

First Southern Baptist Church/Cornerstone Church

Church Business Meeting (live and via zoom) Sunday May 1, 2022.

Pastor James Gomez opened the meeting with Philippians 3:13-14 and prayer.

Minutes: The January 9, 2022, Business Meeting minutes were accepted as written.

Financial Report: Will Sutton

--**Financial Report** January 2022 – March 2022:

--- Started 01/01/2022 with \$218,751.04

--- Ended 03/31/2022 with \$226,763.99

--- Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (North American Missions) total of \$4,870.00

--**Financial Summary** period October 2021 – March 2022:

--- 03/31/2022 is halfway, 50% through the church financial year.

--- All expenditures, including Missions and Special Projects are at 45.64% of the budget.

--- <http://fsbcslc.org/docs> - church documents and business meeting minutes

--- <http://fsbcslc.org/budget> - church financial reports

Will moved to accept the report, Jim Kearns seconded, and the motion carried.

-- **Additional information**: We are receiving funds from the other churches meeting in our building:

--- \$1500 per month from Roca.

--- \$400-\$600 per month from the Chin church; the changing amount suggests it is a fixed percentage of the Chin Church offering.

--- One cash offering of \$800 from Divine Grace Urdu Church

Children's Ministry: Susan Gomez

--The Easter event went well with 400 plastic eggs upstairs for older children and 100 plastic eggs outside for younger children. Pastor James had banners on the front lawn to advertise our Easter service and the egg hunt. The banners are saved for next year. There were some new faces from the community on Easter. We need to figure out how to have Children's Worship that day.

--The LORD is providing volunteers for Vacation Bible School, also known as Kids Week. Susan got new volunteers even today. God has provided workers. Susan wants us to pray for more kids this year. Melissa Painter volunteered today. Joleen Harrington plans to lead the music with two of her grandchildren. Landen Starr will operate the sound booth. There are plans for a new banner for VBS. After discussion, the banner will include the names "Vacation Bible School" and "Kids Week."

Youth Ministry: Manny Gomez

--Three to four Chin youth are coming to Sunday School.

--Eight youth and three leaders went to Ski and Share in Burley, Idaho.

--They are planning a movie night.

--They have reached out to youth who aren't coming.

Social and Recreation: Pastor James and Theresa Gomez reported for Robin Almond

--There were lots of casseroles for the pot-faith Easter breakfast. Theresa Gomez is grateful for all the help and food as she worked to make sure everything was ready.

--On March 26 James and Theresa Gomez welcomed people into their homes for a movie about Esther after the six-week Bible study had ended. There were 6-8 people who enjoyed food and fellowship.

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- There was great fellowship as they ministered at Cowboy's Rest in Nevada.
- We need someone to lead this Social and Recreation Committee.

Deacons: Pastor James Gomez reporting for Terry Almond

- Pastor James said the deacons have some needs to take care of, so they plan to schedule a meeting.
- An updated directory is ready for the deacons. Each family is assigned to a deacon and that information is recorded in the directory. There are many needs in the Almond family. Pastor James asked us to pray for Terry to be encouraged. We may need another deacon chairman.

Technology: Pastor James Gomez for Terry Almond.

- The Roca church has purchased a device to filter out the noise for their pastor and band. Ours is working well right now, no squealing or static. As we requested, there is little or no music during prayer so it can be heard. David Gomez asked for the band practice to be moved from Sunday morning during Sunday School because it is too loud to talk in their room at the back of the sanctuary.

Building and Grounds: Jim Kearns with Pastor James Gomez

- COVID problems have delayed companies from their completing work. There are many supply issues and still a lot of work to be done for the parking lot.
- Because the hedge on the northwest corner of the church is taking up half the sidewalk, Pastor James said he would ask our custodian Miguel Robles to trim that hedge.
- The Spanish church is ready to lay the flooring. They are buying the flooring from LL Flooring. The materials are not here yet.
- People expressed appreciation for words "Faith, Love and Hope" on the wall in room 208 where we were meeting. Jim and Dianne Kearns are planning to put up maps of the Holy Land and a Biblical timeline.
- Jim Kearns made coasters for Brian Starkey to use for Cowboy's Rest. Since they were taken by the workers, Jim plans to make more for Brian.

Food Service: Theresa Gomez for Robin Almond

- Theresa did buy supplies. There were no cases of creamer and half and half for coffee in the restaurant supply store. Theresa buys creamer when she gets donuts.

Brotherhood: James Gomez

- no report

Decorations: Theresa Gomez

- Theresa and Bethany Gomez bought a clock for the Welcome Center but do not plan to buy any more items because they have used their budget for the fiscal year.
- Theresa is so thankful for Bethany. She has helped Theresa in many ways.
- The tall tables and chairs we are no longer using were put on the curb outside and gone in minutes.

