

Summary Meeting Minutes for January – Finance Committee

The committee met on January 15, 2020 continuing the monthly committee meetings as planned for in March.

The meeting began with a walk through of transactions from the December numbers provided by Diane. More specifically centered around LBPS and the drop in students attending. Diane and Rick both explained the differences in detail to the committee.

The committee began a lengthy discussion on the upcoming budget of the new year. With the Church moving to a new fiscal year the committee looked at what the impact of moving to a fiscal year would do to our current budget cycle and how we can put forth a balanced budget for the upcoming 6-month period. Additionally discussed, was the committees understanding of a balanced budget and the use of reserves and when that would be necessary. The committee also had lengthy discussion on the following fiscal budget and the impacts from the 6-month budget, this included but was not limited to discussions on our revenues and expenses and way to continue to bring in a balanced budget for the upcoming years. It is the committees view and intention that the budget will remain to be a large topic over the next 6-month period and thereafter.

The committee is comfortable with the approach of how the budget was built, recommending a re-amortization that would allow us to proportionally change our reserves per our policy in place currently. The committees concern is around revenue growth and expenses and is currently looking in to improving both of those areas. The committee spoke about the possible use of Beyond Campaign money to pay the principle only for the upcoming 6-month period. This would not mean interest; the committee would prefer that this route is a last option for the church as well as congregational approval. Additionally, we recommend that the church re-amortize the loan every 6-month freeing up money in the reserves mentioned above. It is the committees strong recommendation to have a 3-month reserve of operating expenses in our cash account, we do not want that amount to be any lower – this is consistent with our previously submitted liquidity policy.