

Finance Meeting Minutes

8/12/25

Attendance: Pastor Kurt Freeman, Nick Fetchina, Dana Blanchard, Hollie Kessler, Jack Dwiggins, Dave Stroud, Judi Austin, Carol Yarian, Adam Allen, Kim Loveless, Becky Daigle, Cindy Pulley, Scott Gillespie.

Committee shared where we have you seen God at work and Kurt opened in prayer

No Fundraiser Requests

June Minutes approved as submitted.

Nick-Financials

- Had to transfer \$12,000 from savings in July to help cover bills
- July income was \$34,000 compared to \$44,000 last year; July was tough month for income
- Income for first two weeks in August have been good
- We need to continue to watch expenses-we have been doing well with that so far this year

Dana-Early Learning

- Summer Camp ended last Friday and Half-Day Preschool will be starting at the end of Aug.
- Looking at changing the pay cycle for hourly employees due to overtime rules-will look at this at next EL Board meeting

Old Business

- We are currently paying \$22,000 per year towards apportionments-which is 3.6% of the 11% we should be paying (have been paying less than full amount since around 2018)
- Would like to begin increasing annually until we can get to the 11%. Nick suggests we increase by \$500/month which is \$6000 annually for 2026. This would get us to 4.6% of the total. Kurt thinks 1% growth per year until we get to 10-11% is a good plan.
- Becky suggested we need to look at the bigger picture and make a more long range plan of 5-10 years so that we can share with the congregation.
- Kurt would like the group to think about the question "what is faithful discipleship today for Christ UMC? What does our ministry need to look like and what ministries do we engage in?" Discussed generosity, welcoming, relational. Dollars follow ministry. We will continue to have this discussion at future meetings as we make a longer-range plan.
- Discussed the idea of presenting our budget as our "future faith plan"

New Business

- The T-Bill with parsonage sale funds at Stifel matured; Discussed options and committee decided to have Scott roll this over into something with a similar interest rate. A 12 month CD is about 4% right now, so he will make that transaction.
- SPRC and Trustees have their 2026 budget paperwork already; other areas will be going out soon to be back by early Sept.
- Stewardship Sunday will be Oct. 12th

Kurt closed in prayer.

Submitted,
Hollie Kessler