

## **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.**