

Finance Committee Report

A strong finance committee emerged from the Strategic Planning work done by the church last year. Current members are board treasurer Susan Ruttan, plus Andrew Mills, Karen Bilida, Ruth Merriott, Julius Buski and, most recently, Wendy Smith. Julius has acted as our minute-taker.

The committee tracks the financial health of UCE, looks at long-term issues, and advises the board on budget matters. One major change just implemented on the advice of our committee was to split our budget and our financial statements into two sub-categories, called Church and Building. The goal is to more clearly show where costs and revenues come from.

Andrew reports to the committee on two major tasks he is doing. He has been helping the church to implement a new software system called Power Church, and has devoted countless hours to this effort. As well, Andrew is the ongoing canvass chair for UCE, a role he has performed for many years. This church is lucky to have him.

Ruth Merriott has been taking on an increasing role in canvass and is now entering all the canvass pledges into Power Church this year. Ruth has also been doing a lot of the “heavy lifting” over the past year in Power Church: releasing the automatic donations, entering online contributions, and helping enter the data from the teller’s sheets.

- Susan Ruttan, committee chair