

Unity Board of Trustees Meeting  
May 15, 2023

**Pray in 5:04**

**Present:** Anne Hollows, Beverly Milwee, Abby Vasek, Leslie Howe, Andrea Ballentine, Llea McCarn; Michael Finn absent

Visitors - none

**Check-in**

**Verify Quorum** - yes

**Approval of minutes** - Beverly moved , Anne seconded, all approved

**Financial Report** - Abby

*Financial Notes for April 2023*

*The amount to tithe out after all the standing tithes are made is \$1,897.*

*April Summary*

*April income: \$35,127*

*April \*adjusted expenses: \$20,490*

*April net: \$14,637*

*April Notes*

*March income increased 53% from last April*

*April donations increased 102% from last April*

*April expenses decreased 48% from last April*

*Year-to-date Summary*

*Year-to-date income: \$135,117*

*Year-to-date expense: \$125,273*

*Year-to-date net: \$9,844*

*Year-to-date Notes*

*Year-to-date income increased 3% from 2022 YTD*

*Year-to-date donations increased 2% from 2022 YTD*

*Year-to-date expenses decreased 8% from 2022 YTD*

*• The financials look great for the second quarter with the income and donations that have occurred in April. We'll keep an eye on the attendance and income, but right now, everything looks good.*

*(We had \$8,000 this Sunday in the offertory.)*

*• The facility reserves also look sufficient for any pending HVAC issues.*

*• May and June have traditionally been good months that should lead the church into the third quarter.*

**Staff Report** - Llea

The following items from Llea's report required approval:

- New HVAC unit needed for office and classrooms on that corridor. Beverly suggested we move on this.. Anne moved that we approve the \$8100 outlined in option one for this project. Abby seconded, all approved.

- Llea introduced a list of 5 applicants to become new members and asked for the Board's approval. Anne moved to, Abby seconded, all approved. Rev Sondra will do swear in ceremony when she is guest speaker on June 25.
- Christina Crow requested to use the fireside room for home schooling group. Andrea moved to approve, Abby seconded, all voted yes.

#### *Llea's Staff Report*

*Jill's Retirement Gift: We collected \$70 more than the cost of the pendant & cake;*

*Legacy Rally: June 7-11 at Northeastern State University in Talequah, OK.*

*Attending: Truman, Travers & Sharon*

*Registration: is \$300 each*

*Travel: Sharon requested flying vs 1000 mile roadtrip; the rally should be within the \$1,700 budget.*

*Fundraiser: Seder raised \$1,184. Betty would like to do 1, maybe 2 more suppers this year.*

*They used \$100 from the Event Earmarked fund to purchase supplies- I replenished that to the Events account.*

*Events: Byron Katy Workshop income: \$330. Gabriel donated the funds to the church.*

*Picnic & Drum circle on Saturday, April 29 th .*

*Groups: Women's group met on Saturday and decided to continue meeting each month with these changes.*

*They want to change their name to "women in Unity" and meet on the 4 th Saturday of the month from 11:30 – 1:30 for "lunch" brunch.*

*They want to add some "excursions" on the months with 5 Saturdays (Salt Cave in July)*

*Grounds: Jim Bishop's grandkids cleared out the water trenches at the front entry way.*

*Branches have been cleared from the top parking lot and outside of YFM classroom as well as away from the peacepole. The branches have been moved to the bottom poolside road and the top lower parking lot in preparation of chipping or loading up. Christine Gutshall asked me to write a letter to Bartlett's Tree Removal asking for their donated help—no response of yet. Buffalo Thunder is willing to help in a few weeks.*

*Facility: Spring HVAC coming up; YFM heater is out so we will need replacement this fall; Office AC may be needing to be replaced soon*

*Safety: Our Phillips AED pads are currently being redesigned and we are waiting for them to be released. We would only get \$250 credit for a new device (\$1300-1500)*

*Services:*

*Collen Reeves this Saturday,*

*Bobbie Mae May 6*

#### **Tithe Distribution - amount to be distributed \$1897**

- Beverly moved that we distribute the tithe as \$449.25 split 4 ways; Anne seconded, all approved
  - Amigos de Jesus
  - Bread Basket
  - Barnabas Connection
  - Mom's Demand Action

- Leslie asked us to consider contributing to the Wimberley Youth /soccar league/14 under all star team fundraiser. The Board decided to donate \$50, not tithe. Abby motioned we spend 50 from our outreach fund. Anne seconded, all approved.
- Abby asked about how we can find out about families in need and help them financially. Llea reminded us that we donate heavily to Barnabas which does outreach for the community. Can we communicate that better to congregants? We were reminded that we have a line item in the budget for helping people in need - \$300. Part of spiritual growth is asking for what you need. It was suggested we ask Sue to highlight our regular tithe recipients in the newsletter with the goal of letting our congregants know that these are programs available to them or others in our community, specifically, in this case, Barnabas.
- Member volunteer \$100 gratitude tithe: Roger Marion

### **Items for Discussion**

- Andrea - asked that we add “executive session” to the end of every agenda. All approved
- Minister search: no report this time as Finn is not here.

**Pray out 7:43**