

## **Finance Meeting 5/16/22**

**Attendance:** Kurt Freeman, Hollie Kessler, Dana Blanchard, Nick Fetchina, Mike Linville, Claude Sawyer, Pam Ferger, John and Carol Yarian, Scott Gillespie, MarLen Slagel

Where have we seen God at work?

- YDance Recital
- Nick's trip to Hawaii
- New members and our welcoming congregation
- Pickleball ladies helping Kurt's boys learn to play
- Tuesday morning Bible study

Pastor Kurt opened in prayer.

April minutes approved as submitted.

### **Fundraiser Requests:**

- Carol shared that the organ is quite old and has been repaired many times and some parts are no longer available; might need to consider a fundraiser for this at some point.

### **Financials:**

- Audit has been completed with no issues-Sue Branson and Deanna Wise-Frerichs have agreed to do this for us
- We are down \$26,000 in income to last year; expenses are still under budget.
- Will add projected budgeted numbers to TL spreadsheet to help paint a clearer picture of finances (our income looks higher because we had some annual gifts in January and as the year goes on, our income won't look so "inflated")
- Transact balances remain about the same

### **Early Learning-Dana:**

- Grant committee is being formed as a sub-committee of the EL Board to handle all grant purchases/decisions
- Only concern is monthly expenses are exceeding credit card limits, cards are being maxed out monthly
  - Would like the church to get a Sam's credit account so EL can use to purchase snacks/food supplies; this type of card would give us cash back on purchases which would be helpful as well.
  - Dana made a motion to allow the church to get a Sam's Club credit card with a limit not greater than \$5000 to purchase supplies. 2<sup>nd</sup> by MarLen, no questions or discussion, motion passed.
- Signed approvals to pay credit card bills early
- No other concerns or issues

### **Old Business:**

- Carol reported that the landscaping is being replaced outside the office doors by Eric Kessler; funded by Trustees and Special Gifts and Memorials; will be low maintenance bushes and mulch, old bushes were also removed from around the east main entrance doors and replaced with stone donated by Eric.
- Kurt received approval from the Centers for Congregations to use the Digital Ministry Grant money for Brianna's Hope Ministry
- Kurt and Nick will make contact with Glenn Howell from the IN UM Foundation to begin a stewardship plan. Planning to have a celebration day Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> with donuts, coffee, and juice in between services. Carol has a team to work on this.
- Possibly having a Founder's Day Celebration Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>

### **New Business:**

- Will work with Glenn Howell from the foundation to make a plan for generating funds-he will come and work with us for a year on a long-term stewardship plan.

- Hollie will analyze giving trends for the next meeting to see if we can find out where any “issues” might be
- Trustees reported that there are 3 air conditioning units that need fixed/repared so those expenses will be coming soon.

Pastor Kurt closed in prayer.