

Minutes of the Finance Council
November 7, 2019

Present: Bing Johnson, Jeannine Varenhorst and Petra Baer

Road Signage – Dexter Rucker from Electric City Signs (Anderson) reviewed our property with Petra on Friday, November 1st. The leading edge of our current sign, which is set in concrete below ground, is 23 feet from the road. Code requires it to be 15 feet from the property line; Petra will review where the property lines are.

Moving the sign nearer the road and closer to the driveway would greatly enhance visibility. Dexter will work up a quote to move the current sign and provide a ballpark quote for a manual letter sign and a digital sign that meets residential code (sign not to exceed 36 sq. ft., with changeable letter area up to 16 sq. ft.).

Stewardship Campaign – Pledges have begun to come in. Two events have been advertised to the congregation.

Wedding Event Space Promotion – A call for an ad hoc committee to explore wedding promotion yielded a weak response from members. The request will be made from the pulpit on Sunday, November 10th.

Trading Post Profit Margins – Renee Mendola indicated that Jon Hoskins may be interested in taking charge of Trading Post. Research by Petra and Becky will be made available.

Google G Suite – Bing continues to review files in the current DropBox system and explore G Suite storage.

Founders' House Porch Upgrade to Teen Room – No update.

AC/Heat Systems – Revisit in January 2020.

Unrestricted Endowment Usage – The gains from the invested capital in the unrestricted segment of UUFC's endowment are available for projects outside the scope of the budget. Bing noted that a \$38,000 balloon mortgage payment is coming up in October 2022. He is exploring what it would take to pay this off instead of refinancing the loan.

Advertising – Bing and Petra agree that they would like to see an advertising line item in the budget in the future. Petra will explore rates in local newspapers so that a proposal can be crafted.

Respectfully submitted,
Petra Baer