



Council Report

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Treasurer's Report as of September 30, 2019

General Fund Report The General Fund Balance is \$177,755. Income for the month was \$60,293 and Expenses for the month were \$57,800. At this point in the year our expenses exceeded income by \$4,868.

Mortgage Service Fund Report The Mortgage Service Fund Balance is \$116,324. Income for month was \$28,721. The required monthly mortgage payment is \$19,536.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>For Month</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income:	\$ 60,293	\$ 66,658	\$ (6,365)
Expenses:	\$ 57,800	\$ 66,127	\$ (8,327)

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>For Year-to-Date</u> <u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income:	\$ 551,746	\$ 599,922	\$ (48,176)
Expenses:	\$ 556,614	\$ 599,443	\$ (42,829)

<u>Mortgage Service Fund</u>	
Income for month:	\$ 28,721
Fund Balance:	\$ 116,324

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel L. Wentzloff
Church Council Treasurer

SOTP Worship Committee Minutes

October 14, 2019

Attending the meeting – Jane Mc., Doug S., Orv, Chris S., Barb P., Carolyn, Andrew S., Judie S., Dolly, Diane M.

Following the agenda, the committee discussed a variety of concerns and issues.

Upcoming Events in the Church calendar

1. October 27 – Red for reformation
 - a. Chris S and Ed Cuttle will work to put up the correct banners. Carolyn will arrange a time to get it done probably the first part of the week.
2. November 3 – All Saints Day
 - a. Chris S and Ed Cuttle will work to put up the white banners. Carolyn will arrange a time to get them.
 - b. Barb P and Carolyn checked and found the bowls that we used for the memory candles. These will be set up for folks after they take communion.
 - c. Ushers will help stand by the tables to make sure everything works okay.
 - d. Judie will follow up on the candles. Note – Mark Fren dreis showed us candles under the kitchen sink in the scarcity and there are also candles in the special storage room.
Judie will follow up on this on Wednesday. She will also be checking to make sure that we have enough candles for Christmas Eve service .
3. November 10, November 17 and November 24 – Thanksgiving
 - a. Jane and Carolyn ordered a long banner (4 x 12) for the sanctuary and two short banners for the poles in the gathering room. Chris and Barb may need to follow up on this as Ed and Carolyn will be out of town from November 5-19.
 - b. Carolyn, Loretta and Barb will work out fall decorations for the pedestals in the sanctuary and possibly in front of the altar.
 - c. There is a Thanksgiving Eve service with pie tasting after the service. Choir will not sing at this service.
4. November 30 & December 1 – Advent begins
 - a. The advent wreath needs to be in place by 11/30. The time has been set up for 10am on 11/30. Mark Fren dreis and Chris Trodahl have been contacted to get the wreath out of storage by 11/30.
 - b. Barb P. will work on “fluffing” the wreath.
 - c. Judie will check on the candles for the wreath.
 - d. Ed and Carolyn will get the banners up for Advent. There is one banner for the sanctuary and then four small banners that hang in the gathering area.

5. Christmas trees will go up the week of December 9th. Chris S and Jane and Doug will work on the timing of this. They need to be done by 12/14. Mark & Chris T. have been notified that we will need the trees out from storage.
6. December 14 at 930am -Decorating Party for the sanctuary and gathering area. Michelle and Dennis have been contacted to put this in the newsletter and Flourish by Carolyn.
 - a. Barb will work with Countryside to get some of the poinsettias delivered on the 14th in anticipation of the Heartland/SOTP Christmas concert on the 15th.

Christmas Poinsettias will be sold from November 16-December 1. We will NOT be selling in the gathering area. We will set up a Blue table next to the office and have order forms and envelopes and the box to put the orders into. This box will be monitored after each service. Just in case, Carolyn will contact the counters in the event some envelopes come their way.

The space has been requested from Michelle and assigned. The box, poinsettia and sign is stored in the scarcity. Carolyn will update the order forms and Diane will work on the envelopes. This will be ready by November 16th. We are ordering from Countryside again this year. The prices remain the same from 2018!!! Poinsettia plants will be \$11. Folks will be able to take them home after the 11pm service on Christmas Eve.

Continuing on with the poinsettias. It is our goal to have the remaining order of poinsettias delivered to church on 12/23. A small group will be needed to place them around.

Christmas Eve services will be at 3pm and 5pm and 11pm. During the discussion we anticipate that there will be a large showing at the 3pm service with the children because then they can head to family dinners on Christmas Eve and not be so late. Time will tell. Communion will only be served at the 11pm service. Andrew will be working with getting ushers for the three services and Dolly will be looking for greeters.

Andrew and Dolly have been asked to help with ushers for the Artist Series on November 16 recital at 7pm. Two ushers and two greeters will be needed.

Compliments to Diane M. and her work with the weekly flowers. We really do love the new florist and their arrangements. The new florist is Town and Country and they are on Randall.

We are hoping that as people are pleased with their work that they will sign up for more weekly arrangements.

Judie says that there is still a struggle to get coverage for the Saturday night communion servers. She is trying to set up a rotation so that one couple is not

doing it all. Also...it is still an issue with wine being spilled on the communion tablecloth. It has been suggested that we return to the old wine and grape juice which did not pose such a problem. As it is Judy must launder everything weekly now.

There was a discussion about changing the way the candles on the altar are lit. There was concern about the lighter being out in view and creating a fire hazard. There was concern that some of the candle lighters struggled with the steps to the altar. A suggestion was made to try to light from the scarcity and Andrew sent out a letter to the lead ushers. As of the writing of these minutes, there has been a backlash to the change. This might be changed back to the original with more caution to putting the lighter back in a drawer. To be continued....

Barb asked for helpers to plant bulbs saved from the Easter flowers to be planted on Thursday at 10am.

Barb and Carolyn and Diane will work to design something for planters outside the two main doors during Christmas. Barb and Carolyn did check and there is NO outlet. There is concern about placement to close to the opening of the doors that swing out!

There was talk about doing a live manager scene. It would have to be in 2020 and we would need to start planning now in January 2020.

Respectfully submitted...

Carolyn Cuttle

Oct 14 Stewardship Committee meeting

Results on EOG cards returned at the end of Oct 14: 14 units pledged \$43,166 to the General Fund and 14 units pledged \$27,438

EOG cards are due by Sunday, Nov 3. The remaining three Temple Talks will highlight the need for increasing their financial support to meet an estimated 9% budget increase for addressing our 4 Rock mission and ministry programs and completing their EOG cards by the Nov 3 due date.

We have requested Dennis Lilla to include a digital EOG card on our SOTP website for electronic responses by Friday, October 18 (Cognito forms).

We anticipate our need to call members who we have not received an EOG card starting the week of Dec 2 with Stewardship, Finance, and Church Council members participation.

Discussion about our weekly worship attendance and calling on members who have not attended worship for some time.

Discussion regarding adding new and/or temporary giving items to our Vanco Giving Plus smartphone and SOTP website apps.