

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – SANTA ROSA

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES – DECEMBER 12, 2018

The Finance Committee of Santa Rosa First United Methodist Church met on December 12, 2018 in the Montgomery Campus Carriage House. Present were: Sam Cox, Marty Thompson, Peg Ferrel, Lynn Garrison, Mike Ferrel, Naomi Niimi, Janet Tonkin, Tokasa Buinimasi, Larry Wofford, Jack Dupre, Heather Young, church council chair, Lori Sawdon, senior pastor, and Mary Brunet, Church Business Administrator.

Mary opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:02.

The committee said hello to new members Larry and Jack, and goodbye to departing member Marty.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved as submitted.

Pastor Lori reported on managing the transition with Mary leaving. Significant measures include:

- Reducing office hours to 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Monday through Thursday
- Hiring an interim Office Coordinator
- Creating a facilities team to handle oversight of and coordinate maintenance of the facilities
- Appointing Sam Cox as a volunteer to oversee finances
- Scheduling weekly meetings of the Office Coordinator, facilities team, Sam and Pastor Lori

Results of the Financial Campaign were presented, as of today. The number of pledges has declined, but the average pledge amount has increased. The total amount pledged to date is almost \$629,000, and the best guess is that an additional \$35,000 to \$45,000 will be received. Pledge income is likely to be similar to what was received in 2018.

The November Financial Report was presented and discussed. The report was more detailed than usual so new members could be oriented.

The current deficit stands at \$13,635.41, and if December runs true to past years as a big month for contributions, we could finish the year close to breaking even.

A financial statement for the church preschool was presented. Much progress has been made in returning the preschool to financial stability. The committee was reminded that financial obligations of the preschool are obligations of the church.

Much discussion was held regarding the timing of the next Finance Committee meeting, a presumed Budget Summit meeting, and the Church Council meeting to act on a proposed budget for 2019. No decisions were made. Sam, Heather and Pastor Lori will make final decisions.

Pastor Lori closed us with a prayer, and we adjourned at 8:50.

Submitted by Mike Ferrel