

**Strategic Ministry Committee
Minutes from July 22, 2020 (Email exchange)**

Meeting:

Rev. Mike emailed Co-Chairs, Aaron Dunn and Debby Mills, in the morning with a request that SMC consider making a financial contribution to ensure the availability of restrooms for *common cathedral* and its community. Aaron and Debby agreed, and emailed the following to SMC members later in the day:

Yesterday Mike attended a common cathedral board meeting and learned that the toilet situation in the city remains awful.

Emmanuel Church (host to common cathedral's offices and some program space) could use donations to offset the costs they are incurring to keep those toilets open. As you can imagine, cleaning requirements are greater due to COVID-19. Mike asked if SMC would be willing to make a \$2,000 contribution; he would match 50% of that with a \$1,000 donation from his Rector's discretionary fund.

As of June 30, 2020, SMC's balance is \$50,741.56 in the general fund and \$44,133.76 in the FUEL fund. This is after disbursing the grants recommended by the SMC at our May meeting and approved by the Vestry at its June meeting, including \$15,000 to common cathedral. (Attached is the June financial report.)

Aaron and I believe this is a good opportunity to meet an immediate need of our neighbors (which also benefits an important mission partner), therefore we are recommending approval and suggesting that, **if you are in agreement, we approve via email.** (You may recall that our original COVID-19 grant to common cathedral was more modest than for our other mission partners.)

Hence, **Aaron & I move that SMC make a \$2,000 donation to Emmanuel Church to help offset the costs incurred in keeping restrooms open.**

Let us know your thoughts / suggestions, including if you would prefer that we schedule a Zoom meeting to discuss.

Leslie Williams seconded the motion, and all SMC members subsequently approved the proposal.

Motion seconded. Thank you all. — Leslie Williams

We reserved money for just such an emergency. I vote yes!! — Amy Weed

Approve — Katie McEachern

I am in favor of a \$2000 donation and vote yes. — Carolyn Ross

YES!!!! It is great to give them \$2000! — Anne Grandin

Strongly approve — Judy Oulund

My vote is a yes! — Anila Jacobs

100% agree to a \$2,000 donation. — Peter Schilling

Yes! — Alex Ewing

The following morning, Debby confirmed unanimous approval of the grant request in writing:

Thank you all for your quick response! In less than a day we have unanimous approval of the \$2,000 donation to Emmanuel.