

First Baptist Church Manchester
Bi-Monthly Business Meeting
March 7, 2021

Pastor Saylor opened in prayer.

OLD BUSINESS

FINANCIAL REPORT - Donna Murphy reported.

- The figures presented were one week old, not including contributions from March 7, 2021.
- Continuing current payment practices, the church mortgage will be paid off in August 2023.
- Giving may appear to be sporadic because counting does not always happen weekly.
- Average weekly giving is \$173.10 over the requirement to meet the budget.
- There is approximately \$138,000 in designated accounts, which are doing well.
- The AV line item has only \$202.00 since 2 streaming cameras were purchased. Some music equipment will be sold and funds would go back into the account. No additional purchases were previously planned for 2021.
- The Bell Choir has an outstanding bill, with additional expenses possibly for additional gloves.
- Line 400A Music Ministry Music/Materials has a balance of \$1,845.00 Christmas materials typically cost \$1,000 if a regular in person program is possible.
- In Undetermined expenses, \$232.00 in the Concrete Slabs & Fencing line will be needed for revision of the shed door, which is required to fit the lawn mower inside the shed.
- Door moldings will be completed this spring.
- Funds for Pastors Hayhow and Boamah will be zeroed out soon.
- Financial report is available for review on the Church website by clicking on *Member Info* and then *Church Business Meetings*.

TRUSTEES - Cheryl Gervasi reported.

- Parking lot light bulbs will be changed to LED bulbs within the next month. Welcome center and vestibule lights will also be LED. Outdoor lights between the nursery wing and Choir areas will be converted to LED soon.
- HVAC service people will be coming soon. The Fellowship Hall and Choir room will get new AC units. Units will cost about \$900 to replace/repair.
- We started replacing rotting wood siding. Additional replacement with siding is planned.

JUNIOR WORSHIP - Marie Keith reported.

- A trial live program will begin March 12, 2021, with full opening on Palm Sunday for pre-K to grade 2 children. Rooms S-6 and S-7 will be used with wearing masks and individual designated areas, no tables, no snacks and outdoor activities as much as possible.

YOUTH - Jose Lopes reported.

- Meeting in the building has been so much more effective than remote opportunities, especially for Bible study. Last Friday a theater was rented so youth could enjoy a movie. More events are being planned.

SERVICE/BUILDING DISCUSSION

- An usher or two would be helpful to aid attendees locate available seating that is appropriately distanced. It is difficult to see where seating is open from the back of the sanctuary.
- Tape which was blocking sinks and toilets from being used will be removed.
- Survey will be given out to help decide if Sunday School would be before or after Worship moving forward. A small group including the two pastors, Sunday School representatives and someone from children's ministries will meet to create the survey, gather results, and formulate recommendations.
- Survey will include questions regarding what would make people feel safe to return to full time worship and programs and issues related to the timing of Sunday School.

NEW BUSINESS

1. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE, PROPOSAL 1 - Will Housely presented.

- Form a committee to address needs/issues related to internet, signal strength, system maintenance etc. The group would be responsible for software and hardware, live streaming and website maintenance.
- A process for obtaining new software etc. would be formulated.
 - Motion by Leslie Law, second Will Housely to establish a technology committee to create a ministry description and present it to the nominating committee, who would then begin considering members to join the committee. Motion passed.

2. TELECONFERENCE CENTER PROPOSAL - Will Housely presented.

- Establish one classroom, and more if desired, to hold meetings with teleconferencing ability. The room would need a computer, TV, 2 microphones, speakers and cables, webcam and wall mounts. Cost approximately \$1,500.00 for new equipment.
- At the April business meeting the technology committee will report progress with formulating the teleconference center.
 - Motion by Will Housely, second Celillon Alteme, to create a teleconference center in S-6 & S-7, using up to \$1,500 from the AV line item to obtain required technology.
 - Motion to amend the motion by Bob Law, second Kathy Graff, add "or other more appropriate location." Motion passed. Amended motion passed.
 - Motion by Donna Murphy, second Bob Law to increase the AV line item by \$1,500. Motion passed.
- Motion to adjourn Gerry Mamacalay, second Linda Holcomb. Motion passed.
- Kathy Graff closed in prayer.