

Finance Committee Meeting 2/16/17

In attendance: Stephen McMillan, Cindy Utley, Steve Goodier, Wallace Lankford, Mary Hannon, Ellen Shepherd, Kay Jones, Doug Mannering, Kay Neckel.

Kay Jones opened the meeting with prayer. The January meeting minutes were reviewed. Steve McMillan made a motion to approve the minutes, Cindy Utley seconded the motion and all agreed.

We reviewed the Financial Reports, Steve McMillan questioned the actual monthly income. Mary explained some in the congregation pay their tithe a year in advance. There were no other questions.

There were no questions or comments on the extra materials Ellen distributed in January about "Discipline regarding Finance", our "FUMC Finance Committee Borrowing Policy", or the "FUMC Internal Control Policy for Receiving, Counting, and Depositing Contributions."

We discussed the Investment at length. There is a question of using this for repairs (e.g. boiler) or only for building capital (bricks/mortar.) Rev. Steve explained the spirit behind the Discipline was to ensure housing for pastors. Mary will check with a Conference representative for clarification. The replacement cost of each of the two boilers is \$60,000.00. Both are about the same age and in the same condition. The trustees have \$35,000.00 in Capital Improvement Reserve. Rev. Steve explained the option of a Capital Campaign, asking the congregation for extra help.

The Edward Jones investment guarantee has expired, Ellen feels there is no rush in moving the funds; Steve McMillan suggested we need to move forward now since the investment is doing so badly (.7% earnings since inception.) The investment is now \$104,626.91. With the current account we wanted a safe investment. We discussed and agreed to a slightly higher risk at this time with higher return. We have information on American Fund which would be stocks 42% United States, 37% non-United States, 18% bonds and 2% other. We agreed a committee will check three or four firms, including the current broker, for their recommendations. Wally Langford and Steve McMillan from this committee will ask Charlie Bouchard to join them in this research.

Mary Hannon discussed the audit done February 6, 2017 by Donna Haddan of Haddan Accounting. The financial records passed with flying colors. Thank you Mary! Ms. Haddan had a recommendation about the money counters. At this time the same people count the money. She suggested they rotate the counters weekly and each person sign the deposit report. She also questioned the account 3100, \$3350.92 which is outstanding checks and needs to be removed from the balance sheet. This is a minor problem caused by changing to Quick Books and Mary is checking with Norma Flaming, a CPA who is very familiar with Quick Book to see if it can be resolved. A copy of The Fund Balance Report was presented to the Finance Committee as required.

There was no other business and the meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Neckel, Secretary