

West Side Baptist Church Council Minutes

August 8, 2023

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

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

Minutes: The minutes were approved as written.

Ministry Reporting

Missions: Don had no updates to present.

Personnel: Janice relayed the steps taken to advertise for a new Nursery attendant. In the interim, a sign-up sheet will be placed on the bulletin board for volunteers to assist. Of special note: Our current paid nurse attendant, Judy, will be celebrating her 80th birthday on Sunday.

Outreach: Jack reported the food pantry distribution has restarted with good attendance being seen. Due to staffing changes at Harvesters, “shopping” for items has created some challenges. There has been a high demand for diapers through the Baby Closet. As a result, a request is being made to have a quilt raffle to raise funds to help meet this need. As a nonprofit organization, Ivan relayed that there would be a \$25 cost to do a raffle. A motion was made and passed to support this raffle if decision made to proceed on this fund raiser. Jack also asked permission to apply for several grant opportunities. A motion was made to this effect, seconded, and passed. School supplies were collected and distributed.

Administration/ Stewardship: Clarence had no updates to provide.

Christian Education: Colleen reported that the Summer Cinema has gone well. She is working on a survey about member interest in Sunday School offerings. Plans are to have a Sunday School kick off on the Sunday of the Labor Day weekend (9/3). Sunday School classes would then start on the 10th. Matt will be teaching on hymns. Rexanne will have a class. Due to Jack’s driving of the van, he will not offer a class this fall. The High School group will be watching “The Chosen” but anyone can join that class. Plans are for a Fellowship time on Sundays starting at 10 AM. The kickoff for WWW will be on 8/30 and be a splash party. Hot dogs/chips/drink will be provided. WWW classes will then begin the next week.

Worship: Brice reported that it would be good to have folks assigned to help with Baptisms. A worship committee meeting will be held in the next few weeks. Janet Crowl will fill the pulpit on September 17th.

Fellowship/Membership: No update was provided in the absence of a Council member in this position.

Treasurer’s Report: In Nancy’s absence, no report was given. She is open to questions anyone may have related to their Program areas.

Pastor’s Report: Pastor Ivan routed his monthly report. It denotes his upcoming vacation time. He is starting a new Bible class. He has also been invited to return to Liberia. He will do fund raising for this trip, including coverage of the interim pastoral coverage costs. Art Campbell has agreed to fill this need in January. It was moved, seconded, and passed to support this trip.

Moderator’s Report: Sonia had nothing to report.

Old Business: Pastor Ivan resurrected the idea of developing a Church “brand”. He provided a sheet with some ideas related to this. Previously Church member involvement (a number of years ago) took place over a Friday evening and Saturday morning. It was decided to schedule this meeting for September 1st and 2nd.

New Business: Jack will be a first contact now if the Alarm company needs to reach someone from the Church. There was a brief discussion on the alarm system. Both Jack and Clarence will have camera access. The Memorial dinner for Trena went well. The topic of outreach to the Refugee population was raised. The Pastor will talk with Don about this.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for September 12th.

Respectfully submitted by

Fran Seymour-Hunter, Church Clerk