

Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team Meeting
Minutes of October 17, 2016 Meeting; 6:00 pm

| Topic | Discussion | Actions |
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| Attendance: | Jay Cessna, Don Replogle, John Beamer, Gordon Bowers, Wynn Leppert, Jim McElroy, Wayne Prescott, Janet Raines, Terry Shober, Carol Siegfried, Pastor Weinhold, Pastor Short. Absent: Dr Jerry Gronborg, Linda Vensel. | |
| Review of September 30, 2016 (3 rd quarter) financial Reports | Parish Ministry Budget: Decrease in regular offerings of \$4,021.11 = 1.9% in comparison to 1 st nine months of last year. It was noted that a special appeal was conducted during the 3 rd quarter and received \$33,750. Increase in total expenditures of \$1,496.39=0.6% during the same period. No Additional Funds were transferred from the Money Market account to the Parish Ministry Budget Account during the 3 rd quarter. Current with Synodical Benevolence of \$1,250/month. Reviewed all Accounts and Investment Funds. No corrections were made to this report. | |
| Update of Special Appeal | Goal was \$34,000. Received as of this date \$35,139. The copier & the Carpet Cleaning have been completed. The A/C and the refrigerator projects will be accomplished very soon. | |
| Automated and Electronic Giving Options | Pr. Weinhold presented an update to the use of PayPal on the web as an avenue for electronic giving. Only a few people used the PayPal during the Summer; however, we will keep the avenue open as it will grow as more people become familiar with its availability. | |
| Use of professional accounting services to manage the church payroll and tax expenditures | Discussion was held concerning the use of a local accounting firm for the church's payroll and tax forms & deposits needs. Limitations included turn-around time, no potential for "Direct Deposit", ongoing tasks for the Office Secretary and Check-Signers, and some confusion regarding submission of some optional salary deductions and processing of benefits. ADP is faster and more efficient. It was decided to go with ADP and start in January, 2017. | |
| Thrivent Financial Resources | Pastors Short and Weinhold provided information on the use of Choice Dollars and Action Team Grants. Choice Dollars can be directed to the church by Thrivent Members. Action Team Grants can benefit a wide range of congregational ministries, activities, and other charitable community efforts. | |
| Future 2016 Meetings | Monday, November 7; 6:00 pm | 2017 Parish Ministry Budget |
| Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 pm | | |
| Submitted by Donald Replogle Council Representative | | |