



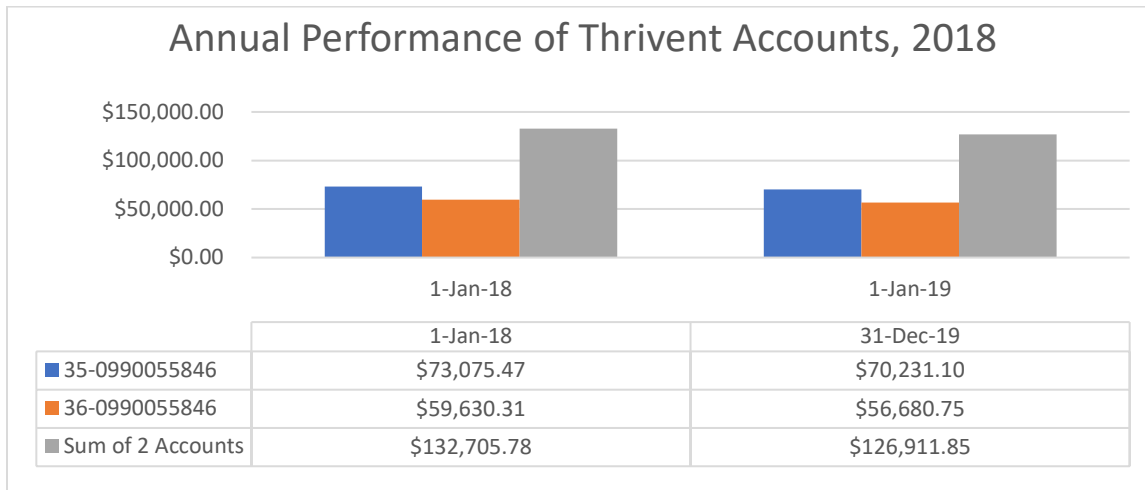
Council Minutes

Monday, January 13, 2019

All Members Present: Rev. Scott J. Anderson, Bill Bowman, Fred Drotleff, Tim Farber, Susan Lux, Marilyn Mason, Sally Nesselrode, Jacob Schandel, Terri Wanner, Jeff Ward

Meeting opened with a prayer and Bible reading from Pastor Scott.

Thrivent Report



The church's investment accounts were reviewed, noting that they were down due to the performance of the market at the end of the year. It was also noted that Thrivent members can direct Thrivent Choice dollars to the participating nonprofit of their choice. Shepherd of the Valley participates in this program.

Treasurer's Report

A report from the treasurer was reviewed. It was noted by Jeff that it be announced as a reminder that the option of direct deposit giving is available so that, every Friday, an offering can be given by people direct from their bank account, as that may be more convenient for many people. Jeff motioned to accept, Tim seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

- **Previous minutes:** Minutes from the following meetings were approved for publication, pending minor corrections:

- December 2018 regular council meeting
- December 2018 congregational meeting to elect the 2019 council and approve the 2019 budget
- December 2018 meeting of new council members following congregational meeting to select officers and make note of the date and time of the first regular meeting of 2019
- **Constitution updates:** Proposed updates to the church constitution to date were reviewed by all council members.
- **Items for sale on the website:** The items for sale on the website are not receiving any offers. Suggestions of listing the items on other websites and apps were given.
- **Memorial funds:** It was mentioned that a form for applying to use memorial funds was in the works, so the committee on memorial funds may review possible uses for memorial funds.
- **Speakers:** Fred and Jacob are exploring all possible options to do this. A soft goal for this has been set for Easter.
- **Copier:** Mary has been kind enough to get a quote for keeping the current copier, as at the time of the meeting it is working well. The quote was reviewed by council.
- **Stamps:** At the recommendation of our church secretary, Jeff made a motion to replenish the stamps for Mary in the office before prices go up by 5 cents per stamp, and Bill seconded. Motion carried. Eight rolls of stamps were approved for purchase.

New Business

- **Liaisons:** The following people have graciously agreed to serve as the liaisons to council for the following committees in our church.
 - **Evangelism and Outreach:** Sally Nesselrode
 - **Fellowship and Family Life:** Terri Wanner
 - **Financial Stewardship:** Jeff Ward
 - **Media and Technology:** Jacob Schandel
 - **Property:** Fred Drotleff
 - **Worship and Music:** Marilyn Mason
 - **Youth (and Christian Education):** Susan Lux
- **Audit:** A team to audit the church's finances must be formed.

Pastor's Report

- **Mileage:** Jeff motioned to accept, Terri seconded. Motion carried.
- Terri moved to accept, Marilyn seconded.

Committee Reports

Evangelism and Outreach: No monthly report.

Fellowship and Family Life: No monthly report.

Financial Stewardship: No monthly report.

Media and Technology: Report reviewed. It was agreed that the committee may consider looking into holding esports events to bring in youth.

Property: Report reviewed. The sacristy needs drywall repairs and painted. Quotes will be found for this.

Worship and Music: Report reviewed. Christmas Eve's low attendance was discussed. It was also mentioned that Chrismons would be nice for the Christmas tree next year. Jacob will explore 3D printing ornaments of these symbols. An increase in projector use was suggested to save paper. Lent, Holy Week, and Easter were discussed. Services during the week will be held for the special days of the season (Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday). Use of Asti Spumante or Champagne for Easter communion was suggested due to the symbolism of the rising bubbles representing the resurrection. The purchase of a new flagon for communion was suggested. The idea was given of using memorial funds for this.

Youth: No monthly report, but see Media and Technology for relevant info on this topic.

Upcoming Events

- Lent and Holy Week
 - Ash Wednesday at 7 PM
 - Maundy Thursday at 7 PM
 - Good Friday at 7 PM

Sally moved to adjourn.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jacob H. Schandel
Council Secretary*