

Minutes of the Union Church Finance Committee Meeting on January 20, 2009

In attendance: Michael Barrett, Julie Dana, Shelly Fitzgerald, Sue Gawler, Bobbie Mahler, Nancy Mastromarino, Tony Mastromarino (Chair), Rev. Bill Meyer (Pastor), Frank Sterner, Bob Sutton, Dick Tripp, Kevin Wellenius, and Dave Williams.

Tony opened the meeting with a prayer. Special thanks was given for the dedicated service of Christine Merckens and Dick Tripp on the Finance Committee.

Committee membership was reviewed. Those serving on the Finance Committee for 2009 are: Tony Mastromarino (Chair), Rev. Bill Meyer (Pastor), Michael Barrett (Ad Council), Horatio Castle (member-at-large), Julie Dana (co-lay leader and Christian Ed), Shelly Fitzgerald (SPRC), Sue Gawler (Financial Secretary), Betty Grant (Worship & Music), Bobbie Mahler (Trustees), Nancy Mastromarino (co-lay leader), Alane O'Connor (Mission/Outreach), Frank Sterner (Assistant Treasurer), Bob Sutton (Treasurer), Dick Tripp (Lay Member to Annual Conference), Kevin Wellenius (Mission/Outreach), and Dave Williams (member-at-large).

Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of November 25, 2008 were approved with a correction to the projected 2009 expense total. There were no follow up items.

The Pledge report summary for 2009 was distributed, but the presentation and discussion were left for the Ad Council meeting the following evening. In brief, the final tally of pledges received was \$84,828 from 56 persons. That exceeded our projections by \$3,524 and represents an increase of 4.2% over 2008. A copy of the report is on file with the Minutes in the Church office.

Dick presented the Year-end Treasurer's report for 2008. Although we finished the year with expenses (\$134,715) exceeding income (\$130,991) by \$3,723, Union Church did remarkably well and still had a checkbook balance of \$5,080 on December 31, 2008. Everyone should feel good with the outcome for 2008. A copy of the Treasure's Report is on file with the Minutes in the Church Office. Dick also commented on our increased benevolences in 2008 compared to the previous year, an increase of nearly \$3,000, as well as increases in operating expenses and housing related expenses. Mission and Outreach exceeded budget due to two grants received from the United Way and an individual gift.

The discussion on how best to report pledges and special gifts was postponed until our next meeting.

Other Business included a discussion of the implementation of Quickbooks for the Church's financial records. Bob Sutton, the new Treasurer, indicated that he is working with Kevin and will be issuing electronic checks wherever possible. When necessary, however, paper checks will be written.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be on Tuesday evening, April 14, 2009 at 7:00 pm. This will put the meetings on alternate months with the Ad Council.

Rev. Bill closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted: Tony Mastromarino (Chair)