

From the Treasurer

Hi all -

On the balance sheet as of June 30, 2020, OZ had \$11k in cash, up from \$59k at June 30 last year, mostly due to borrowing \$163k from the Federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), which allowed us to repay the \$50k borrowing from the Line of Credit (below). The outstanding long-term loan balances were \$142k on the \$200k kitchen loan, and \$191k on the \$212k endowment loan, paid down from \$176k and \$198k, respectively at the end of last June.

COVID-19 Impacts

The board decided that since we received a PPP loan for \$163k we would continue to pay all staff at their regular pay rates. This loan will be completely forgiven, because we will spend the proceeds on payroll during the 24 weeks following receipt of the loan. We shut down the Shalom Shuk, which means roughly \$7k per month reduction in revenue, but payroll costs are covered by the PPP loan. Preschool revenue will also decrease, but the state of Vermont is sending us “stabilization funds” which partially offset this loss, and again, continued payroll costs are covered by the PPP loan. The cost of Preschool supplies for prevention of contagion will also be partially supported by state funds. We have purchased a \$3k package of audio-visual equipment that will make our High Holidays Zoom broadcasts more enjoyable.

FY 2019-2020 Full Year Results

OZ’s fiscal year 2019-20 ended on a slightly positive note, which is surprising given the COVID-19 crisis: our operating revenues exceeded our operating expenses by \$1k. That is better than the earlier projected deficit of \$75k by \$76k, and was up from the operating deficit of \$111k last year. What accounted for this result? Primarily, the following items:

- About \$27k more in dues were received than the forecast, plus another \$50k in general donations.
- Expenses were up and down, but overall the forecast was correct.

Next Year’s Budget So Far

The board will present the budget to the congregation at the special September 8 Congregational meeting. The goal is to reduce the projected deficit from the earlier \$75k deficit next year, although we expect that the COVID-19 pandemic will cause a short-term reduction in revenues next year. The Board plans to produce break-even budgets for the following years.

Paid Back the Line of Credit

We have repaid the \$50k borrowed from a generous congregant (thanks so much!) as a short-term loan at the lowest allowable Federal Applicable Rate (2.49%).

What You Can Do

The board welcomes any and all suggestions regarding how we can reduce expenses or increase revenues. Also, please remember to return that membership pledge. Thank you for all your support!

If, having read the above, you wonder if OZ is still seeking a new Treasurer, you are right! If you love and are competent in accounting entries (or know someone who is), please let us know. If you happen to ***only*** love accounting entries, but not speaking or writing about those numbers, we have a congregant who will team up with you for the non-bookkeeping aspects, like meetings, budget presentations and these highly engaging articles in *The Voice*.

~ *Bill Miller*
Treasurer