

# Stewardship Committee Meeting August 19, 2024

Attended by: Dan Price, Shirley Engerbretson, Becky Newberry, Sandy Lieske, and Lisa Kraft

1. We discussed our June presentations to the congregation regarding the shortfall between actual giving and the budget. It appears that our presentations were well received. There were good questions asked at the second presentation. There has not been an increase in giving due to the presentations.
  - a. To save some money, the council has approved moving most of the accounting services that we were paying for back to the treasurer position, except for payroll and monthly accounting review. Carolyn Jean and Dan and Becky actually decided this among the three of us as a cost-saving measure. Becky is learning Quickbooks to take over that accounting function.
  - b. The mortgage payments will be done in three years, this is a \$60K obligation that will go away.
  - c. One-time revenue sources from LEAP and Veolia will help carry KoG until the mortgage is paid-off, if we don't need to use the one-time funds for emergency building needs.
  
2. Fall Stewardship
  - a. Dan – will work on a letter to send out to former members to update them on new and improved happenings at KoG. Becky – will work on a list of former members. Quite a few members on this list are now attending at Hope. See updated spreadsheet.
  - b. Becky – signed the Stewardship Team up for hosting coffee hour on Oct. 6th
  - c. Lisa – will compose a Temple Talk and speak on Oct. 6th ? to coincide with coffee hour.
  - d. KoG is moving from Vanco to Stripe (part of Planning Center, it's the Giving module) for online donation platform and app. Lisa will work on instructions for migration from one App to another for the congregation. Rebecca can be a very helpful resource.
  - e. Goal is to get pledges returned by end of Oct – 27th (Reformation Sunday) to have time for follow-up and creating a budget.
  - f. A congregational letter for Stewardship will need to be created, Lisa will look at previous letters and try a hand at first draft.
    - i. Add to letter a pie chart – do you know what the expenses are for KoG and where your offering goes.
  
3. Next Stewardship meeting is Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM over zoom.