to some actions taken by the ABCCR Board. There was discussion about this. If we wish to have our voice heard on this, the place for this would be at the October General Assembly. The Church can also ask the Officers of the Church to develop an action plan related to this.

**Moderator's Report:** Sonia had nothing to report but noted that she has greatly appreciated the patience and support she has received.

**Old Business:** A concern was brought up regarding the windows in the office as it relates to exiting strategies. There was a brief discussion about this.

**New Business:** Jessica indicated her family is weighing a potential move to Oklahoma and she felt a need to provide a "heads up" on this. She will keep the Council notified of their decision since it might involve a replacement for her position.

As a representative on the Nominating Committee, Chuck asked for clarification on Clarence's position on the Council. Clarence is filling in on an interim basis until a replacement can be found to replace Harry. Despite rejections received for filling this slot, Chuck was provided with encouragement in this work. It was expressed that many have confidence that God has a plan to meet this need.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for June 13th.

Respectfully submitted by

Fran Seymour-Hunter, Church Clerk

Above should be May minutes. VBS threw me off even more than usual so not yet reviewed after typed so hope not too many errors. Also, computer creating headaches for me today so best I could do for this time. Sorry! FRAN

