**Leadership Council Budget Meeting
January 14, 2016, 9:30am**

**Present:** Pastors Matt, Dave, Jeff and Lloyd; Tanya McLaren; June Hunt; Gary Clow; Sandra Clow

**Devotional Reading:** Psalm 81:1, 5-7, 11-16

God is encouraging His people to sing for joy, and reminds them of the freedom He has provided for them. Sadly, all this ends with a rebuke, because they wouldn’t listen, and wouldn’t follow. Once we decide on this course, stubbornness sets in. And then God has to do something in a very different way in order to get our attention. Listen!

The Budget Meeting was opened with prayer, and the breakfast and business session proceeded.

**Business:**

Tanya gave a review of the financial situation at the close of 2015. The Budget shortfall was in the region of $27,000, but revenues almost covered expenses for the year. Some very obvious reasons for the shortfall:

1. heating upgrades undertaken the previous year resulted in huge savings;
2. proposed salary for Secretary 2 was well under-spent due to the position being vacant for a couple of months, and a lesser number of hours were worked for the remainder of the year;
3. Renovation Committee costs were lower than anticipated;
4. Several ministries were under-spent

The next couple of hours were spent in addressing ministry and mission needs for the coming year, and a total Proposed Budget amount of $374,904 will be presented to the congregation for adoption on Sunday, January 31, 2016, 6:30pm.

Pastor Dave closed with prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:07pm.

Respectfully submitted

June Hunt

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