

# Congregational Connector

News from the Board of Directors – June 2022

**Board Directors 2022-2023:** The June meeting started with a review of the guiding principles (mission, core values, goals, etc.) for the year ahead. Those serving on the Board include:

Mark Matheson, President	James Ahee, Vice President
Richard Cain, Secretary	Beverly Gray-Booth, CFO
Fred Bauss, Elder Chairman	Art Wensink, additional elder representative
Kelly Crivella, Community Service	Gary Lysse, Resource Management

The 2022-2023 Theme and Plan look like this:

## **“The MISSION OF GOD through STL”**

*Past ... Present ... Future*

### **Past:**

- Recalling how God has blessed the mission of STL through many generations

### **Present:**

- Improving/enhancing our work with STL’s remote (electronic) community
- Offering activities that bridge generations and connecting with people in a post-pandemic world
  - Faith Hope Love Small Group Ministry: **growing faith in adults**
    - Elimination of General Fund debt to Restricted Account

### **Future:**

- Successful execution of pastoral leadership transition
- Assessing, enhancing, and preserving our facilities

**TWO FINANCIAL MOTIONS:** In response to two fiscal responsibility goals of a) keeping the General Fund checking account balance around \$20,000.00 and b) eliminating the General Fund loan from the Restricted Account, the BOD passed two motions. One, a motion was passed to pay down the debt by another \$1,000.00, leaving only \$6,263.27 left from the original loan of \$82,000.00. Two, the BOD decided not to transfer the remaining program budget funds of \$2,010.00 from the General Fund to the Restricted Account. The reasoning behind this second decision is that each of the four accounts have sufficient balances for the needs of the immediate future and are included in the 2022-2023 GF Budget. Children’s Faith Formation has a balance of \$674.35. FHL Fund is over \$3,000.00. And the Mission Education Fund has nearly \$2,500.00.

**SOUP AND SANDWICH SUCCESS:** On Saturday, June 18 our group of 20 volunteers (not including the many donors and additional supporters) served nearly 150 very appreciative people from our community. The menu featured barbecued hamburgers and hotdogs and three summer salads, along with our usual items. Nearly 100 of our guests also spent time in the Clothing Closet.

**TRANSITION TASK FORCE:** Kelly Crivella led the BOD through a survey at the request of the TTF. Topics in the survey included Life Cycle, Congregational Culture, Performance, Direction, Community, Obstacles, and Opportunities. When completed, the results of the survey will be given to the Call Committee as a part the congregational profile that will guide STL in the call process and assist the individual called in his deliberation.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Here is the report of our General Fund stewardship for the first 11 months of the fiscal year. All bills are current (including the mortgage) and we are functioning with a healthy “cash available” balance.

	<b>May 2022</b>		<b>Year to Date</b>	
	<b>Anticipated</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Anticipated</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Income</b>	\$ 38,672.49	\$ 35,126.20	\$ 418,797.51	\$ 422,675.29
<b>Expense</b>	<u>\$ 36,622.50</u>	<u>\$ 46,334.31</u>	<u>\$ 419,447.50</u>	<u>\$ 425,946.21</u>
<b>Net Excess (loss)</b>	\$ 2,049.99	\$ (11,208.11)	\$ (649.99)	\$ (3,270.92)

The Restricted Fund Balance is \$81,324.12.

**Mortgage Balance - \$1,679,411.32, Restricted Loan - \$7,263.27**