

Witness Commission : November 14, 2022

7:00 PM (via Zoom)

Present: Jim Hollinger, Mandy Hileman, Sandy Flanagan, Naomi Kraenbring, Sam Epps, and Karen Ungemach

1. Opening statement: A slightly different view of the budget. Jim shared some thoughts that were shared at the last Board Meeting, November 7. The idea was shared that the budget seemed to be a battle between Resources and Witness. It seems that if we take care of the building it seems that we are taking care of ourselves, rather than others. But the reality is that if we do not care for the building, we will not have a place to be able to serve others. Joe Detrick shared that the budget should reflect the ministry of the whole church, not individual commissions.
2. Recommendations for Remaining O&M Funds: We had a total of \$20,113.73 to spend this year. We have \$11,068.09 remaining to spend for the year. We discussed and agreed on these options.
 - PA Interfaith Power and Light membership -- \$500 (This was suggested by Damien Wagner Fields.)
 - Reallocation to Resources Budget -- \$5,000
 - Contribution to Camp Swatara Capital Project -- \$3,000
 - Holdover for 2023 Projects --\$2568.09
3. We had some surplus money from the publication of the Christian Nationalist ad, and discussed using it to purchase some space in the Lancaster On Line, and use some of that money as seed money for John Pavolvitz.
4. Project Ideas for
 - a. John Pavlovitz- We were discussing ways we could use his services, and what he could do for us. Jim will discuss this more with Don Kraybill in the coming week.

- b. In January, the worship theme might be about hope. Especially on Jan 15, which is MLK's birthday, we discussed organizing a few service projects that could be accomplished that day. We will think about it a few days and then possibly share/brainstorm ideas about several service projects that we could do that morning.

- 5. Suggestions for New Members: We are the only commission without a member to be elected on the ballot for church council. We were asked to look through the church directory and make suggestions of people that we think might be willing to serve on the commission.

- 6. Sandy asked for an update on the situation with ECHOS and supporting undocumented immigrants. It seems that ECHOS, has not received money, so it seems they will not be able to help us. The person that we had been helping has had some difficulties lately, with car trouble and losing her job. We are working to maintain a relationship to see how we can help.