

## Finance Meeting 1/10/22

**Attendance via Zoom:** John and Carol Yarian, Hollie Kessler, Jack Dwiggins, Nick Fetchina, Claude Sawyer, MarLen Slagel, Scott Gillespie, Dana Blanchard, Pam Ferger, Kurt Freeman.

Pastor Kurt opened in prayer.

Fundraiser Requests:

1. Carol reported that she has been asked by Franciscan Hospital if CUMC would be interested in providing “goody” bags to palliative care patients going through treatment (they provide us a list of items needed....playing cards, games, crossword puzzles, gum, snacks, etc.). They requested 50-60 bags 3 times per year. We can include a card from our church saying we are praying for these patients. We would ask for donations of items and monetary donations to purchase items for the bags. Committee in agreement that this is a worthwhile cause and we will support it.
2. Carol reported that we need to have lines painted on the gym floor for a pickleball court as we have started a pickleball ministry on Sunday evenings. She would like to ask for monetary donations to cover this one-time \$1000 cost. Some participants in the pickleball ministry have already indicated that they are willing to donate. Committee is in agreement that this ministry is a great way to get more people involved and engaged at CUMC. Carol will proceed with asking for donations.

November minutes approved as submitted.

### Financials:

- Electronic giving up about \$2400
- Early Learning transferred \$10,000 gift to church in Dec.
- Early Learning checking balance is up due to the \$280,000 grant they received in Dec.
- We are starting the year with a budget deficit so we will need to really watch things the first few months and re-evaluate if needed.
- Claude reported that the congregation gave a very nice Love Gift to staff (\$4200 this year compared to \$3200 last year). People are reading what we put out there so we want to keep talking about all that we are doing and keep information in front of the congregation.

### Early Learning:

- Had a great year. The grants received has set EL up well to do things we haven't done before. Raises across the board, maintenance items like fixing the elevator and looking at new carpet and paint for some areas, also increasing the gift to church general fund. Employee feedback is positive, they were very appreciative of year end bonuses that we were able to give due to a state grant.
- In order to make sure we can continue to cover the cost of raises after the grant, we will increase fees \$5/week for all classes (EL increase will be in June, PS in August and SC in May)

### New Business:

- Nick reported that he will put communication in the Feb. TL encouraging anyone who is age 70 ½ or older to consider using QCD as a way to give their offering and save on their taxes. We can encourage people to talk with their Financial Advisors about this and it could possibly help increase giving an/or keep it more consistent.
- Nick will also be putting a monthly communication in the TL about our general finances to let the congregation know how much we are bringing in, what the budget is, etc.
- Will also get information out to congregation about giving stock to the church and the tax benefits of that
- We will make a mortgage principal payment at the end of January with the funds in the Transact account designated for this as well as the interest in Transact. Claude shared that there are some designated mortgage/building funds in Special Gifts and Memorials that can be added to this payment also.
- Kurt suggested that for all the information we are sharing in the Towerlight that we also do videos for Facebook so we reach even more people. Kurt, Scott and Nick will work on these.
- Discussed the possibility of a narrative budget
- Will schedule Glenn Howell from Foundation to do a presentation about including the church in your will
- Jack shared that when we are talking about/asking for money we want to make sure we express that it is about our love for and relationship with God. Jack and Nick will work together on this.