

First Southern Baptist Church/Cornerstone Church

Church Business Meeting Sunday October 15, 2023.

Pastor James Gomez opened the meeting with Psalm 62:1-2 and prayer.

Minutes: The July 30, 2023, Business Meeting minutes were approved as printed.

Financial Report: Will Sutton

--**Financial Report** July 2023 – September 2023:

--- **MISSION MINISTRIES**

---- is 26.71% of expenditures and includes:

----- \$4,270.00 York-Dillman State Missions Offering

--- **Summary – right side of page**

---- Over this quarter, total funds are down \$2,463.56, finishing at \$240,185.18.

---- The Special Project Fund was \$125,998.49 at the end of September.

--**Financial Summary** period October 2022 – September 2023:

--- **MISSION MINISTRIES** expenditures represent 30.77 % of all expenditures October – September.

--- **Bottom right corner**: The total with % Missions, but without Special Projects is 102.37% of the annual budget at exactly 100% of the church financial year.

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

Children's Ministry: Susan Gomez

-- Susan reported that she and Ardis Sutton have teamed up to give out treat bags Oct 29 for the children. Each bag will have a sticker that has a QR code so they can watch a video that shows "The Real Story of Jesus" by Revelation Media. Leftover stickers can be taken by the congregants to give out as they choose or used at another time.

Youth Ministry: Manny Gomez

-- 3-4 youth are coming to Sunday School from the Chin church. An older youth has been bringing his mom and girlfriend to come to worship at our church.

--Our church youth were not able to join Risen Life Church for their September event.

Social and Recreation: Robin Almond

-- The Pot-faith meal with meat (donated by Michael Starr) at the Rilks' home in September had a great turnout.

--Robin and her committee are deciding what to do for the Christmas party. It will probably be a dinner again.

--Those present thanked Robin for the lunch her committee provided today.

Deacons: Manny Gomez

--The deacons are meeting with families, dealing with an administrative issue and have been meeting over The Proposal since the process has begun. Pastor James thanked the deacons for the extra time they have been giving. They are working trying to contact people who have been members who have not responded to inquiries.

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Technology: Landen Starr for Terry Almond.

-- Landen said the speakers on the dais are not working so they are looking to get new ones. It's a hassle to get individual earphones set up for those leading the music so have decided against buying them.

Building and Grounds: Jim Kearns

-- Jim reported that the three properties we had are now legally combined into one property. That was required before we put in the parking lot. Pastor James recently received new bids that cost \$180,000 (much more than when we started). He is trying to get a combined, and less expensive, deal with whatever company lays the parking lot for the Concern Center.

--The broken windows have been replaced.

--The curb on the new parking the city put in does not have a handicapped entry. The city official said it cannot put the entry in because it was not in the money the city allocated for the parking. The official has sent a list of contractors we could use. It will cost between \$500- \$1000. Parking lines on the street are our responsibility and we are required to have a permit to put lines on the street, even for handicapped parking places. Dianne Kearns asked if we could use the east sanctuary door for handicapped entry from the parking lot. Now our parking lot is still gravel and dirt so the door is not useable for that. There was more discussion about how to make our church more handicapped accessible.

Food Service: Robin Almond

-- Robin has purchased soft shoes, robes, and towels for baptisms. Pastor James said the Roca Church used the towels and robes last week and expressed their gratitude.

--Robin expressed appreciation for those who are keeping the kitchen clean after the deep cleaning the committee did.

Brotherhood: Landen Starr

--Landen is hoping for a men's breakfast October 22 or 29.

--He would also like to treat men to go out for coffee.

Decorations: Theresa Gomez

--No report on decorations.

--Theresa said the coffee creamer is disappearing rapidly. Someone said some children are just drinking the cream.

Outreach: Pastor James Gomez

--Many have been working on The Proposal including the other churches who meet in this building. Pastor James asked for prayers for the health of Pastor Maximo Cruz.

--The Salt Lake Baptist Association Executive Director Ron Clement needs a lot of encouragement—Pastor James has been helping him. Pastor James expressed gratitude for Will Sutton for helping with Association committees.

--Ardis Sutton reported that Children's Worship had 16 today. With new children coming, we need more help and maybe a younger and older level for their youth worship time.

