

## **Financial Stewardship Minutes Sept. 11, 2018**

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

### **What intrigued you in scripture lately?**

#### **Update on God's Work, Our Hands**

- Projects: cleaning parks downtown and writing letters
- Habitat for Humanity cancelled due to conflict; some have expressed interest in rescheduling

#### **Steady Eddy meeting Sept. 23**

- Meeting of all tables, following worship
- Ruth, Sue B. and Brian T. can attend

#### **Financial Update**

- Aug. '18 Cash flow/Bottom line is negative \$3588
- 2018 Year-to-date net cash flow is negative \$2776
- Overall giving was \$13,814, first time this year giving has dropped below \$15,000
  - down from Aug '17 \$3979
- Have lost some Simply Givers (3 total), 1 person decreased giving, no increases
- Giving in worship is down from Aug '17 \$2988
- Expenses were down from Aug '17, mainly due to timing of camp payment
- 2018 camp payments break down shows that cost of camp is \$8,823 and camper deposits are \$3,701, so River of Hope expense is \$5,124

#### **Approved expenditures**

- Approved spending extra money raised for microphone on purchasing used drum set
- Approved covering expenses for background checks for mentors, etc.: estimated cost \$30/person, projected \$360 a year

#### **Our Current Reality and Considerations**

- Our main expense is personnel: Pastor Laura, Jim, and Sara in office. Only Laura is receiving benefits.
- Attendance is down (impacting giving in worship?). This trend started in 2017.
- We have had a few increase their Simply Giving, but many have not.
- Where are we at in our plan to contact members about the date of their last increase and asking them to increase?
- If we get Erin's Kids up and running, can that help defray cost of camps? Or do we reconsider having confirmation students go to camp every year or go to less expensive camps?
- Reduce amount of space we are renting each Sunday?

- Have confirmation at the office?
- Look into less expensive office space?

### **Counting Schedule**

- October: Ruth
- November: Rob
- December: Brian

### **Thrivent Choice Dollars**

- Send a letter like sample Sue B. shared at June meeting.
- Get on Stewardship calendar

**Next Meeting:** Week of Oct. 22? Ruth will send out an email.