

Finance Committee

April 25, 2022 6 p.m. Good Shepherd Room - Madison

Attending: Wade Huseth (Chair), Sara McCormack (Board), Sara Ritter, Rick Blum, Diane Wenzel, Garly Schmuhl, Kris Schmuhl, Tyler Gold. Not Attending: Greg Vlack, Nan Schilling

The meeting started with a devotion by Gary .

Wade explained the main topic of the night was a review of the budget. The committee would listen to the presentation and give recommendations to Rick B. and Diane W. They would go back and make changes, and bring a more complete budget on Monday, May 9.

March Financial Statement - Things have been going well for several months. Contributions have come in according to plan. Revenue showing an uptick since the beginning of January.

Budget Preview - Rick broke down tentative budget estimates by program. He also showed the committee a sheet showing the reduction in personnel at Good Shepherd over the past 6 years. The budget showed the church starting Fiscal 2023 with a significant surplus. Gary asked why. Wade explained we had built into the FY 22 budget spending from an estate gift we received in 2019. Since spending was kept in check, that money was not needed in Fiscal Year 2022.

Roof – Sara McCormack raised the question of whether we need to fix the roof in Madison right away. She had been told by staffers there was a waterfall coming into the church during Holy Week.

The plan has been to raise money for fixing the roof in the next Capital Campaign and pay for the roof using those revenues. However, everyone agreed that if the roof needed to be fixed right away, we shouldn't wait. Tyler said he talked with Rick Thomas, who is getting a new estimate Friday. The thought was to wait and see what came back from that. Also discussed: borrowing the money from the church and paying it back using money raised from the Capital Campaign. Many committee members liked that idea.

Cash forecast – Wade revised his cash flow forecast using the new budget numbers, It showed we didn't fall below having three months of reserves until the second quarter of 2024. However, he said the forecast also didn't include the \$244,000 we received through the PPP program, nor did it include a reduction in the mortgage that would be expected via a successful Capital Campaign.

Things we need by May 9 (Action Plan) – The committee asked Rick and Diane to work on a few things between now and the next meeting:

- Break out onetime expenses.
- Look at what other projects we could we do this year?
- Add Fiscal 2023 to employee breakdown and show total staff costs for each year.
- Look at making the proposed CYF positions as an LTE, in order to consider that salary as one-time expenses. The belief is that might make the proposed budget more presentable to the congregation.

The meeting ended at 7 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.