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Outreach: Pastor James Gomez

--We had an Easter Banner on the front lawn advertising the service and Easter egg hunt. Pastor James said he wisely asked women for advice, and they arrived at a simple banner.

--Currently all four churches are meeting in the building. To receive help from the North American Mission Board, the Pakistani church needs to have a new name. Pastor James is helping them with that. They are changing it from "Alpha and Omega" to "Divine Grace". Checks for Pastor Immanuel from the North American Mission Board come through our church. Pastor James said they are a blessing to our church.

--Salt Lake Baptist Director Ron Clement has been working hard, serving in many areas. The Concern Center hands out food to needy families. Pastor James said Ron is doing much more than his job description. Ron asked pastors in the area if we could check in with those people, working alongside some members from the Roca church. Ron has been burdened to write a letter to send out to those who have come for food. It appears the Concern Center will continue to stay where it is on California Avenue.

--Answering questions, Pastor James said we have about six boxes of food to take to the Concern Center from our supplies. Items beside food can be taken to Calvary Thrift Store which has an amazing ministry.

Sunday School: Pastor James Gomez

--The rolls are updated with names corrected.

--The Sunday School Director Avelina Gomez wants information to know when teachers are absent. She wants to know so she can teach those classes.

Pastor's Report: James Gomez

--Pastor James and Ron Clement have been discussing the possibility of having our church have an afternoon church meeting at the Concern Center. Currently, there are two churches, a Vietnamese and a Spanish church meeting in the building. Some of those who come to get food from the Concern Center walk to get food and they say there is no church close for them. Pastor James said this is an opportunity for Cornerstone to minister there. We might meet on the east side of the building. There are many Tongans and Spanish people in the neighborhood. Susan Gomez wondered if we could have a bus go to pick up those people and bring them to our church for our regular service.

--The ministry at Cowboys Rest included 21 workers from churches in Georgia, Florida, Hawaii and Washington. Part of the joy they experienced was missing Manny Gomez who was unable to go; if anything went wrong, William Crenshaw and Jim Kearns would say it was Manny's fault. It was a wonderful, refreshing fellowship throughout the hard work and worship times daily. Each person shared a Bible verse and some of their life for two nights. Dianne Kearns led the music the first night. Suki from Hawaii used the hula dance with its many signs to lead in worship as her husband Joe narrated and explained. This experience opened hearts to a different way to worshipping the One True God.

Old Business:

--Pastor James Gomez reported the latest news on the parking lot, the garage and property. The church is still registered as Rose Park Southern Baptist Church. He is getting help from Will Sutton in trying to figure out the documents along with Brett Harper's company. We have tried to change it in the past. Jason Ivins, who works with Brett, is writing the letter to the city to legally change the

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name to First Southern Baptist Church. The company has charged us nothing yet. Will Sutton said the city should let the trustees of the church take care of legal issues.

--The city still has a lot of work to do to finish their work on our corner of the intersection. The city representative Kyle Cook said it will take quite a while to finish it all.

--All our paperwork for the Jose and Maria (aka Mary) Castillo is into the federal government. It will take 6-12 months. The paperwork was turned in in December.

--The Roca Church is seeking to be more organized. They are getting their own insurance as an organization.

New Business:

--Rudy Gomez noticed a bullet hole in a church window and would like a new camera that faces north from the front door. The hole has been there a while and did not penetrate through the double window. Our cameras only hold data for 14 days. Pastor James and Theresa Gomez looked through the data they had but did not find the shooter. Pastor James said the criminals don't seem to care about the cameras because they are still stealing gas from the vans; they try to leave less than a quarter of a tank in the vans. The police don't seem to be able to help find these criminals. Someone suggested a ring camera for the front door. Pastor James said we need the right camera to be able to find those who cause problems.

--We currently have two church vans but we are only using one. The one is a blessing as they used it for the youth for Ski & Share and for Cowboys' Rest. The catalytic converter was stolen from the second van which we haven't used in two years. The van is not worth the \$2300 to replace the catalytic converter. Pastor James said Berean Baptist Full Gospel Church in Tooele, Utah, is interested in using the van for their children's ministry. Will Sutton moved we give the second van to the church as is. Manny Gomez seconded. Dianne Kearns wondered if insurance would cover any of the theft. Manny Gomez said he can ask his friend to tow the van to the church. Everyone agreed to give the van away.

--Our current lawn mower, a riding lawn mower 6-8 years old, may cost \$700-800 to repair. A new one is about \$2000. Dianne Kearns asked why we have a riding lawn mower for the size of the property we have. Currently they are mowing by using two push lawn mowers. Pastor James hopes to take the riding mower in to find out exactly what is wrong with it and see what the cost is.

Theresa Gomez moved we adjourn, Jim Kearns seconded. We all stood in agreement as Will Sutton closed the meeting with prayer.

Notes were taken by Ardis Sutton