

Minutes of the Finance Council
September 2, 2021

In person: Michael Elder, Dave Sanders, Rev. Christina Branum-Martin, Andi Nelson, Del Kimbler, Becky Turner and Petra Baer

Financial Statements – Our income level looks good. The Sanctuary Garden fund remains largely unused – the Fellowship requires a more reliable contractor. Becky has the go-ahead to work out an ATT deal for the phones (replacing OOMA).

Stewardship Campaign Planning – The theme for this year's campaign is being considered. The consultant is set to meet with various committees and the Board of Trustees (BOT) in late September. Del would like the proposed 2022 budget total in early October; it was agreed that the consultant could guide us on tactics for various budget levels which necessitate different percentage pledge increases. The budget projection currently ranges from \$165k - \$180k. The line item marked reserve was inserted to account for the desire to begin funding the call for a settled minister in 2023. The fund will be renamed to reflect that purpose more accurately.

Personnel – The annual reviews of salaried employees have been completed. The long-range planning for Lifespan Religious Exploration and Karen Hiebel's position as Education Director will be reviewed in December.

Outdoor Event Equipment – Special funds have been donated and additional funds are expected. The preferred accounting procedure was established.

Fund Raising – Petra reported that auctions houses are just as likely to be overwhelmed by 1,000 picture frames, especially as they constitute a specialty market. Michael will remind Bing Johnson that we need an up-to-date inventory before moving it to Dave Sander's home. Michael will put together a Weekly Connection announcement to help identify any potential project leaders.

Petra received notice from Janie Shipley that her Ontario, Canada condo can be auctioned off. Those present felt that while this auction may be a long shot, it was worth the effort to give it a try and Petra will gather the details for publication.

Tellers/Counters – Becky, Michael and Petra will meet to work out a paperless teller system.

2022 Budget – Michael will ask all committees to submit their budgets no later than October 22.

Financial Policy Review – Dave clarified for Petra the goal of putting together the policy document as compared to the current set of policies in the BOT Policy Manual.

Respectfully submitted,
Petra Baer