West Side Baptist Church Council Minutes

September 12, 2023

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

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

Minutes: The minutes were approved as written.

Ministry Reporting

Worship: Brice reported that Janet Crowl will fill the pulpit on Sunday in Ivan's absence. Baptist Hymnals have been purchased and distributed in the Sanctuary for use.

Administration/ Stewardship: In Clarence's absence, no report was provided. Nancy indicated that preliminary work has been done in this budget area with increased fiscal projections made. Also, the Power Church program has been upgraded which now allows text messaging to occur.

Missions: Don reported that the Missions committee voted to donate a \$1000 to a chicken breeding program via Capital Campaign mission set aside use. Also, \$400 was used to purchase water bottles for Lowman Hill Elementary School. For the October Mission Offering, the goal has been set at \$1750.

Outreach: Jack reported that shopping has opened again through Harvester's and he hopes to get produce items. Trunk or Treat event is planned on October 31st. Candy donations will be solicited. Allocation numbers are not yet known, but turkeys and chickens will be available again for the Holidays.

Christian Education: Colleen reported it has been a busy two weeks. The splash party was well received. There has been a slow start for WWW. Sunday School classes are beginning along with the initiation of the snack/chat opportunity. Per consensus, expenses for the snack/chat can be reimbursed PRN.

Personnel: Janice stated that nursery worker applications have been received with interviews to be scheduled. The Nominating Committee continues work on filling 2024 Leadership positions.

Fellowship/Membership: This council position remains vacant and no report was given.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy noted a large deposit was made in August due to the timing of donations. Reimbursement was provided by International Missions for the reception recently held. Council members need to be working on proposed 2024 budgets which will be discussed in the October meeting. Nancy plans to work with Rita on clean up in the financial reports. An example of this need was the wrong line item number being used for van tag renewal. It was moved/seconded and approved to accept the Treasurer's report.

Moderator's Report: Sonia had nothing to report but solicited feedback on the Visioning activities. As a reminder, there will be a follow up on this to be held on October 15th from Noon to 4 PM after Church.

Old Business: None was brought forward.

Announcements: October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Harvesters is planning a monitoring visit.

The meeting was adjourned with the next meeting scheduled for October 10th.

Respectfully submitted by Fran Seymour-Hunter, Church Clerk

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