

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SANTA ROSA
FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
November 7, 2019
Carriage House

Members present: Tokasa Buinimasi, Sam Cox, Cynthia DiBenedetto (guest), Joan Gates, Peg Ferrel, Janet Tonkin, Marty Thompson, Lynn Garrison (Trustees), Naomi Niimi (SPRC), Mary Brunet (Church Business Manager.)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Sam who offered an opening prayer. Self-introductions were made to acquaint ourselves to Cynthia, a prospective Finance Committee member.

Minutes for October were approved as submitted.

The October financial packet was presented and discussed. Operating checking account is \$59,190; total of four checking accounts in Exchange Bank, including Operating and Mortgage funds are \$154,170.79. The YTD overall deficit is \$20,327 however the last quarter of the year tends to show increased revenue. Non-pledged contributions are less than prior year, YTD and monthly budget.

The Stewardship campaign was discussed with base budget figures and known or anticipated increases for 2019, and based on the 2018 budget a \$7500 deficit is projected. Discussion followed. A \$10,000 Beulah Grant from Conference UMW funds was received, which will be used for older adult ministries. Piepalooza is Sunday, November 11, with pie following each service. Finance Committee members are encouraged to talk with congregants to encourage tithing.

Preschool finances were discussed. Sam is serving as Treasurer of the Preschool Board. The covenant between FUMC and the Preschool will be examined and updated by a task force made up of Preschool parents and FUMC leadership.

The Finance Committee draft report to the Church Council was discussed. Changes were suggested and the report will be amended. The All-Church Conference will be November 13, 2018.

The weekly counters have requested and will receive a new adding machine with a tape.

The meeting adjourned with a prayer by Mary.

Respectfully submitted,
Naomi Niimi