

Finance Meeting 11/13/2018

Attendance: Pastor Dave Byrum, Dana Blanchard, Hollie Kessler, Jack Dwiggin, Gary Boardman, Hal Acree, John & Carol Yarian, Claude & Sharon Sawyer, Glenn Pearson, Marcia Stroup.

October minutes approved as emailed.

Jack opened in prayer.

No Fundraiser Requests

Treasurer's Report:

- Transact account balances about the same; Trustees down some due to projects and will be back up some after receiving the rest of the insurance claim money from the parsonage damage.
- Dave suggested that we think about having another capital campaign down the road to try and pay the mortgage off.
- Oct. weekly average to general fund was \$7000; Electronic giving was \$12,183 for the month. (11% of our givers do so electronically) So total weekly avg. for Oct. was \$9831. Sept. avg was \$10,632 and Aug. avg was \$12,260.
- Looking forward to Consecration Sunday this week and hoping it goes well
- Income for Oct. was \$54,767-\$4900 from Chicken Noodle Dinner; Expense was \$54,000 so net is around \$600-this is without paying an apportionments.
- Income is starting to come back up; dips that we were seeing are not nearly as big; Gary is encouraged by this
- The general fund is floating about \$5000 for child care payroll each payroll cycle; Dana is working on CC/PS finances and working to rectify this
- Discussed the \$800/month donation from PS and should we be collecting this or could they be doing more with this? Dana asked that we wait a bit to make these decisions. The PS/CC is moving to a one board structure. We currently have 3 budgets-CC, PS and Summer Camp, she thinks we may need to consolidate. Will continue to work on a proposed budget and then can present to finance.

Consecration Sunday:

- Making calls to those who haven't RSVP'd yet
- Looking to have a good crowd-around 275 expected for brunch
- Pastor Dave reported we have raised \$1500 towards paying for the brunch so far.
- Discussed payment for Glenn Howell being our guest speaker; we will pay \$300 to Glenn and make a \$500 donation to the IN UM Foundation.

Christmas Eve Offering:

- Gary and Carol discussed the Christmas Eve offering going towards missions/outreach. Everyone agreed this was a good plan.
- Discussed Pack Away Hunger Event in January; The Purdue Football team is willing to come and pack meals for an entire shift but we will need an additional \$8000 to fund this. Committee discussed that this would be a great thing and we should work to raise these funds so that we can do this.

New Business:

- Gary and Pastor Dave went to a stewardship conference and got some great ideas:
 - We need a plan for the whole year and need to address the question to our congregation "why give here" Discussed doing some promotional videos/testimonies to show what is going on and how we are changing lives
 - Every quarter the foundation will come and talk about planned giving-free resource we should take advantage of
 - During Lent do a tithing challenge-"can you tithe during the Lenten season?"
 - Begin January with stewardship-people are "changing their lives" at the beginning of the year (eating right, exercise, etc.) why not include stewardship in that?
 - Gary will work on putting together a plan before our next meeting

- Glenn reported on the progress at the parsonage; almost done with the repairs, but the dishwasher had a leak-will have to replace some flooring and replace dishwasher; has contacted the insurance company.
- Pastor Dave has made arrangements for a member of St. Andrew UMC who has a lot of Trustee experience to come and do an orientation for our new trustees. The trustees will need to look at our new columbarium and the legal contract that needs to go along with that/what kinds of documents do we need? What kind of insurance do we need?

Hal closed in prayer