

Minutes
Finance Committee
Tucker First United Methodist Church
Room 209 - May 16, 2010

Charlie Burson, chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Members Present: Charlie Burson, Jay Kimbrell, Ted Bowden, Brian Heck, Edgar Torbert, Paul Pansini, John Entrekin, Bob Haley, Jim Frihart. John Kilpatrick, business manager and Sharon Watkins, Sr. Pastor

Sharon Watkins opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes from April 18, 2010 were reviewed and approved.

The financial reports for April 2010 are not completed yet, but should be completed soon. They will be forwarded to the committee by Charlie Burson when they are completed. Review of the contributions for 2010 show that we are currently tracking 22% below 2009. Our approved budget plans for a 21% reduction from 2009 levels. The committee feels that we are still in a good position in our expectations for the year. Concerns were noted to double check the numbers from week 42 of 2009. Charlie will re-evaluate the numbers and report back.

SPRC has made employment offers to William Hemphill as lay clergy and to a new organist. Both hires fit into the previously approved budget. Review of several other requests made by SPRC to Finance:

- SPRC requests \$250 donation made to The Atlanta Opera Center on behalf of interim organist Randy Romig. This request was denied as it is not in the budget and does not fit with any previous treatment of an interim employee.
- SPRC requests \$850 for staff development for Susan Wasmer. Ultimate decision rests with SPRC if there is room in current SPRC budget, but Finance will not add a new line item.
- SPRC requests leeway to increase the offer for an ACS clerk. Request is denied as all staff members were asked to a pay cut last year.
- SPRC has requested a stipend to Mimi Sanders for working with ACS since the passing of Teresa. This is approved as she should be paid for tasks performed and it is currently in the budget as we are no longer paying Teresa's salary.
- Love offerings have been announced by SPRC for departing clergy, Sharon Watkins and Debbie Carlton. Finance Committee has decided that changes need to be made and a "love offering" policy needs to be announced. It was decided that the current love offering policy would remain in force: donations may be made to the church and receive tax favored treatment, payment will be made to the recipient with W2 implications.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Minutes submitted by Brian Heck, Committee Member.