

Finance Meeting Minutes 4/8/19

Attendance: Gary Boardman, Pam Ferger, Pat Carducci, Claude Sawyer, John & Carol Yarian, Scott Gillespie, Glenn Pearson, Pastor Kurt Freeman, Jack Dwiggins, Marcia Stroup, MarLen Slagel, Hollie Kessler.

Jack Dwiggins opened in prayer.

Fundraiser Request: Scouts would like to do a pancake breakfast on a Sunday morning; will bring more information to next meeting so that committee can discuss.

March minutes approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report/Financials:

- Balances in accounts are up; Mortgage balance is under \$900,000
- Weekly collection average was \$12,540 per week in March; this continues to go up each month
- Income for March \$51,743; YTD income is up \$18,00 to last year which is to be celebrated!
- Discussed reasons for this increase over last year: people returning to church/coming back to CUMC, people have hope, new people coming and giving which indicates we are keeping our mission at the forefront to make new disciples.
- Discussed how we communicate the stewardship responsibility to new people? We need to celebrate these numbers and invite people to see what we are doing/tell the story.
- How do we celebrate these numbers/who tells the story? We will tell a Resurrection story/a "hope report". Pat and Gary will video a message to be shared with the congregation; Kurt will tape them.

Discipleship:

- Pastor Kurt shared information about how we intentionally work on discipleship and how that relates to finance committee:
 - Continue with our great hospitality and recruit more people for Carol's team; but then how do we connect people and get them involved after we have welcomed them? We need more space for classes
 - Discussed whole life stewardship: Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, Witness; we can't just focus on the budget, we need to focus on all aspects of stewardship
 - How are each of us on the finance committee doing with those five things? We should all be working towards these things in order to cultivate our discipleship ministry:
 - ♣ Who is mentoring you/helping you along your journey?
 - ♣ Who are you mentoring/building into? Try to mentor at least 2 people
 - ♣ Who is someone that loves you and is on your journey with you, but is not impressed by you? Someone who encourages you but also holds you accountable?

Child Care/PS Financials:

- Dana was unable to attend the meeting; Gary reported for her. She is still working on a budget for Child Care and Preschool; Finances are good; they are having another board meeting on Sat. 4/13.

Old Business:

- Glenn Howell will be meeting with Gary and Kurt on May 7th to help us map out a year-long stewardship plan

New Business:

- We have \$23,250 in the fund for the gym floor; original quote was around \$30,000 to complete this project. Should we take a leap and get this project started before we have the remaining \$7000 in hand? Gary would like to see us move forward on this project
- MarLen shared that Aaron is working on Endowment funds and we may have money there to help finish the funding of this project
- Scott Gillespie shared that he thinks it is important that we tell the Upward story; the flooring was an issue for some and it could help us grow the program if we replace the flooring. Scott will talk with Justin Stephenson and see if they can get a video together to be shown on Sunday during offering time.
- Pam Ferger made a motion to recommend that the Trustees committee move forward on this project; Second was made by Pat Carducci; motion passed. Glenn and the Trustees committee will work on getting quotes; Jack Dwiggin commented that the Council should be made aware of the plan.

Pastor Kurt closed in prayer.