

Financial Secretary's Report

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Please list the members currently serving on your ministry or leadership team.

Financial Secretary – Adam B. Sherr
Asst. Financial Secretary – Bill George
Elder Counter – Kathy Sykes
Substitute Counters – Annmarie Kleinhans, Jonathan Vogan, Beth Walker
Substitute Elder Counters – Janice Smith, Greta Stewart
Office Administrator – Kristyn Johnson

Please list what the goals of your group or ministry were for 2018.

- ❖ Weekly accurate count of the service offering
- ❖ Monthly reporting of the Church's income to the Admin Team and Elders
- ❖ Coordination, with Stewardship Director, of the Annual Pledge Campaign
- ❖ Providing relevant aggregate data and projections of income to all teams that need it (Elders, Admin Team for Budget Preparation, etc.)
- ❖ Completion of the transition from Realm management software to Breeze.

Were you able to achieve your goals for 2018? Please be as specific as possible of your successes and failures.

YES!

- ❖ The Offering was collected each week, accurately counted, and promptly deposited.
- ❖ Reports were delivered, as needed.
- ❖ All giving was placed in Breeze, all statements were generated from Breeze, and the transition from Realm to Breeze will be complete with the deactivation of our account on 01/31/2019.
- ❖ Our Pledge Campaign, The Giving Tree, was extremely successful-
Our pledge status as of 01/14/2019 is as follows:
 - 70 Pledges on our Giving Tree (65 last year)
 - \$229,662.00 Total Pledges so far (\$228,015.00 last year)
 - 16 New Pledges
 - 22 Increased Pledges
 - 24 Same Pledges
 - 8 Decreased Pledges
 - 11 2018 Pledgers not Pledging in 2019
- ❖ Our Member Giving, in 2018, was extremely faithful!
 - 2018 Budgeted Pledges - \$216,960.00
 - 2018 Actual Pledges - \$216,552.25 (99.8% of budget, 94.97% of pledged amount)
 - 2018 Budgeted Envelopes – \$18,000
 - 2018 Actual Envelopes - \$17,197.50 (95.5% of budget)
 - 2018 Budgeted Member Giving - \$234,960.00
 - 2018 Actual Member Giving - \$233,749.75 (**99.5% of budget**)

IN ADDITION, other Regular Giving:

- Loose Offerings (including Pew Envelopes) - \$5,102 – Budgeted \$7,000 (72.9% of Budget)
- Angels - \$4,749 – Budgeted \$6,000 (79.15% of Budget)
- Initial Envelopes - \$102.60 – Budgeted \$125 (82.1% of Budget)
- Easter - \$1,887.00 – Budgeted \$1,500 (125.8% of Budget)
- Christmas - \$2,505 – Budgeted \$2,200 (113.9% of Budget)
- Nativity/Crèche also appears in the Income Section of the Budget, but it is, this year, an In/Out to the Refugee Fund (\$196 collected)

AND Special Offerings:

- All Saints Offering (UCC) - \$50
- Alternative Christmas - \$955
- Benevolence Fund (for specific asks) - \$3,050
- Blanket Sunday - \$390
- CE Lenten Project - \$367
- Hunger Walk - \$1,148
- As well as the UCC Offerings (making us a 5 for 5 Congregation)
 - Christmas Fund (Veterans of the Cross) - \$555
 - Neighbors in Need - \$748.08
 - One Great Hour of Sharing - \$1,759
 - Strengthen the Church - \$915
 - (OCWM is given based on a tithe (10%) of our Unrestricted Giving

Where is your group or ministry area stuck? What is your group or ministry area pondering?

- ❖ We are not stuck on anything specific.

What do you hope to accomplish in the coming 2019 year?

- ❖ Continue our weekly work and continue to support any and all missions, as needed.

What are the ways that the church can support your team?

- ❖ If interested in working with the Financial Team at Old First, members should speak with the Discernment Group.