

All in Attendance: Brooke Blough, Bryan Geib (recording minutes), Lenny Thompson

Minutes

The minutes from June 20, 2016 were approved

Financials

- Income is 88.3% of budget and expenses are 79.6%, leaving a \$8,000 surplus.
- We have received a \$5,000 grant from Franconia for furthering education about returning citizens and involvement with Redemption Housing.
- Randy Nyce also offered to share with the deacons some policies and methods for a church to receive the donation of part or all of a personal estate. Now that Lenny has been established as deacon, we will pursue this information.
- The monthly reports indicate that the interest and dividend are being reinvested into the Building Fund. Is this accurate, or is this just due to the way that Quickbooks summarizes the data?
- Due to a couple recent requests to donate money through the offering basket to a particular recipient, we have determined the best course of action to be as follows:
 - Payment from the church, if refused, is to go back to the church as a normal donation.
 - Donations to the church in recognition of a particular recipient will be handled as a normal donation, and the recipient will be notified with a card or simple token of appreciation.

Projection and Sound Equipment

- A dedicated computer will complete the upgrade to a newer multimedia system and will replace the old, slow computer we currently use. Bryan will research and purchase a laptop for this use.
- The lapel mic transmitter is struggling and may need to be fixed or replaced. Bryan will look into remediation options.

Readjustment of Office Equipment With a Sledgehammer

- Microsoft Office should be updated from 2003 to a more current and affordable version. Dorianna is hereby given the license to choose the option that is best.

Redemption Housing

- The congregation approved \$6,000 for startup costs and up to \$15,000 for a matching grant later in the calendar year. Shares from the undesignated funds are to be sold for this \$6,000 payout awhile.
- We will contact an official at Franconia or Everence to research the terms and agreements involved in fiscal sponsorship. Bryan to research.

Building and Facilities

- Congregation should be polled regarding opinions about the current WPMF facilities. Lenny is to develop Survey Monkey (prepare by next deacon meeting). Bryan is to follow up with a contact at Woodland Presbyterian to gather info.

Mutual Aid Request

- A request has come in for \$1,000 (500 mutual aid, 500 sharing fund). The deacons have approved and disbursed the funds. The Shalom Fund request is outstanding and will be completed by Brooke.
- A request has come in for a yet-undecided amount, pending verification.
- Pastor Lorie requested an advance payment from the HSA for some medical expenses this summer. We have decided to disburse the funds normally scheduled for October.

Miscellaneous Updates

- The WPMF website does not show up prominently on Google or Bing for “welcoming” or “LGBT” or “Mennonite church Philadelphia”. Can Dorianna edit this herself?
- The deacons are to plan and prepare for the mid-year financial check-in, tentatively August 28. Rebecca to do a reconciliation of numbers with Dorianna, and agenda is to be distributed by August 14.
- Dorianna is to research some options for an affordable A-frame sidewalk sign to place outside the door during Sunday morning services.

Next meeting August 24, 2016 at 7:15 PM