

Minutes of the Finance Council
October 12, 2021

Online Meeting: Michael Elder, Dave Sanders, Andi Nelson, Del Kimbler, Becky Turner and Petra Baer

Financial Statements – There were no red flags on any of the reports.

2022 Budget – The third draft version, with a pledge goal of \$165,000, was reviewed and approved. This is a “no frills” estimate of what is needed to run the Fellowship efficiently next year. The major change from previous versions is that a ministerial search reserve was removed.

Stewardship Campaign Planning – The kickoff date for the pledge drive is Sunday, October 31, with multiple events planned, including a ceremonial burning of the paid off property mortgage. Pledge packets will be mailed the second week of November with a requested return deadline of Sunday, December 5.

- A. One-on-one communication between the stewardship team (Del and Andi), members, and non-pledging friends, is key to raising awareness of what the Fellowship needs as well as offers, along with noteworthy accomplishments to date.
- B. Pledge request increases will not be unilateral as previous years, based on relevant information provided by the stewardship consultant, Mark Ewert.
- C. Del proposed that next year’s stewardship chair considers running stewardship as a year-round effort, rather than one concentrated campaign over several months.
- D. Liz Branstead will be overseeing two capital fund campaigns, as part of stewardship, over the next two years: Ministerial Transition Fund and Operations Reserve Fund. The first is to build necessary monies to call a new minister in 2023 and the second is to ensure funds are available for building/grounds emergencies and upgrades. A strategy to hold the funds in an endowment, to facilitate investment opportunities, was discussed.

Respectfully submitted,
Petra Baer