

## Finance Meeting Minutes 2/11/19

**Attendance:** Gary Boardman, Hollie Kessler, Marcia Stroup, Pastor Kurt Freeman, Scott Gillespie, Claude Sawyer, John and Carol Yarian, Helen Scaglia, Hal Acree, MarLen Slagel

Hal Acree opened in prayer.

No Fundraiser Requests.

January minutes approved as submitted.

### **Treasurer's Report/Financials:**

-January income \$63,550 which is \$13,000 more than last year; finished month in the black by \$10,000 which is a great way to start the year! This is quite a good change!

-Electronic giving 16%, by mail 47% and Sunday morning 36%

-General account balance is up-balance at end of Jan. was \$40,000

-Replaced furnace at parsonage-paid for from PM Fundy (\$5000), Trustees Transact Acct. (\$2000) and Reserve Fund (\$1676)

-We are very close to being under \$900,000 on our mortgage balance

### **Child Care/PS Financials: Dana**

-Child Care/Preschool board met last week. There was a correction to Lauren's salary-it is \$49,000 not \$48,000 as originally reported to finance.

-Dana is working on budget; will be combining Preschool, Child Care, Summer Camp into one budget and one bank account. Will be switching our budget year to July1-June 30

-Board is beginning to meet with their coach/mentor to be trained and they are excited about this process

-Will be holding town hall meetings for PS/CC staff and board; working on a date for this, hoping for last week in Feb.

### **New Business:**

-Gary shared a story from a church he had visited for a baptism; they publish a document that shows the congregation where their donations are going and thanks them for their giving; We should be doing something similar to tell people how their money is being used and what lives are being changed because of it.

-Discussed ideas of how this would look/how to do this: pictures on screens before services, stories from people, how this building is reaching out and helping our community, etc.

-Would like to publish something quarterly (so early April for Jan-Mar; early July for April-June; early Oct. for July-Sept; and early Jan. for Oct-Dec)

-Pastor Kurt suggested we need two things:

1. Story Collectors-people who are intentionally writing down stories and talking to people about where they have seen God at work

2. How do we put this together in a format/report that people want to read?

-MarLen will work on finding story collectors (Dana will help her) and Hollie will work on a report format

-Discussed Lent challenge of Extreme Generosity-giving/time/talent; extra money could go to a specific mission-maybe get a jump start on Pack Away Hunger for next year. Example: if everyone gave up

Starbucks during Lent and gave that to the church instead. If you can't give extra money, how can you give sacrificially?

-We have a couple of Sundays to promote this; would like something for the congregation to fill out that they can turn in and also a part to keep for themselves that reminds them what they are sacrificing.

*Gary presented a sample of what a Year-Long plan might look like:*

First Quarter Focus:

Thanking People for Giving

Stewardship--everyone is changing and improving as the New Year starts so let's add this

Planned Giving Seminar-Wills: Foundation will come and do presentation for us

Second Quarter

Tithe challenge during Lent: Money Back Guarantee if not satisfied

Second Planned Giving Seminar

Third Quarter (Summer)

One on one with givers

Fourth Quarter/ Fall:

Annual Campaign-- targeted communication (tithers get different letter than non tithers)--ADD that if you give electronically might feel weird

Third Planned Giving Event QUALIFIED CHARITABLE GIFTS??

End of Year Quarter:

Extreme Generosity/"Christmas if not YOUR Birthday"

Inform congregation of their year-to-date gifts AND THANK THEM

Legacy Dinner-for those that have CUMC in their will

Christmas Eve Offering to mission

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Link to Zionsville UMC narrative budget