

Monthly Information

Camrose United Church

2004 November

Financial Review

The *ad hoc* Financial Review Ctte has completed their work (that was fast!) and submitted their final report to the Church Council. All of their mandate was fulfilled with the exception of the development of a five-year plan for financial development. They felt that this was premature and better left in the hands of the Stewardship Ctte working in conjunction with the Finance Ctte as those two committees develop to their full strength.

Their work included the appointment of Marilyn Mason to chair the Finance Ctte, the redrafting of the Finance Ctte mandate and dealing with issues around accounting procedures.

As an added bonus, the financial reports for the end of October suggest that our financial recovery continues to progress, both in relation to current givings and pledges for next year. (“The patient appears to be responding to treatment!”)

Council Election

At the special congregational meeting on 2004 Oct 24, the congregation elected Michael Mucz to the Church Council, thus filling the position that has been vacant since May and returning the Church Council to a full roster of five elected members.

Visioning Workshop

The Church Council agreed on the following outline for the Congregational Visioning Workshop to be held on 04 Nov 27, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm:

1. Heritage timeline: our stories, our values
2. Pot-luck lunch
3. Church Council: leadership dialogue
4. Context: our church, community and the world around us
5. Discerning: Biblical reflections and imagining our possibilities

Deadline

The deadline for the next *Monthly Information* is **Wed, 2004 Dec 8**.

Budget

By now the Committees should all have received information from the Finance Ctte outlining the procedure for budget preparation this year. This is a particularly important year for careful budget preparation, therefore cttes are asked to be sure their budget submissions are in the hands of the Finance Ctte by the Dec 1 deadline.

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