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Sunday School: Pastor James Gomez

--We have had as many as 51 for Sunday School with an average of 45.

Pastor's Report: James Gomez

--(Information was included in other reports.)

Old Business:

--Those who joined in July have completed all the requirements and are officially members.

New Business:

Will Sutton presented the **FSBC/Cornerstone Church October 2023 – September 2024 Proposed Budget**:

Mission Ministries: \$24,228.47 = 7.42% total budget or 13.96% budget without Special Projects.

- Salt Lake Baptist Association: Increase from 1.5% to 2.0% of undesignated offering per month.
- NAMB/Nathan Harden: \$100 per month in addition to previous 1.25% undesignated per month.
- Jail Chaplain (GNJ&PM): Reduce by \$600; no plans to provide Bibles this year.
- Local Missions: Reduce by \$1,000.

Personnel: \$89,296.36 = 27.37% total budget or 51.50% budget without Special Projects.

- Pastor compensation, James Gomez, no change.
- Administrative Assistant, replacing Second Ministry Staff: \$9,360 = \$18/hr, 10hr/wk, 52 wk/yr
- Church Employment Expenses: Increase for bi-weekly Administrative Assistant salary fee and FICA

Program Ministry: \$16,495.00 = 5.05% total budget or 9.50% budget without Special Projects.

- Music & Worship Support: Increase \$120. (53 Sundays this year, 52 Sundays last year)
- Social & Recreation: Increase by \$1000.
- Community Outreach Expenses: Increase by \$550.

Support Ministry: \$5,266.01 = 1.61% total budget or 3.03% budget without Special Projects.

- Church Decoration: Reduce by \$250.
- Pastor Search Committee: Eliminated, removing \$20,000 from budget.

Facilities: \$191,187.76 = 58.54% of total budget or 22.00% budget without Special Projects.

- Utilities: Increased \$1,500 to better cover actual expenses.
- Telephone & Internet: Reduced \$134.56 to align with actual costs.
- Insurance: Increased \$1,900 to cover premium increase.
- Food Service: Reduced \$250.
- Janitor Service & Supplies: Increased \$3000 to cover anticipated supply cost increases.
- New Equipment: Reduced \$3000. No plans for new computers this year.
- SP, Parking Lot: Increased by \$25,000 to \$120,000; which may still not be enough.
- SP, Air Conditioning & Heating: Decreased from \$1,000 to \$0. This project is done.
- Special Project Fund: Increase from 4.5% to 5.5% of undesignated per month.

Total budget, including % Missions and Special Projects is \$326,573.60, which is an increase of \$18,057.53 from last year. This is equivalent to \$6,280.26 per Sunday.

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Total budget, including % Missions, but not including Special Projects is \$173,573.60, which is a decrease of \$5,942.47 from last year. This is equivalent to \$3,337.95 per Sunday. The change is mostly explained by 1) eliminating funds for the Pastor Search Committee, 2) adding funds for an Administrative Assistant, and 3) adjusting various *Facilities* line items.

The Budget Committee understands we will be considering The Proposal in the Special Called Business Meeting immediately following this meeting, which includes several significant changes for Cornerstone Church. The 2023-2024 Proposed Budget will serve if The Proposal is not approved. If The Proposal is approved, the 2023-2024 Proposed Budget will serve through December 2023, when a new 2024 Proposed Budget will be prepared and adopted. The 2023-2023 Proposed Budget comes from the Budget Committee with a recommendation to adopt.

The recommendation was approved unanimously. See the attached document.

Robin Almond said October is pastor appreciation month and we need to honor Pastor James and Theresa Gomez, suggesting a vacation or a luncheon to honor them. Pastor James expressed gratitude for the kindness, but he said it isn't necessary.

Pastor James warned those present that there is evidence of drug use around the church. People have found little pieces of tin foil with cocaine on them. These foils have been found around the church property for more than a year. Call the non-emergency police number (801-799-3000) if you see anything happening here. Robin Almond wondered if we could get needle disposal containers to safely throw any needles away. Pastor James asked us again to report anything we see around the church.

Jim Kearns moved we adjourn, Robin seconded. The motion carried.

Notes were taken by Ardis Sutton