

Stewards continue to meet monthly to review the financial reports as prepared by our Bookkeeper. Semi-annual statements were distributed in mid-July.

The 8-month income statement shows a deficit of \$9,000.

It is the recommendation that the church's General chequing account would maintain a minimum balance of approximately \$20,000 to ensure funds to cover the monthly expenses as well as a limited buffer for any unexpected surprises. A new laptop has been purchased for the church administrator's use; it should meet our needs for 3-5 years. Transferring files and installing the necessary software is going well.

Cook's Plumbing replaced water filters and UV lights over the summer at a cost of \$754. Trustees will schedule water system maintenance going forward.

Three A-Frame metal sign holders plus 10 coroplast signs were purchased to promote Trinity activities around the community. Inserts can be printed for various events.

Investigation is needed to determine if the land-line phone system can be improved, as the message service is not currently being used & the kitchen phone is not useable. We recognize that staff use their personal cell phones. There are phones located in the kitchen, minister's office & the church office. A land-line is recommended for emergencies as well as AED support.

The Beef BBQ was hosted on Aug. 21, with 350 meals delivered at the drive-thru. Volunteers totalled 45 from our congregation & friends.

Feedback is being gathered, and conversation has started regarding what 'value added' features might look like for 2025. Tentative date is August 20th.

Conversation regarding receipt of large financial donations has shown that a strategic plan is advisable. Direction from the Board & congregation would be helpful to determine the best use of unrestricted bequests and gifts.

Church hall use was discussed as a space that could be used for community activities, such as seniors' gatherings and as an evacuation centre. Research is underway by Trustees regarding improving sound quality in the hall.

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Affirming Team has six members who have met twice to plan a process to educate our congregation using the Affirm United's 'Open Hearts' document. Infomercials have been included in the weekly news bulletins since the end of June. A Storytelling Circle time is planned for Sunday, October 6th following worship & a bag lunch. The team is committed to the process realizing that a decision before calling a new minister may not possible.

Both reports by Marnie McDonough