

First Southern Baptist Church/Cornerstone Church

Church Business Meeting (live and via zoom) Sunday October 16, 2022.

Pastor James Gomez opened the meeting with Psalm 24 and prayer.

Minutes: The July 24, 2022, Business Meeting minutes were approved with typos corrected.

Financial Report: Will Sutton

--**Financial Report** July 2022 – September 2022:

--- **MISSION MINISTRIES**

---- is 25.95% of expenditures and includes:

----- \$4010 for UISBC York-Dillman State Mission Offering

----- \$2,250 Mission Pass-Through funds: UISBC funds for Divine Grace Urdu Church

--- **SUPPORT MINISTRY**

---- The \$641 expenditure for “Transportation line item” is church van one year insurance premium

--- **FACILITIES**

---- \$4,553 expenditure for insurance is the FSBC/CC package policy one-year premium

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

---- Total FSBC/CC funds on July 1, 2022: \$223,434.99

---- Total FSBC/CC funds on September 30, 2022: \$230,113.83

---- The **Special Project Fund** on September 30, 2022: \$118,880.24

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

--- **MISSION MINISTRIES** was 29.14% of actual expenditures.

---- All budgeted mission commitments were met.

---- The **State Missions, North American Missions, International Missions, Global Hunger Relief, and Mission Pass-Through** line items are fully funded by designated funds, and significantly increased the MISSION MINISTRIES percentage of the 2021-2022 church financial year actuals.

--- **PERSONNEL** is 41.31% of actual expenditures.

--- All budgeted personnel commitments were met.

--- **PROGRAM MINISTRIES** is 7.31% of actual expenditures.

--- **SUPPORT MINISTRY** is 1.78% of actual expenditures.

--- **FACILITIES** is 20.46% of actual expenditures.

--- This report completes the 2021-2022 church financial year.

---- Total expenditures achieved 57.64% of the adopted budget.

---- Total expenditures, excluding Special Projects, achieved 95.14% of the adopted budget.

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

Children’s Ministry: Susan Gomez

--Susan is looking forward to the children’s Christmas party. We need volunteers to do the crafts and serve the ice cream and cupcakes. It is scheduled for December 10 from 1-3 pm at the church.

Youth Ministry: Manny Gomez

--1-3 youth are coming. The church bought comics from “The Chosen” ministry for the youth so they will have something to read at home with the Word in it. Susan Gomez said one youth was so excited he had to show her.

--They are hoping to plan an activity when they have more of the youth back.

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Social and Recreation: Robin Almond

--The October 31 Trunk or Treat has been cancelled. The church has bought some Gospel Fall Festival tracts for families to distribute with their treats at home. The tracts will be available Sunday.

--We had a steak fry Sept 14 at Udo and Olga Rilk's, who would love us to come every Wednesday. About 25 people attended and had a good time.

--For a ministry by our church, starting Sunday, October 30, Robin would like each person to bring at least one can of food every week. There will be a designated place for them in the Fellowship room on the counter. She is asking for tuna, soup, corn, tomatoes, beans, and fruit. Number 10 cans are a good size.

--For a Christmas dinner Robin can do an inexpensive but good meal. Robin plans to have the family party December 7th so we can promote the children's Christmas party on December 10 a few days later. Dinner will start at 6:30pm at the church. Robin requested volunteers to set up and clean up. Robin asked Susan Gomez to put flyers on the tables to promote the children's Christmas party.

--Deb Quinley is on her committee.

--There is a pot-faith breakfast on Nov 20, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. There will be no Sunday School that day. Robin asked that all the food is brought between 9:00 and 9:15. If we all take our dishes home, it will be easier to clean up.

--The women are planning a tea party for women around Mothers' Day. They plan to invite women from the other churches meeting in our building. This will be held at the church.

Deacons: Manny Gomez

--Manny said they finished the changes for the directory so it should be available soon.

--The deacons gathered to bless Pastor Nameen's new home (Pakistani pastor).

--Deacons are collecting names of family in need for \$40 food gift cards. (This is for people associated with our church.)

Technology: Terry Almond.

--We are grateful the Pakistani church has their own microphones.

--Roca Church bought a new electronic sound filter a few weeks ago. Roca has adjusted the filter so it no longer affects our system adversely.

--Will Sutton has updated the computer system as we have transitioned to a new contract with CenturyLink. Since the change, Zoom has been running smoothly with no connections being dropped. Will said that we ordered 1000 megabits service, but we only need 500, even if we do the sermon on Facebook Live. Will moved we reduce the service to 500 to save \$20/month. Rudy Gomez seconded, and the motion carried.

Building and Grounds: Jim Kearns

--Jim reported that the landscaping the city is doing on the west side of our church now has the cement. Jim understands the city plans five trees on the parking strip. This project of the city is to make the corner safer and beautiful.

--James Gomez reported about the parking lot. He has been talking with Carol at the Salt Lake City permit department. There have been many problems with this process. We let her know we still want a paved parking lot. We are working with Meridian Title to get new documents to merge all three properties into one lot. Meridian Title consolidated the names for our church but not the

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properties. A group from our church is planning to go to city to ask what the required process steps are to authorize and complete the parking lot.

