

Financial Stewardship Minutes
June 7, 2018

Present: Sue Benson, Ruth Hamlow, Rob Hauser, Sue Peters, Brian Tillmann

What intrigued you in scripture lately?

Financial Update:

April

- Cash flow positive, due in part to a couple of once-a-year contributions
- Expenses down slightly
- April '18 to April '17 comparisons are skewed, due to LIRS contributions coming in and going out last year.

May (unofficial)

- Low month for income, potentially a negative month
- Laundry Love giving is down
- Expense highlights for May: Camphouse payments, Giving Tuesday gift cards, lot of misc., purchase of new microphone (asking for donations to pay for this)
- Sue B. will email final report when ready (before July meeting).

Questions to be answered

- How can we plan/budget for the occasional needed capital expense (new microphone, replacing office PCs, etc.)?
- How do contributions/giving for camp/canoe trip/Urban Immersion compare to amount we pay out? Are we breaking even? Behind?
- What is the status of Erin's Kids?

Action: Sue B. will get information on camp contributions. Ruth will touch base with Pastor Laura and possibly Bo and Beth about Erin's Kids.

Check signing during Pastor Laura's six-week sabbatical

- Ruth will be available most consistently; Rob is also able to sign check.
- Sue B. will leave checks at office for signing, along with explanation and addressed, stamped envelope if required.

Investment options: Thrivent Financial

- Sue B. met with Diane and Jean and received a primary packet of options
- Diane and Jean work with a lot of churches and are willing to meet with us to discuss.
- We should also have representation from River Table at meeting.
- Considerations: moderately conservative, still liquid, how much

Thrivent Choice Dollars

- We get a small amount each year from Thrivent Choice Dollars. This is an option we could raise awareness of.
- Diane and Jean shared an example of a letter sent out by a local congregation thanking members for dedicating their Thrivent Choice Dollars to the congregation and reminding those who invest in Thrivent that this is an option.
- Choice needs to be made by March each year, so we could send out a similar letter at the beginning of the year

Action: Ruth will add Thrivent Choice letter w/ report and reminder to the Stewardship Calendar

Giving Tuesday/Gift Cards Update

- Cards were delivered to counselors at West, Park, Middle School and High School.
- Ruth delivered cards to Kids Depot at St. A's.
- Still need to deliver cards to Kids Depot (Kathy Nordman, contact), Common Cup, and REACH program

Stewardship Calendar/Planning

- Hope Floats at Riversong July 13 and 14: Ron Johnson
- Fair Booth, Aug 16-19: Brian Tillmann
- Discussed how to get ideas from congregation on more ways to go out.
 - Suggestion box?
 - Something on Connection Card?
 - Someone from Financial Stewardship speak each Sunday in July to solicit suggestions and promote the Stewardship Calendar

Action: Ruth will meet with Laura before her six-week sabbatical to try to coordinate a way to get ideas about Going Out Opportunities.

Advertising

- Sue P. is exploring ways to maximize our advertising with paper. Rather than four big ads a year, something smaller once a month.

Counting

July: Ruth (will be gone July 8)

August: Rob/all as needed

Next Meeting: July 24, 6 p.m.