

Dwight's United Article 2020-10-24

Hali and I are starting to settle in the financial parts of our roles. I'm happy to say that I've been able to get the payroll done on time; you would have heard about it if I screwed that up. We're still having trouble finding a time when we can all meet at the bank and turn over the checking account – in person meetings are just hard to do right now – and we're starting the process of applying for “forgiveness” on our \$64,100 “payroll protection program” “loan”.

Giving for September was about \$41,600 compared to a plan of \$68,100, and our investments had a weak month Expenses were about \$5,000 below budget since we're not spending much on utilities or building maintenance, so we'll see what happens in October before November budget season when I traditionally emulate both my heroes, Scrooge McDuck and Dickens' Scrooge.

Year to date we're not awful, if September was just a seasonal anomaly. We are at a loss of \$6,500 thru September and we had planned a loss of \$15,900.

Thank you for keeping up your building fund contributions. At this point we are still pretty much on the financial plan, and demolition has started, which I was pleased to see because every month we can't work on the building is another month we bleed a little money to pay for dumpsters and supplies and fees.

While that's about it for the financial updates, I wanted to update you on my personal situation. As you know, I was diagnosed with bladder cancer early in 2020. I've been thru months of chemotherapy now, which was miserable and shrunk the tumors - but did not make them completely disappear. We are doing immunotherapy now to clean it up. The oncologist says all this is normal. I feel much better now that I've been off chemo a couple of months; the side effects have pretty much disappeared, I can bicycle, and I am eating too much. A total cure is not guaranteed, and I'd still like prayers, but I'm about as hopeful as I ever get.

I still have a day job. I could retire, but I can't go anywhere or do anything until we have the pandemic under control, so I might as well work a few days a week, avoid getting bored, and let my employer pick up the health insurance.

