

Lodi UMC Finance Minutes
May 14, 2018

In Attendance: Tom Hildebrandt, Scott Commings, Jack Heal, Bob Westby, Diane Eberdt, Nancy Beilke, Gail Grover, Roxy Witzke, Pastor Marge Rice Myers, Joyce Unke

1. Call to order 7:03 PM
2. Prayer lead by Tom Hildebrandt, Chair
3. Motion to approve April Finance Meeting Minutes made by Scott Commings, seconded by Bob Westby, motion passed
4. Finance report (Bob Westby) Handed out giving by category, noted that this report will not match what is in Quickbooks because it is only "identified" giving, Quickbooks is all giving.
5. Treasurer's report (Roxy Witzke)
 - a. 12 moth rolling actual report was updated
 - b. April 2018 income was about \$2,000 down from April 2017.
 - c. May giving for this year to date is up significantly from May 2017.
 - d. Would be interesting to know if the giving is a result of more attendance or response to the congregational letter that was sent asking for opinions and more giving.
 - e. The task force that is looking at the responses from the letter (84 responses total) is meeting on Thursday to summarize the comments. The results will be shared with Pastor Marge prior to the Church Council meeting Thursday evening.
 - f. The Church Council will be deciding on how to move forward with the information from the surveys.

6. Wills & Memorials update (Roxy Witzke)

The W&M committee met and had 2 grant requests submitted. One was for some outdoor work at the parsonage and the other was for sponsoring youth for a Food Pack in Waunakee.

The parsonage grant was approved and they will also use the \$100 Bruce Company gift certificate that was given in memory of Frank Groves.

The food pack grant was denied and suggested that they apply for the Mae Schaeffer Mission grant through Church Council.

Bruce Thompson reviewed with the committee the updates to the Wills & Memorial articles of operation which include:

1. Update to represent what is actually happening (minor wording changes) and clarifications
2. Add provision to allow the Finance and Church Council to request up to 5% of the fiscal year end Endowment fund balance to be used for any purpose including operating funds
3. For Undesignated donations have any funds follow the percent allocations of:
 - a. 45% to General Endowment Fund
 - b. 20% to Property and Building Fund
 - c. 10% to Program Development Fund

- d. 10% to Mission Fund
- e. 15% to Operating Fund
- f. Upon recommendation of Trustees and Finance Committee, the Wills & Memorials committee may make recommendations to the fund amounts.
- g. Add provision that the committee may meet as the need arises.

The W&M committee also approved using the above percentages for distribution of 2017 and 2018 undesignated money. Therefore, the \$50,000 memorial received without designation will be divided per the amounts above, giving the Operating fund an additional \$7500 to work with this year.

7. Trustees Update (Jack Heal)

Several projects are underway on the parsonage:

New dryer delivered today (\$750)

New garage door from R& R Doors (est \$1200-\$1500)

Shutters repainting, volunteer is painting them (\$36 for paint)

Deck to be constructed within 3-4 weeks by volunteer helpers (material cost est \$1200)

Blinds have been ordered through Koltex (no estimate given)

Next meeting scheduled for August 13 at 7:00 p.m. unless there is a need to meet prior to that date.

Pastor Marge closed with a prayer. Motion to adjourn made by Joyce Unke, seconded by Bob Westby, motion passed.