

**Presbytery of Santa Barbara**  
**Property & Finance Committee**  
**Minutes of the April 22, 2021 Meeting**  
**Virtual Meeting via ZOOM Internet, participants remote**

Attending: Rev. James Baird, Rev. Ted Brandt, CRE Bonnie Boe, Elder Scott Eschbach, Rev. Mickey Fenn (partially attending), Beth Huebert  
Guest: Chris Harris, auditor (partially attending)  
Excused: Elder Penny Carlson, Wes Zimmerman (on behalf of Front Porch)

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the sequestering restriction imposed in California this meeting was held virtually using ZOOM capabilities with all attendees participating remotely via video conference.

The meeting was opened in prayer at 10:00 am by Scott Eschbach.

It was reported that the inquiry by IMPACT (Kristy LaBarge) concerning funds potentially past due to IMPACT has been settled by agreement of the Presbytery Council and Kristy LaBarge. A disbursement in the amount of \$4,652.00 will be made by Bonnie Boe at the time of the next funds transfer to IMPACT. It is understood that with said disbursement all past due amounts will be resolved.

The February Financial Statements of Presbytery of Santa Barbara were briefly reviewed without concern.

Our auditor Chris Harris joined the meeting and presented the draft of the 2019-2020 audit report for UMB. The audit draft was very consistent with historical audits of UMB. Net Assets appear adequate at this time (with \$195,512 in board designated maintenance reserves). It was suggested that a significant maintenance reserve study be conducted in the future to assess adequacy of designated reserves. Despite the complications of the COVID-19 pandemic occupancy remained good, and annual operations were financially healthy. Currently UMB has no net assets subject to donor restrictions.

The status of Presbytery Council work related to the most recent Presbytery meeting discussing strategic use of unrestricted funds and filling the position of General Presbyter was reported. P&F reviewed this status in consideration of management of the cash assets of Presbytery.

The P&F Committee discussed the specific management of cash and invested assets within the presbytery. There was a consensus that some of the cash currently deposited in bank accounts could be transferred into investment accounts. For purposes of planning only it was determined that we initially consider the management of approximately \$500,000 and that the process of transferring any funds into investment accounts would likely be a "staged" process. Interest in investment in New Covenant Funds was discussed. Beth Hubert and Bonnie Boe will bring to P&F the specifics of a suggested approach for this project.

The status of the project considering transfer of management and control of the Front Porch Ministry from Presbytery to UMB was reported. P&F is aware of the potential financial impact and cash requirements associated with this project.

Forgiveness of the SBA PPP loan was reported. The income to the Presbytery from the forgiveness will be allocated to \$10,107.00 for unrestricted operations and \$28,000.00 into the Front Porch equity reserve account.

Safe Harbor (Monty Rice) has requested a review and reconciliation of funds potentially due to Safe Harbor. The basis for the request stems from the dismissal of the Cambria Community Presbyterian Church in 2015; a consideration of which was the setting aside of \$105,000.00 for the care and support of the remaining PC(USA) individuals. Said funds were temporarily restricted for no more than 36 months; anticipating a release of the restrictions in November 2018. Safe Harbor has presented an accounting of receipt of said restricted funds in the total amount of \$98,777.84 during the period 2015 through 2020. Bonnie will confirm those disbursements. Presbytery Council will be informed of the status of this issue and requested to provide guidance on any potentially outstanding funds.

The meeting was adjourned and closed in prayer by Ted Brandt.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Scott Eschbach, Chair

NOTE:

Subsequent to the meeting Mickey Fenn called attention to the Santa Maria Designated Funds, established in 2012 at \$600,000.00 as a result of the sale of the Santa Maria Presbyterian Church. This fund has been subject to restricted use since 2012 for the support of activities in the Santa Maria area. The current balance of the fund is \$147,491.65 (Feb 2021). The restrictions on said fund are set to expire in October 2022, and any residual balance of the fund will revert to unrestricted status. Council will be made aware of this status.