

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – SANTA ROSA**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 12, 2018**

The Finance Committee of Santa Rosa First United Methodist Church met on September 12, 2018 in the Montgomery Campus Carriage House. Present were: Sam Cox, Lynne Garrison, Tokasa Buinimasi, Janet Tonkin, Mary Brunet, and Pastor Lori Sawdon.

Sam opened the meeting with a prayer.

The August meeting minutes were approved as emailed.

The August financial reports were reviewed. Including mortgage expenses, we realized a \$8,613 gain for the month. The year-to-date deficit is now \$19,106. The checking account balance on 8/31/18 was \$66,033. The committee discussed the historical increase in pledge contributions during the last quarter of the year, and we are hoping/anticipating this to occur again this year. Sam will address this in Rose Leaf articles during the next couple of months.

We discussed preparations for the Ministry Fair, and reviewed the materials to be available for attendees. Lynne purchased chocolate coins and bars for distribution. Janet will staff the Montgomery table on Sept. 23 and Sam will staff the table on Sept. 16 at Stony Point.

Sam asked for volunteers to join the Stewardship Committee for this Fall's campaign. Janet offered to join that effort. Pastor Lori highlighted the Stewardship work to date. The theme being discussed is "God's Pie." She shared a video which will be used. Consecration Sunday will be November 18.

The next committee meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 10.

Pastor Lori offered the closing prayer.

(Minutes Submitted by Sam)