

# Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting – April 13, 2015

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Attendees: Steven Brown, Bob Burr, Chris Burr, Doris Hixson, Terry Hixson, Tom Marshall, Pastor Brian, Joe Ryan, and Fred Wagner. Visitor: Chuck Kinter

## OPENING:

The meeting was opened with prayer followed by approval of the minutes of the March 2, 2015 meeting.

Nancy Bosserdet reviewed financial information through the first quarter. Although congregational giving was slightly below budget, the recoveries and cost containment achieved in several areas allowed the bottom line to be basically on target.

Nancy also gave a detailed update on EXPO plans noting that she has attended several meetings and found many supportive comments from the community. The PCUMC staff is on board and Sean Bryan has connections with the Charlotte County Fairground administration which will be very helpful. It was unclear whether PCUMC would need to proceed alone or whether other churches or non-profits might be willing to partner with us.

Pastor Brian gave an update on the status of the stewardship brochure, noting that Katherine Warden had not yet put her magic touch to the project, so until that occurs it will not be ready for publication.

Terry Hixson provided an update on plans to contact and secure signed pledges for the renovation from all those who have not yet turned in their signed pledges.

Chuck Kinter was a visitor to the Finance Committee and gave a detailed update on renovation plans. He emphasized that, going forward, PCUMC leadership will be regularly apprised of schedules, progress and expenses. Chuck noted that such detail reporting is planned to commence in August. Fred Wagner and Tom Marshall suggested that regular updates commence as soon as possible with the first of June being a good target. Chuck noted that scheduling before all Charlotte County approvals and permits have been issued will be estimated schedules and detailed progress schedules will not be available until such approvals are received. He ended on a positive note saying that so far the County seems to be working with us in a cooperative manner.

Steve Brown gave a review of Friday discussions on the book "ENOUGH: Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Grace". Steve noted several highlights throughout the book and recommended that we find some way between now and October for much of the congregation to have an opportunity to be exposed to this writing. Doris Hixson suggested that, since we will not be having our regular Monday night meetings beginning in June, we use those times to invite all Council members and church leaders to meet and possibly discuss a chapter each week. Further discussion resulted in the recommendation that each meeting begin with all participants meeting together at the beginning of each session followed by small discussion groups to be led by the individuals who had attended the Friday meetings. Carol Hansen volunteered to try to put a plan together.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with Pastor Brian closing the meeting with prayer.