

David discussed TCMM progress-exterior in completion stages; per Donald Benson, interior work to be scheduled at exterior completion and should not take long since just painting and drywall work. Repairs to Admin and Diocesan building underway and should be completed in 4-6 weeks. Kitchen renovation underway-estimated 3 ½-4 months completion. Affected ministries have adapted to kitchen closing. Additional fundraising for Kitchen is still underway. Kitchen operating manual to be completed prior to reopening in order to in order to ensure smooth and efficient operations.

VI. Committee and Other Reports

A. Finance Committee

Walter Chastain

Walter deferred to David for discussion on new Stewardship/Budgeting process.

Walter did discuss the income shortfall and the importance of keeping a close eye on income.

B. Report of the Treasurer

Liz Summers

Liz continued the discussion on the income deficit, which is larger than any year in the past five after the first 6 months of the year. Currently at 42% of pledged income versus 47% of expenses. Liz then added discussion based on the Treasurer's report.

C. Communications [Llewellyn Shealy]

Written report

Jessica Umbach reviewed the Communications report and discussed her approach (with the committee) of reviewing all of our current communications with an eye toward updating where called for. Extended discussion followed on communications regarding attention to income/giving shortfall. Discussed resuming the weekly financial update reports in Tidings as had been used in the past and a separate email to congregation on importance of keeping up with pledging throughout the summer months.

D. Education & Christian Formation

Gus Chapman

Gus led a discussion on his written report. Andrew brought up the question of Wednesday evening programming during kitchen closure. Donald stated that catering would be arranged.

E. Pastoral Care

Marian Hornsby

Marion led a discussion of her written report with an update on the Recovery & Support ministry. She also said communications to the church is important to be able to meet pastoral care needs.

VII. 2019-2020 Budget/Stewardship Process

Andrew Grosso/David Wolff

David and Andrew distributed the proposed calendar for 2019 and 2020 for revising the budgeting/stewardship campaign process to have the budget approved before the campaign.

This was followed by an extended budgeting/stewardship discussion on re-engineering the process by having a strategic plan in place before approving a budget to align plan goals with income and expense plans. Vestry input will be more involved and critical to the success of this approach.

2019 Stewardship campaign theme: "Blessings Abound". Clark and JP Lee announced as 2020 Stewardship chairs.

David reported that discussions are continuing with the Foundation regarding possible assistance from the Foundation for the operating fund and working capital in order to strengthen the operating statement and balance sheet.

A motion was made, seconded and approved approving the concept of the Foundation providing assistance through annual distributions from endowed and non-endowed funds to provide working capital in order to strengthen the operating statement and balance sheet. This will be discussed further at the next Foundation meeting with a goal of presenting a plan for approval at the next Vestry meeting.

VIII. New Business

A. Safe Church Policy for social media

David and Jessica discussed the need for a policy to align with Safe Church training. Jessica submitted a draft policy modeled on others used throughout the Episcopal Church. This draft policy will be reviewed by the Chancellor, Dan Fritze, and will be discussed again at the next Vestry meeting.

IX. Closing Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 8:17PM

Andrew Grosso