

## Financial Stewardship Minutes Dec. 13, 2017

**Present:** Sue Benson, Ruth Hamlow, Brian Tillmann, Pastor Laura Aase. Guest: Nan Crary

### What intrigued you in scripture lately?

### Financial Update

- Giving and expenses about equal: finished November up \$429
- Year to date: down \$5,759
- Balances: Checking = \$16,000; Savings = \$27,000
- No significant changes in Simply Giving: 63 (up 1 from Oct); added one giver, one increase
- Giving Tuesday challenge on Facebook: raised \$1,300. What should we do with the money? Give to HOMES Mcleod county? Next year: designate the giving ahead of time.

### Counting

- Brian will count in January.
- Revisit schedule at next meeting when more are here.

### Salaries and Benefits

- Parish Personnel recommends **3% raises for Laura, Jim and Pam**, to which Financial Stewardship agreed.
- Beginning Jan. 1, agreed to **reimburse mileage for Jim Nelson**.
- Pastor Laura and her husband John are investigating a change in insurance due to their marriage. Currently, this change could result in increased expenses for River of Hope. Either Laura will stay on her current insurance or John's parish may be able to cover difference. They will find out more and get the information to Financial Stewardship.

### Starfish Tribe

- Meeting with Keith Juergensen revealed that since Starfish Tribe is not registered as a non-profit, River of Hope cannot include donations in the annual tax deductible letter. This is different information that we originally received.
- ROH can accept donations as long as they are tracked using a separate budget line. Sue B. has added a row (126) to spreadsheet.
- We can add a separate letter to report any giving and send it with the annual ROH letter. However, Terry Kempfert is currently holding checks from 2017.
- Terry and Judy will need to review procedure for non-profit filing.

### **Stewardship retreat**

- Ruth suggests dedicating a morning (9-noon) early in 2018 to dig into ideas for stewardship for the coming year.
- Ruth will send out an email and get ideas for dates.

### **Next meeting:**

**January 17, 6:00 Sue Benson's home.** We will stuff envelopes with annual tax deductible letters.