

# First Southern Baptist Church/Cornerstone Church

Church Business Meeting (live and via zoom) Sunday July 24, 2022.

Pastor James Gomez opened the meeting with Hebrews 13:8 and prayer.

Minutes: The May 1, 2022, Business Meeting minutes were approved as written.

Financial Report: Will Sutton

--**Financial Report** April 2022 – June 2022:

--- **MISSION MINISTRIES**

---- is 37.3% of the budget for April through June

---- Because of \$2,957.23 **Local Missions**, all in support of the Cowboy's Rest Service Mission trip

---- Because of \$5,250.00 Mission **PassThrough Funds**. These funds are provided by North American Mission Board (NAMB) Send Network and Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention (UISBC) with checks written to First Southern Baptist Church for distribution to Divine Grace Urdu Church.

--- **FACILITIES**

---- \$2,867.00 was distributed for **Special Projects – Parking Lot**, mostly to pay for paving a small part of the parking lot near the sidewalk and the Church Custodian's house on the east side of the parking lot near 600 North.

--- **Summary and account information on the right side of the report**

---- Total FSBC/CC funds on April 1, 2022: \$226,760.32

---- Total FSBC/CC funds on June 30, 2022: \$234,434.99

---- The **Special Project Fund** on June 30, 2022: \$119,650.38

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

--- **MISSION MINISTRIES** is 30.39% of the entire budget. This percentage is skewed high because of the **Mission PassThrough Funds** originating with NAMB SENDNet and UISBC.

--- With this report we are nine (9) of twelve (12) months through the church financial year, or 75% through the financial year. The bottom right portion of the report shows:

---- We are 41.4% of the total financial year church budget, including everything (**MISSION MINISTRIES** and **Special Projects**).

---- We are 67.79% of the total financial year church budget if **Special Project** budget and expenditures are excluded.

Will moved to accept the report, David Gomez seconded, and the motion carried.

Children's Ministry: Susan Gomez

--God brought the children and volunteers for Vacation Bible School (VBS) / Kid's Week. Fernanda brought her children to VBS because she went to VBS as a child. She has since brought her two children to church to attend Sunday School.

--The theme for VBS next year is "Twists and Turns" with a game theme. It is scheduled for the week of July 10-14.

--The Fall Festival is possible but we are uncertain about doing it this year.

--The children's Christmas party is Saturday, Dec 10.

--The Spanish church painted the last room that needed painting in time for VBS.

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## Youth Ministry: Manny Gomez

--Manny has had about one youth each Sunday for about a month. There was no one today. All of the youth are from the Chin church. He is working on a plan for a get-together for the youth. There may be one the end of August. Mary Castillo suggested we ask the Spanish youth to attend.

## Social and Recreation: Theresa Gomez reported for Robin Almond

--No report.

--We need a leader for this committee.

## Deacons: Pastor James Gomez reporting for Terry Almond

--The deacons have been busy. The deacons will be turning reviewed updates for a current church directory. One deacon has finished this.

--Manny Gomez is our new Deacon Chairman. Pastor James said we want to send Manny and his wife Bethany for some training.

--The deacons have been ministering to families. The deacons had a productive meeting.

## Technology: Pastor James Gomez for Terry Almond.

--The Pakistani church bought microphones just like ours and they are using them now.

--At our last meeting concerns were raised about loud rehearsal music during Sunday School. Now the praise team are only doing sound checks. Those in the Sunday School class are grateful they can easily hear one another.

--Microphones in front of speakers or monitors cause feedback.

--We got a new projector. They cleaned the old screen and it's much better. When this projector fails, we will need a new power cord. God protected those who changed the back one on the very high ladders recently. The screen mounted on the back of the sanctuary was helpful for the children on stage on VBS Sunday. Mary Castillo wondered about replacing the screen on the back wall with a monitor.

## Building and Grounds: Jim Kearns with Pastor James Gomez

--The new floors and mop boards look good.

--They were able to get rid of a lot of useless items around the church when items were moved from rooms so the flooring could be put in. Some items went to the Spanish yard sale, which is Saturday, July 30. The leaders expressed appreciation for so many volunteers.

--Pastor James and Landen Starr reorganized the wire room and fixed the cameras. 14 of 16 cameras were not working. Terry Almond, Jim Kearns, and Landen Star were important in solving that problem. Some cameras are still not working. There is two feet of insulation in the attic covering the camera wires which makes working up there difficult. They are trying to make it easy to find and solve problems easily.

--There are two broken windows upstairs and one broken window in the sanctuary.

