

Financial Stewardship Minutes

Present: Sue Benson, Ruth Hamlow, Rob Hauser

What intrigued you in scripture lately?

Financial Update

- Income
 - Giving up \$4361 from April '16; April giving ahead of expenses \$27
 - Simply Giving: 2 increases and one change from credit card to bank
 - Added "Erin's Kids" Memorial fund to spreadsheet
 - Currently in savings until decisions are made about how to manage
- Expenses
 - Expenses up \$3837 from April '16
 - Worship expenses were higher: 5 Sundays, 2nd Easter service
 - Root Beer Floats \$730 (Hutch Expo; pre-pai for Fair and RiverSong)
 - Giving Money Away--over \$6000! Record?
 - LIRS (Mar-April)=\$3691
 - Laundry Love=\$360
 - Maundy Thursday Offering to McLeod Co Alliance=\$127
 - Synod Tithe \$1835

Quarterly Report

- Sue B. prepared a report
- Available at Connect Table
- Presented report to the River Table

Funeral Expenses

- River Table decided that River of Hope should cover facility expenses for funerals

Endowment

- Kelly Johnson, who has experience with setting up endowments, has agreed to set one up for River of Hope.

Letter encouraging members to evaluate and increase giving

- Sue B, with assistance of Pastor Laura and Bev M., has creating a system for keeping track of when members last increased giving
- Ruth will finish letter ASAP

Will You Be the One Campaign

- Flyer was included in the weekly
- Raising awareness of goal of adding one Simply Giving sign up per month
 - Speaker for June: maybe someone from 55 Diners club? who else?

- Maybe do a Q and A rather than asking someone to stand in front alone--might get more people to say yes
- Make a video again, since attendance is sporadic in summer?

Counting Schedule

- Everyone will need to step in over summer, as folks are often gone.
 - **May:** Ruth
 - **June:** Rob
 - **July:** Any volunteers?
 - **August:** Any volunteers?

Next Meeting: Possibilities: Sometime between June 21 and 30. Ruth will email for possible dates.