

## Board of Stewards Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

- I. Open with Prayer – Nita Hyatt, Chairperson
- II. Approval of September Minutes – Nita Hyatt, Chairperson
- III. Approval of October 13, 2020 Agenda
- IV. Finance – Dave Brodhead, Treasurer
  - a. Balance Sheet Year-to-date – Not much change.
  - b. Income/Expense for Church Year-to-date Reserves for Church Year-to-date: The YTD Actual income is \$509,055.09. The YTD Expenses is \$457, 640.40. The PPP helped tremendously. If removed from income, our YTD income is \$447,055.09, giving us a YTD negative of \$10,585.31, which is still better than in the previous years. What we need to be aware of as we move forward is that pledged/nonpledged income is not what it once was and will most likely continue to decline as it has for years. We're hoping to have the income of one, perhaps two, estate sales before the end of the year and we typically have a solid year-end influx of donations.  
  
We discussed how the giving spread over generations of givers; it would be interesting to have that information.
  - c. MW CDC Income/Expense and Reserved Account Reports: MW CDC is doing well. Students are in school and have been. Income looks good. YTD they have a healthy bank balance.  
  
Essential worker pay was given by the state, we distributed it, to workers who worked through COVID.

It was suggested that the sign on the outside AC wall, facing the post office be replaced because it's tattered and unattractive. Posts in the ground at the entrance to the parking lot also need to come down. Enrollment is full and there is a waiting list.

- V. Nita Hyatt led the group in the annual clergy assessments. Responses were discussed. The assessments will be sent to the district superintendent.

Pastors Bobbie and Greg presented the idea that Pastor Greg will take the next 30 days to concentrate on three areas: 1) Spiritual Formation, as instructed by the Book of Discipline, by engaging a spiritual coach, his clergy coach, and completing specific spiritual formation exercises as determined by he and his spiritual coach; 2) Visiting other churches and gathering information about worship (orders, music, liturgy, staging, etc.), and hospitality; 3) Being available for the various therapies and doctor appointments so that his back/hips can be completely healed. The BOS agreed to the shift of Pastor Greg's attention and asked that he visit churches that are similar to ours.

- VI. The MWDCD was in an accident with the church bus. Insurance hasn't yet been filed but will be. The police have been contacted and have interviewed the adults who were in the vehicle at the time.

Unfortunately, the bus left the accident before it was reported to the police.

- VII. Trustee Topics:

The flooding issue was discussed. Pastor Bobbie reported that she had discussed the AC flooding in further detail with the VisionBridge

architect who suggested that we consider raising the wall in the AC along Market St and moving the emergency exit so that it goes out to the playground. Reps from VisionBridge will be at the church, along with a city engineer, Dane Rau, to look at the property and flooding issues on Wednesday, November 11.

Another consideration is that when the post office was built, the ground was raised, making the flooding worse.

VIII. Charge Conference (October 25, 4:30 PM, Zoom) Preparations

- a. 2021 Budget (Presented at Charge Conference but this can be adjusted throughout the year.) The 2021 Budget was approved.
- b. Clergy Salary Packages (These are included in the budget and were therefore approved.)

IX. Closing Comments, Requests, Remarks

Celebration worship was discussed. Topics included our ability to deliver a worship “experience.” From the atmosphere to the worship leadership it’s a challenge to keep up with keeping our worship fresh and up-to-date. Our AV equipment in the AC is very out of date. We pay a music minister who is held accountable for the traditional service and it might be time to consider investing in paying a worship leader and/or band/instruments.

X. Adjourn with Prayer