

Minutes of the Finance Council  
November 4, 2021

Online Meeting: Michael Elder, Dave Sanders, Del Kimbler, Rev. Christina Branum-Martin, Becky Turner and Petra Baer

**Financial Statements** – The income and expenditures to date are well balanced, with no red flags.

**Stewardship Campaign** – The team has sent out several postcards, funded a BBQ, and will finish up by sending the pledge packets mid-November to all members and friends. The Weekly Connection and website will be used to promote recorded testimonials, both vintage and new. Several open meetings are scheduled to allow the congregation to ask questions about the coming year, and personal meetings will also be conducted to promote the campaign, assist lower monetary contributors to revisit their pledge amount, and to convert friends into members. Del and Andi Nelson will call upon members of the Financial Council as needed to follow up with reminder calls so as to finalize the campaign by its December 5/6 deadline.

**Sunday Collection Counters** – The Board of Trustees has approved the reopening of the sanctuary for Sunday service starting November 14. This necessitates the need for 2-person teller teams, which Michael is overseeing. A recent review by Michael, Becky and Petra revealed that the old computer tower in the Founders' House volunteer office is extremely slow and the printer is not Wi-Fi connected. There is approximately \$500 in grant monies which could be pressed into service, and Becky and Michael will work on putting together a plan.

**Endowment Investments** – The Endowment investments have been moved from Schwab to the UU Common Endowment Fund and an acknowledgement was received by Dave. He will work on setting up portfolio access.

**Minister's Health/Insurance Plans** – The UUA health insurance is likely to increase by 8% in the near future and comparisons with comparable plans will be researched. Becky reported that the Minister's long-term disability and life insurance premiums are unlikely to change in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Petra Baer