

**Rochester Mennonite Fellowship
Congregational Meeting Agenda
March 15, 2020**

1. Finance report and proposal (over)
2. Report of Administrator position opening and plans to fill it by June 1
3. Need for retreat committee members
4. Listening discussion regarding sharing the building with PiRI

The Leadership Team and the Stewards would like to get further input from the congregation regarding the increasing use of our building by PiRI as that organization has grown over the past couple years. We are not offering any proposals to be decided on at this point; this is simply a first step in gathering information as we consider our future agreements with PiRI.

5. Leadership Team report
6. Ministry report highlights

Finance Team Report and Proposal

- Historically we would zero out our General Fund at the start of every fiscal year. Since having the building, we shifted to maintaining a \$5,000 balance in RMF General Fund.
- Last year our abundance was used by revising our 2019 giving upward, giving \$2,000 toward the mortgage principal, installing our Chris Passonneau memorial bench and hawthorn tree, and purchasing conference room chairs. We approved these actions at our March 2019 congregational meeting and they are reflected in the 2019 spending. Currently, we have a balance of \$21,000 in RMF General Fund. This can mostly be attributed to our conservative budget building habit and generous receipts, including much unpledged giving.
- In addition to our \$21,000 General Fund balance, we have: \$10,200 in Savings; \$12,500 held in two CDs as our Capital Fund, plus another \$1,370 in checking designated as Capital for a total of \$13,900 in our Capital Fund; our Outreach has \$3,300; our Education at Mennonite Institution has \$6,100; and our Scholarship Fund, Immigrant Recipient has \$326.
- The Finance Ministry is proposing that we delay decisions about spending our General Fund abundance until we have either paid for the roof or we have a binding quote for its cost this springtime. Once the roof is paid for, we would consider anything beyond \$5,000 in General Fund, \$10,200 in Savings, and \$5,000 or \$10,000 in Capital as excess. We would bring financial details and a proposal for spending the excess to our congregational meeting in May.
- The Finance Ministry, and Jen in particular, appreciates the care, concern, and support that a number of people have offered as we look to change the workload of our treasurer. We decided that it makes the most sense to utilize someone already familiar with our church's finance ministry. Aaron has offered to move into a co-treasurer or treasurer position. The Finance Ministry is proposing that Jen and Aaron work together slowly building Aaron's familiarity with our accounting software and other treasurer tasks and to see how the roles unfold. If anyone is highly interested in the details and workings of our church finance, you are welcome to consider joining the Finance Ministry.

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