

Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church Mission Interpretation and Stewardship Committee Minutes

26 February 2017

The Committee met in the Choir Room at 6:45 PM for its regular bi-monthly meeting.

Attendance: Paul Burkey (Chair), Disbursing Treasurer Sandra Carter, Receiving Treasurer Marilyn Brumley, Doyle Edmondson, Joyce Whittenburg and Doug Roberts attended.

Chairman Burkey opened with prayer.

Although we did not have written minutes for the brief MIS Committee held in December to recommend the 2017 Budget to Session, we did review that action as our only action item for that meeting.

Marilyn provided an income assessment. Year-to-date general fund giving through 25 February is \$14,804. Because our 2017 budget reflects a lower compensation amount for a part time interim minister, that amount is \$3,081 above pace for our annual budget. Sandra reported that our current General Fund Balance is about ~ \$15,000.

The Committee reviewed the adjusted budget based the recently approved contract for Chris Bohn as our interim minister. Rev. Bohn will start 1 March at an annual salary of \$27,000 plus the employer SECA portion. By agreement with Rev. Bohn and with Holston Presbytery Committee on Ministry approval, \$5,000 will be considered salary and \$22,000 will be allocated as housing allowance. Based on those figures and pro-rating them for the ten months (Mar-Dec) left in 2017, the adjusted Ministerial Support section of the 2017 budget is \$34,204.58 and the total budget would be \$67,732.03.

The Committee discussed when to pay the budgeted benevolences. We authorized Sandra to pay the Holston Presbytery Camp, Sunset Gap and Tusculum College line items in full now and the General Mission Line item in monthly installments as has been our practice over the years.

The Pulpit Supply budget line is \$600. Because we had to supply the pulpit for nine straight Sundays in January and February, we have used \$970.33 through February with one Sunday per quarter needed for the rest of the year.

Doug reported that our property insurance carrier has asked if we want to add an earthquake rider to our current policy. After discussion, the Committee agreed that we should recommend to Session that we forego the expense of adding that rider.

The Emergency Fund for 2017 has \$500 that has not been used yet.

The Committee also reviewed the options for re-paying the \$9,000 loan in 2016 from the Cemetery Fund to the General Fund. Because of the lower budget this year we think there may be an opportunity to re-pay the loan from General Fund contributions without selling New Covenant Fund shares if our General Fund balance were to rise above \$25,000.

Upcoming Special Offerings this Spring include One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) at Easter (April), the Cemetery Annual Campaign in May and the Pentecost Offering in June. We agreed to sponsor a OGHS breakfast again this year on Palm Sunday morning during the Sunday School hour. Sandra volunteered to coordinate the food portion of the event. Marilyn is going to ask Beth if the middle school Sunday School class (Kenton Cobble and Blair Shelton) would work on and present the program for that breakfast.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Paul. The next meeting will be in April, probably after Easter.