

First Baptist Church Manchester
Bi-Monthly Business Meeting
April 3, 2022

Meeting was held in person and virtually
Bob Law opened in prayer

Financial Report, Treasurer Donna Murphy reported

- The church insurance bill was just paid to the Brotherhood Company.
- Bill was \$1,200 higher than last year due to the increase in the cost of lumber and the increased value of the church building.
- Mortgage balance is \$46,882. At June business meeting members are planning to discuss paying off the mortgage in June or July 2022.
- Weekly giving is \$170.00 below the budget requirement, but bills are being paid.
- \$8,995.35 was given to Ukraine from the benevolence fund

Trustees, Cheryl Gervasi reported

- Prices from previous insurance company are being investigated.
- Most closets were cleaned out in a recent indoor church workday.
- B&E Lawn service will be caring for church property this year from April 1-Nov 30, 2022
- Clean up to begin in April. Service will include mowing, weeding and weed control applications. Chemicals will not be applied to grass outside fellowship hall doors since many children's activities are held there. Payments will be made \$300 per cut.
- New windows, siding and wood replacement will begin soon.
- Emergency exits signs in the classroom area will begin soon.
- Outer doors facing Hillside Rd do not close well and will be adjusted soon

Church Council. The online bulletin continues.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Church secretary is only working 5 hours per week.
Personnel committee is looking for a secretary to work 20 hours per week at \$18.03 per hour as listed in the budget. The committee is considering paying \$15-23 per hour depending upon experience. Proposal from the personnel committee to increase the administrative assistant line item #221 by \$8,000 to \$28,270.00. The current secretary would continue to work 5 hours per week to train the new person. Second Bob Law. Motion passed unanimously.
2. The nominating committee presented three new members for the hospitality committee including Mary Champ, Laurel Feragne and Cindy Todd. Motion passed to accept the members to their new positions.
3. The church constitution states that one must be present to vote in a business meeting.

4. Motion by Cheryl Gervasi, second Bob Law to consider an otherwise qualified voting member of the church to be able to vote at a church business meeting when they are participating by a live remote connection to the meeting, such as Zoom. Their votes shall be counted by a visible human hand, rather than a raised hand icon.

Motion to adjourn by Rick May, second David Bonham. Motion passed.
Pastor Saylor closed in prayer.