

Financial Stewardship Minutes January 17, 2018

Present: Sue Benson, Ruth Hamlow, Brian Tillmann, Pastor Laura Aase

What intrigued you in scripture lately?

Retreat:

- Via email: Rob is available 2/3 and 2/24 and Sue P. is not available 2/3 and 2/7.
- Meet Saturday Feb. 24, 9-noon.
- Location: Pastor Laura will see if the free meeting room at Harmony River is available. Potluck brunch (everyone bring something to share).
- Tentative agenda: setting up a Stewardship calendar for 2018, Erin's kids, visioning for the future.
- Retreat will be our only meeting in February. Sue B. will send out financials via email when ready.

Financial Update

- 2017 Year-to-Date Net Cash: negative \$3507. Brian pointed out that considering this was our first year without a grant, we have much to celebrate and thank the people of River of Hope for.
- Dec. 17 finished positive \$2277, despite higher expenses (5 Sundays and Christmas Eve, 2nd highest month for giving money away, camp payments)
- Simply Giving enrollments up to 66. One or two increases.
- Still waiting on check from Facebook "Giving Tuesday" challenge.

Giving letters

- Envelopes were stuffed with end-of-year giving letter for tax purposes, stamped and ready for mailing.
- Reminder letters going out after tax letters, asking givers to consider an increase if they haven't made one in a while.
- Discussed the need for guidance or a point of comparison. Sue B. will put together for table's consideration something with ranges of givers that could be shared with members.

Erin's Kids

- The Olsons wanted this money to be seed money for ongoing fund to send kids to camp, canoeing, youth gatherings, etc.
- Identify two adults and possibly some confirmed youth to head up the group.
- Perhaps 2 big fundraising events per year.
- Brian Tillmann will talk to some possibilities.
- Discuss more at retreat.

Counting Schedule

- Ruth can count for most of February.
- Revisit next month.

Meeting times

- Evenings don't seem to work for everyone.
- Would a Sunday before or after church work? Some other time?
- Revisit next month.

Stewardship table membership

- Keep invitation open for others to join the table.
- Pastor Laura will see about getting tables added to the Connect card check off.

Next Meeting: Saturday, Feb. 24, 9-12, Harmony River (tentatively)