--There was discussion about what the parking lot will look like. Will Sutton said parking lots in the neighborhood do not have islands in them. Jim Kearns stated we do want curb and gutter around the outside of the parking lot. Jim said barriers at parking places would stop people from driving doughnuts in the lot. There will be lights for safety.

--Divine Grace Pakistani church said they would paint the outside trim but have not done it yet. Will Sutton said some structural repair of the trim should be done before painting.

--Roca church has not finished the last room with flooring but expects to put it in at the end of October or first of November.

--Homeless people are charging devices on the outlet at the front of the church.

Food Service: Robin Almond

--All dish towels will have a tag with "Cornerstone Church." The huge tote that was full is almost empty. We can get some towels for the church from thrift stores. We need a storage place for the towels.

--Deb Quinley is on this committee.

--Susan Gomez asked Robin for access to kitchen cabinets for the Children's Christmas party. Robin will take care of it.

Brotherhood: James Gomez

-no report

Decorations: Theresa Gomez

--All the church decorations are stuffed together waiting for the floor to be replaced in their storage room.

--Much gratitude was expressed for Theresa and Bethany Gomez.

Outreach: Pastor James Gomez

-Pastor James talked about our church family being part of the Concern Center. He asked for prayer for those who work there. The new directors, Rafael and Sonya Gutierrez, have started English as a Second Language (ESL) classes and Bible Study. There is lots going on with many possibilities for more. Support is lacking from 35 different SLBA churches. Tough cuts are under consideration at the annual SLBA meeting November 10 because funds are not coming in. Many property upgrades are required. A pastor from Provo wondered what the benefit for their church. One church has ten people and another twelve members who cannot support their own pastors and churches. Some people in the valley think it is time for the Concern Center to be ended.

--2560 people went through the Concern Center last month. Four times as many as last year. They are trying to find out if some families are coming multiple times. They are trying to encourage pastors to take ownership of the Center. Ron Clement and his wife Diane are very discouraged about the lack of support. As Executive Director of the Salt Lake Baptist Association, he and Diane are to be ministering to the pastors in the association. We are using the trust fund to pay expenses, so it is shrinking--\$65000 less now. This is the association's trust fund not our church savings.

--The Association blesses us with Disaster Relief Services, an event trailer, transportation van and mission team support and food for families.

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--4-5 trucks come from the Food Bank every week, but the food is given away so fast the shelves are bare.

--The volunteers are 60-75 years old.

--Mary Castillo wondered about encouraging churches to support this ministry by asking them to consider going there as mission trips.

--There are 35 churches but only 12 people, some from the same churches, coming to the meetings. Two large churches give half of necessary funds for the Concern Center.

--The Association is considering ministering to pastors in 2023 with a gathering of pastors, to see how they would like the Association to help them.

--Pastor James asked us to pray for Ron Clement as he talks with pastors and churches.

Sunday School: Pastor James Gomez

--The average attendance is 30.

--Avelina Gomez, the Sunday School Director, offered to substitute in any class whose teacher is missing. She does ask for people to let her know when they will be gone.

--Preschool class started a year ago and kids come regularly.

Pastor's Report: James Gomez

--Kelbessa Chufa from the Ethiopian church Oromo Evangelical Church asked if they could meet in our church. The deacons with the Pastor made the decision to let them meet here on a trial basis. They plan to have Sunday Worship and maybe Sunday School. Their church met here today in one of the rooms upstairs. There were about five of them.

--Pastor Maximo Cruz is bringing message November 13. He wants to speak without a translator.

Old Business:

--We talked about childcare from 9:15 -11:30 Sunday mornings. Kylee Almond said she is interested in serving that way. Some people said we need a second person for security reasons. These people should be eighteen or older with a background check. Some people voiced concern that the adults in there should only be those taking care of the children.

--Will Sutton said anyone who has responsibility should let people know if they will be missing, even the tech team.

--Jose and Mary Castillo received lots of information regarding their student visa application that they were working on that was denied. Cornerstone's efforts to help them with their visa application was terminated and another application was sent to the U.S. Department of Labor. An email was received from the U.S. Department of Labor. This is a confirmation email that the ETA Form 9141 – Application for Prevailing Wage Determination covering the PERM visa classification for the position of Music Director has been received and submitted for processing by the U.S. Department of Labor on August 22, 2022. We currently are still in the process while waiting for a response.

New Business:

--Pastor thanked those who worked on the budget committee.

--Will Sutton presented the proposed budget for October 2022 – September 2023. He clearly explained the table at the front of the 2022-2023 Proposed Budget Recommendation document. There were no questions. Since the recommendation came from the committee, a second was not

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required. The motion to adopt the 2022-2023 proposed budget carried unanimously. The Proposed Budget Recommendation is attached to these notes (see church website: <http://fsbcslc.org/docs>).

Ardis Sutton moved we adjourn, and Robin Almond seconded the motion. We all stood in agreement as Pastor James Gomez closed the meeting with prayer.

Notes were taken by Ardis Sutton