

Minutes of the Finance Council
August 6, 2020

Present at online meeting: Bing Johnson, Michael Elder, Tom Hiebel, Rev. Christina Branum-Martin, Becky Turner and Petra Baer

Stewardship Campaign – Del Kimbler and Andi Nelson, the stewardship co-chairs for 2020, were unable to attend this meeting. Becky is reviewing the admin side of the process with them. Pledge processing costs were briefly discussed; increased use of electronic communication tools are expected to reduce costs. Christina noted the importance of reaching out to less tech-savvy members.

2021 Budget – The Board of Trustees (BOT) approved some cost trimming measures, notably in the areas of cleaning and plant maintenance.

UUF Fair Share – Concerns about the proposed \$0 contribution to the UUA Fair Share were voiced, citing UUFC's pledge as a Member Congregation to support the UUA and their invaluable support of ministers. Becky looked up the figures for the previous five years and will email the net pledge/UUA Fair Share history for further discussion. Bing noted that it is important that there be meaning and context to the amount decided upon for 2021.

Committees' Input – Committees have until 8/15 to submit their budget requests. With this information, the 2021 budget proposal should be near completion and ready for review at the September meeting.

Founders' House Porch/Teen Room – The full bid package provided by RC Walker & Son Construction was reviewed and the project unanimously approved.

Website – The website has a search feature that Rich Walker reports is not used often. The \$60/year renewal comes up in September and will be canceled.

Payment Protection Program (PPP) – The paperwork to forgive the PPP loan has not been filed to date. Becky has all of the data and there is plenty of time (24 weeks from date we received funds).

Respectfully submitted,
Petra Baer