--Jim plans to add little cushions around the mail slot to keep the wind from rattling it when people are using the sanctuary.

--We have a 5 gallon can of brown paint for the trim around the windows and doors on the outside of our building. The Pakistani church will use the brown paint to paint window and door trim on the outside west side of the sanctuary, and probably on the outside east of the sanctuary.

--We are using the riding lawn mower again because it only needed a battery.

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--The trustees signed the paperwork to consolidate all three properties into one. We are following up with the city. Meridian Title has not delivered the paperwork to the city. Anna from the city is going to look because paperwork over the years is not there. We have legally tied all the names of the church over the years together. The woman who was helping us with the building permit is no longer working there so Anna now has the responsibility.

Food Service: Theresa Gomez for Robin Almond

--No report

Brotherhood: James Gomez

-No report

Decorations: Theresa Gomez

--Theresa spoke about Fall and Christmas decorations. Poinsettias have died in the sanctuary during December, so Theresa doesn't plan to display them anymore.

--Jim Kearns is grateful that people are being careful to keep pillars and walls clean of tape residue and tacks or nails as they display items.

Outreach: Pastor James Gomez

--Nothing has happened with the Concern Center. Scheduled meetings have not happened. Ron Clement may schedule something after vacations are mostly over. (Please pray for him.)

--We talked about the Fall Festival. Mary Castillo wondered about using inflatables with the hot dogs. Several men said because people go home before the event is over they don't have enough people to deflate and pack up the inflatables. The other churches have been asked to join us in this ministry, but they haven't. The Roca church does not celebrate Halloween. Susan Gomez said our Fall Festival is a light in the darkness of Halloween and the neighbors see we are active. That Sunday morning Susan gave out bags with treats and the Gospel message to the children who came to church last year.

Sunday School: Pastor James Gomez

--We have Sunday School Rolls again. Avelina Gomez is picking up the rolls for classes.

Pastor's Report: James Gomez

--The leaders are looking at a couple different Bible studies for Wednesday evenings. There are some we have that are already paid for so we may use them. Four-to-Six-week studies seem to be well-attended. It will probably be only Zoom. We are struggling to get younger adults involved. We want people to return to church but some would not have any church without Zoom. High fuel prices are causing some problems. Zoom invitations go to sixty email addresses but only about ten devices tune in Sunday mornings.

--Mary Castillo wondered about streaming Facebook live. Landen Starr has been recording Zoom. Comments on Facebook can be discouraging. Mary said the comments can be turned off and it's possible to ban people from your page. Some people came to the Roca Church after listening to sermons on Facebook. Mary said Roca Church and Gracia Church have both grown a lot because of social media. Mary and Jose Castillo have taught people how to use social media for church ministry. Roca is only streaming the sermon not the entire worship service. The electronic sound of

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Roca is good, and Mary said she can help us with this same bandwidth. Mary is in charge of getting this set up for Cornerstone Church.

--Will Sutton said we have a contract with Century Link. We are hoping to change bandwidth from 40 to 100 in October.

--We currently have a fiber connection to the internet.

## **Old Business:**

--One van was given to Berean Baptist full gospel church in Grantsville/ Tooele and moved. With one less van, insurance may give back a small rebate. We are talking with our insurance agent about new vehicle insurance due in mid-September.

--Will is now making sure legal documents are signed by the trustees not the treasurer.

--We are still awaiting the verdict of permanent certification (permanent visa?) for Jose and Mary Castillo. According to the government website we should have a response by now. Pastor James will call the phone number for the National Processing Center to find out where the paperwork is.

--Pastor James talked with a person from Salt Lake City Forestry. He said he would be back in two weeks, but he has heard nothing in six weeks.

--We will lose all our parking on the 1200 West when the city finishes the corner work. Kyle from the city is waiting for the required number of bids for the landscaping. The landscape on the west is supposed to have five new trees and landscaping.

## **New Business:**

--With Pastor James is planning to retire, and Cornerstone Church needs a Pastor Search Committee. Pastor James wants Bethany Gomez to lead this committee. Bethany has a great relationship with younger and older members of our church. The committee would include 4-5 people. We are praying for unanimous decisions at the meetings.

--There is no functioning Nominating Committee, but Cornerstone Church is functioning well because members are serving in several roles at once. We need people committed to do the job. Theresa Gomez said she will contact all the leaders of committees to see if they will agree to serve next year. After that, we will put the service needs in the bulletin.

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David Gomez moved we adjourn, and Ardis Sutton seconded the motion. We all stood in agreement as Manny Gomez closed the meeting with prayer.

Notes were taken by Ardis Sutton