

Finance Committee Meeting

11/10/04

In attendance: Bob and Margie Kruse, Jim Clark, Eldonna Tabor, Wayne Disegna, Marge Meloy, Dale McDowell, Betty Tabor, Al Carlson.

Bob Kruse opened the meeting with a **prayer**.

Minutes of the 9/8/04 Finance Committee Meeting were accepted as printed.

Financial Report

- The **financial report** for the month of October 2004 showed a working balance at the end of the month of **\$-1,043.65**.
- Total in the **BR Church account** is \$53,222.25
- **Apportionments** are paid through November, 2004 and all bills are paid.
- The **Stained Glass Window fund** contains \$4,918.00 (from memorials and designated giving) (Four windows on south side of sanctuary: \$8,000 for new clear windows and \$8,000 for refurbishing stained glass windows.)
- A **fuel budget increase** notification was received to go into effect immediately.
- The Finance Committee upheld its previous decision to send the **Groves' money** directly to their home church in Florida, with copies of checks and correspondence to go to the conference and world missions office.
- The October 31, 2004 Finance Report was accepted as presented.

Old Business

- **2005 Budget**
Information is still to come from SPPR. Everything else received. It is anticipated that a first draft budget will be approximately 6% beyond the 2004 budget. (Increases included for full-year associate pastor, Harrison St. building needs, new fuel figure.)
- **Advanced Special Giving (Lanes)**
After discussion, the Finance Committee is presenting the following recommendation to the Missions Committee: Jim Clark moved and it was seconded that we make a minimum \$100.00 yearly contribution to each of the Advance Special Giving items (to be updated annually) as follows:

Lane 1	-	Missions (Groves) (Handled under a separate motion.)	
Lane 2	-	World Projects	
		World Communion Offering	\$100.00
Lane 3	-	National Projects	
		Human Relations Sunday	\$100.00
		Peace with Justice Sunday	\$100.00
		United Methodist Student Day	\$100.00
Lane 4	-	World Hunger – UMCOR	
		One Great Hour of Sharing	\$100.00
		Blanket Offering	\$100.00
		UMCOR – World Hunger Appeal	\$100.00
Lane 5	-	Racial Ethnic Local Churches and Ministries	
		RELC Sunday Offering	\$100.00
		Native American Awareness Sunday	\$100.00
Lane 6	-	Conference and District Projects	
		Camp Endowment Offering	\$100.00
		Education Offering	\$100.00
		Golden Cross Sunday Offering	\$100.00
		Rural Life Sunday Offering	\$100.00

The motion passed with one opposing vote.

- **Fellowship Hall Windows Donation**

Margie will follow up with letter to Edna and Will Nelson and to Dave and Mary Beth Nelson regarding a **contribution** for windows in Fellowship Hall in honor of Edna and Will.

New Business

- **New Copier**

A new copier has been leased for the office at a monthly rate of \$416. The old one was traded in on the new one. Former monthly lease rate was \$350. The new machine will print directly from Carolann's computer and will collate and staple.

- **Finance Reporting in Newsletter**

Eldonna will be reporting our monthly finances a little differently in the newsletter. Information will show total income for the month, total expenses for the month and budget for the month. Eldonna will include an explanation with the first new format in the newsletter.

- **Stewardship Letter**

1. The Stewardship letter for the 2006 budget that is mailed to the congregation will contain specific information regarding the **General Operating Budget** and the **Bryant Road Church** accounts.
2. A follow-up Stewardship letter will be sent to folks who submitted pledge cards thanking them for their pledges. Pledge cards will be returned along with the letters.

- **Envelopes**

The "building fund" line on envelopes will now begin to be designated for the Bryant Road Church (instead of for the Harrison St. church). This information will be noted in the newsletter, in the bulletin and in each envelope box.

Committee Reports

- **Trustees** (Jim Clark)

1. A contract for \$1800 has been signed for a new portion of roof over the sanctuary as well as a new portion over a section of the balcony. Work is to be completed soon.
2. The church will add \$1 million umbrella insurance coverage through the conference for \$560 for the year. This will apply to the current church building, the parsonage and the Bryant Road property.

- **Education** (Betty Tabor)

1. The Education Department is hard at work on their Christmas presentation.
2. Sunday School has earmarked their offerings for the Heifer Project.
3. They have more students this year and great teachers.

- **Missions** (Wayne Disegna)

1. There will be some Zambia fund raisers after the first of the year.
2. We have sent enough money to build the church structure, floor and to cover transport cost
3. There are several thousand dollars left for brick-making.
4. Next mission trip to Zambia: we may help in constructing the new building, then possibly assist in providing a deep well for drinking water.

Next Meeting

The **next Finance Committee meeting** is scheduled for Wednesday, December 8, 2004 at 5:00 P.M.

Al closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Kruse

Recording Secretary & Co-Chair