

Finance Committee Report to February 9, 2021, Congregation Council
Daryl Ackerman, Finance Chair
Finance Committee met February 2 by Zoom

- (1) For January, net receipts less expenses were \$37,772, in part due to required minimum distribution (RMD) payments (from IRAs) and additional one-time payments totaling \$38,000 and received in January. So, without RMDs and one-time payments, regular receipts essentially equaled expenditures. The committee stressed the need for Trinity to provide information to its members on the tax advantage of donating RMDs.
- (2) MIRA expenditures for the year 2020 totaled \$113,454 (including \$39,641 for livestream and wifi expenses).
- (3) The 2020 endowment fund earnings (\$36,150.68) were distributed at the meeting. The formula for distribution was used and is: 50% of the income remains in the endowment fund, 20% to MIRA, 15% to debt reduction (to pay back quasi-endowment), and 15% for benevolence (split between Community Outreach and Missions).
- (4) Contributions to the Capital Appeal in January were \$38,519, with a balance at the end of January of \$244,794. Bob Frymoyer reported on the status report for the Plan of Finance for the Capital Appeal project. It reflects recent contacts made, an assessment of estate pledges, an updated expense report, and related projections of anticipated revenues. The report estimates revenues are \$195,000 short of anticipated expenditures. The reduction (compared to 2019) in total pledges is due to member deaths, members moving, changes in personal economic situations, and the recognition that some pledged bequests may be realized within the pledging timeframe. Finance Chair will contact Rick Sten, Capital Appeal Chair, and indicate to move ahead with campaign contacts and publicity and to indicate that more additional short-term funds are needed.
- (5) The first construction loan disbursement will occur in February. For the first 9 months, we pay interest only on amounts disbursed, then the loan is amortized at \$10,700.95 per month for 4 years and 3 months (for interest and principal).
- (6) The Small Business Administration notified Trinity, effective January 13, 2021, that Trinity's Payroll Protection Plan loan was forgiven in its entirety.
- (7) The 1959 Market St. task force received a final cost estimate for the renovation project on January 15 of \$263,291. The Executive Committee approved an additional \$5,000 from the Quasi-endowment Fund (to supplement the previous \$240,000 and the \$20,000 Synod contribution). I understand that the contractor is sending a new contract with a lesser total cost.
- (8) Staff and the Missions and Community Outreach Ministries asked that, instead of sending and collecting Lenten offering boxes, 10 percent of the Lenten envelope offerings be shared with the recipients chosen by the teams (this year to Tree 4 Hope in Guatemala and Christ Lutheran Medical Mission in Harrisburg). Finance Committee approved: In lieu of Lenten specific offerings for Lenten offering boxes, 10% of total Lenten offerings would go to Missions and Community Outreach.
- (9) The porch roof at 1959 Market St. has been leaking, even after a fix by Trinity volunteers. The Synod will be using this space as meeting space/conference room. Fixing the roof would cost \$1,500 with no guarantee. Finance Committee recommends to Council to spend \$6,000 from MIRA at 1959 Market Street to replace the porch roof (includes a five-year warranty).
- (10) The committee renewed a \$150,000 CD for 3 months, but there was much discussion of the low interest received on FDIC-insured CDs. The chair will name a task force to explore alternative investments to CDs that provide a higher return and satisfy our risk tolerance.