

Finance Meeting February 10, 2020

Attendance: Gary Boardman, Hollie Kessler, Carol Yarian, John Yarian, Pam Ferger, Marcia Stroup, Glenn Pearson, Claude Sawyer, Scott Gillespie, Pastor Kurt Freeman.

Pastor Kurt opened in prayer.

Fundraiser Requests:

Carol-We will be having the Mardi Gras pancake breakfast for dinner on 2/25 and choir will be hosting soup/bread dinner on Ash Wed. Both will have free will offering

Kurt-Scouts have asked about a possible pancake breakfast on a Sunday morning; committee ok with this; Kurt will let Scouts know to submit some possible dates for approval.

January minutes approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

- General account balance went up from \$13,000 to \$25,000
- Gym floor account less due to down payment made on installation of new floor (\$31,000); should be about \$2500 over what we need for floor-will have some misc. expenses

Update on Gym Floor from Glenn:

- Carpet removal will take place March 17-19; Eric Kessler helping with this; will rent a machine to help remove old carpet; will make a schedule of volunteers to help with this March 17 will need help from 9am-9pm; March 18 and 19 from 9am-6pm
- Finalizing layout with floor company; basketball lines will be black; volleyball lines will be red; we will have 3 point line.

Financials:

- Income for Jan. \$69,353 and expense \$57,883 which gives us a net income of \$11,470; did have one annual gift in January
- Added graphs to report to show how the dollars and giving units are distributed between giving types (mail, electronic and Sunday morning)

Old Business:

- Elevator-needs motor replaced; have an adult Sunday School class upstairs and at least one person that would like to attend that can't climb the stairs; Carol will look at relocating this class until we can get elevator repaired. Glenn will take the Elevator issue back to Trustees to see about getting fixed; Trustees can bring back to finance when they are ready to move forward with the project.
- Will continue at the \$20,000 tithe level at this point
- Discussed last month inviting committees to come to Finance and share their "dreams" if money were no object so finance has an idea of what things we could be working towards funding. Hollie will invite different groups to do this each month.

New Business:

- **Intentional Stewardship Plan:**
 - Kurt and Gary met with Horizons Stewardship Team (Dave Byrum) to get a proposal for an intentional stewardship plan-to keep stewardship at the forefront of all we do
 - Dave and Herb from Horizons would help us develop a Generosity Team and they would do all the training-it would be a year-long process
 - The approach this programs uses is not about dollars and cents, rather giving being a spiritual discipline/ not just giving towards a project
 - Cost is \$17,600 but we could get a grant from the conference to cover half of this cost, so \$8800 would be our cost
 - Horizons suggests that we could see a 10% increase in giving

- Discussed other options: Glenn Howell offers a similar program through the UM Foundation at a lower cost; Kurt knows of another group out of South Bend that would be very similar to Horizons in their cost and approach.
 - Gary will contact Dave to get names of churches that have used Horizons so we can contact them for questions/reference
 - Gary will contact Glenn Howell at the Foundation to get information about his program
 - We can discuss further at next month's meeting before making a decision

Kurt closed in prayer.