

Council Budget Meeting Minutes June 8, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Dave Walls via Zoom on June 8, 2020, approximately 6:30 P.M. .

ATTENDEES: Hilary Agnew, Mitch Burmeister, Pastor Cook, Rick Hannon, Dwayne Hardin, Matt Hesse, Bev Silletto, Jim Snyder, Rachel Sallaberry, Dave Walls, Wes Wrucke.

OPENING DEVOTION: Dave opened with a devotion based on 1Thessalonians 5:12, which tells us to know those who labor among us, holding them in esteem for their work while being at peace together. We are to support the weak and be patient to all. Pastor Cook followed the devotion, opening the meeting with a prayer.

BUDGET DISCUSSIONS: Hilary began the meeting with an updated May report she had prepared in advance for the discussions. May showed a surplus of \$35,000. It was a good giving month of \$63,000. The PPP funds add \$23,000 a month, which is included in the surplus without which we would show a deficit. There was a favorable change in the administration of the PPP. We can now use 40% instead of 25% of the monies toward utilities and the program was extended from eight weeks to twenty-four weeks. Enrollment currently stands at 109 students. An increase to 115 would be a safe estimate but anymore than that would be harder to attain. There is an issue with filling third and fourth grades along with computer software adjustments. This has resulted in a reduction of school revenue by \$35,000 and increased computer expenses by \$3,000 since the first budget was sent to council members. School revenue is \$8,400 under budget. The yearly projected giving budget is \$762,000. Our overall deficit is \$54,000, SO MUCH IMPROVED over the last several years. The end of year surplus projection may be around \$30,000. As of the end of May, giving is \$50,000 under budget his fiscal year.

Rachel spoke briefly about VBS and plans for three sessions to take place in the fall over a three-day weekend. Wes, Pastor and Rachel then excused themselves

from the remainder of the meeting because of possible conflict of interest when budget discussions and approvals would take place.

SURPLUS : What to do with the \$30,000 surplus forecasted for the year?

1. District: The council approved to give \$35,000 this year (2020). This could be raised by 6%, next year. That would mean \$7,000. And contributing \$3,000 more this month. Setting some monies aside from the surplus “would be a good faith move”.
2. Staff bonus: \$12,000 one-time staff bonus would include 15 workers. This would not affect salaries since they have already been increased by 7.5%.

Hilary motioned to amend the original budget. Seconded by Bev and motion was carried.

Hilary motioned to pass the budget which included the surplus distributions. Seconded by Bev and motion carried.

Hilary motioned to send \$3,000 to the district in June. Seconded by Mitch and motion carried.

Jim commented that Larry Ashley will need to run a capital campaign for next year.

There will be a congregational meeting July 12, to vote on the budget proposal. This won't include a meal as that might discourage some from attending that are not sure about the status of the virus.

Dave led the council in the Lord's Prayer and the meeting was closed.