

West Side Baptist Church Council Minutes

April 11, 2023

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

The meeting was called to order by Sonia Roling and the Pastor 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 March was \$17,592.81 with expenses of \$26,617.78. She made special note of some of the expenses. The difference of income to expenses through March is a negative \$25,335.93. The checking account balance on the balance sheet is \$111,214.55 with a large portion of that amount being related to the Capital Campaign and Outreach funds. The Benevolent fund balance stands at \$7,081.17. A new lap top computer will be purchased for the Pastor from Memorial funds but which fund will be used has yet to be decided. A meeting will be scheduled to discuss the next projects on the Capital Campaign list. Clarification was given on the pass through amounts with the youth funds. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report as provided. This motion was seconded and passed.

Ministry Reporting

Missions: Don continues to welcome ideas for mission projects. Assistance has been provided for packaging products to be placed in the Church's Blessing Box. The goal for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering is \$1750 with over \$1100 collected thus far. Nancy noted there is continued confusion about the various offerings being taken and attempts have been made to provide clarity around this.

Fellowship: In Jessica's absence, the Pastor noted that Austin Cripe has come forth as a baptismal candidate. The Council voted to recommend Austin for membership following his baptism. The Easter breakfast went well.

Outreach: Jack related that the Easter egg hunt went well but there is a need to tighten up the timeframe with this event. It was also noted that there is a need to back up the advertising timeline—perhaps as early as six weeks prior to the event. The Blessing Box lost its door and that will need to be replaced. Share Fest is scheduled for April 29th. Individuals still welcomed to participate. The Baby Closet has been very busy and there has been an increase in a distribution of diapers. Randy from New Hope Ministry has approached Jack to work with them on a gospel music festival to be held on June 4th. This event is scheduled for 1-3 PM.

Personnel: Janice reported that Jessica will now be assisting in the Nursery.

Administration/ Stewardship: In Harry's absence, no report was provided by him but prayers are being requested on his behalf.

Worship: Brice sent an E-mail report to Sonia. Lenten week was very busy. Easter sunrise service reservations made for 2024 at Old Prairie Town again. Payment of an Honorium still needed for Jessa's ABWM Sunday presentation. There was a brief discussion on where this payment should come from.

The Seder meal this year had 42 in attendance. The Good Friday service held at First Baptist had 17 from our Church in attendance with 52 attending the Sunrise service and 139 in the Easter Church service.

Christian Education: In Colleen's absence, a reminder was given about the CE meeting scheduled for next week. The last WWW session for this spring will be held on April 26th. Tentative plans are to have an Easter Play followed by Bingo.

Pastor's Report: The Pastor's report was shared. He expressed appreciation for the help provided with the Seder meal. He provided a report on how new processes for the Benevolent fund have been put in place related to rental and utility assistance. Door Step is the gatekeeper for the information on funding individuals have already received from various requests in this regard.

Moderator's Report: Sonia had nothing to report. She did share an updated sheet of the 2023 Slate of Officers, Coordinators, and Leaders.

Old Business: None was brought forward.

New Business: Though we are not a membership Church with JUMP, an announcement was placed in the bulletin about their citywide upcoming meeting. Church announced that information about a quilt drawing that Door Step is holding will be placed on the bulletin board. Volunteers are needed to work at Door Step, as well. Nancy shared the titles of the first two movies to be shown for Summer Cinema. This will start on June 4th with "A Man Called Otto".

The meeting was adjourned with prayer from the Pastor. The next meeting is scheduled for May 9th.

Respectfully submitted by

Fran Seymour-Hunter, Church Clerk