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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended: March 31, 2018

Commission File Number: 000-29274

AEI INCOME & GROWTH FUND XXI LIMITED PARTNERSHIP  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

State of Minnesota  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

30 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1300  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101  
(Address of principal executive offices)

41-1789725  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

(651) 227-7333  
(Registrant's telephone number)

Not Applicable

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.  Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).  Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

- Large accelerated filer  
 Non-accelerated filer  
 Emerging growth company

- Accelerated filer  
 Smaller reporting company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).  Yes  No

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**AEI INCOME & GROWTH FUND XXI LIMITED PARTNERSHIP  
BALANCE SHEETS**

**ASSETS**

	<b>March 31, 2018</b>	<b>December 31, 2017</b>
	<u>(unaudited)</u>	
<b>Current Assets:</b>		
Cash	\$ 1,177,127	\$ 2,142,394
Receivables	0	50,817
Total Current Assets	<u>1,177,127</u>	<u>2,193,211</u>
<b>Real Estate Investments:</b>		
Land	3,659,461	3,659,461
Buildings	10,339,539	10,339,539
Acquired Intangible Lease Assets	807,178	807,178
Real Estate Held for Investment, at cost	<u>14,806,178</u>	<u>14,806,178</u>
Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization	<u>(3,886,826)</u>	<u>(3,769,205)</u>
Real Estate Held for Investment, Net	<u>10,919,352</u>	<u>11,036,973</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 12,096,479</u>	<u>\$ 13,230,184</u>

**LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL**

<b>Current Liabilities:</b>		
Payable to AEI Fund Management, Inc.	\$ 7,582	\$ 27,235
Distributions Payable	198,180	1,218,384
Unearned Rent	32,918	0
Total Current Liabilities	<u>238,680</u>	<u>1,245,619</u>
<b>Long-term Liabilities:</b>		
Acquired Below-Market Lease Intangibles, Net	101,980	106,755
<b>Partners' Capital :</b>		
General Partners	8,852	10,072
Limited Partners – 24,000 Units authorized; 19,616 Units issued and outstanding as of 3/31/2018 and 12/31/2017	<u>11,746,967</u>	<u>11,867,738</u>
Total Partners' Capital	<u>11,755,819</u>	<u>11,877,810</u>
Total Liabilities and Partners' Capital	<u>\$ 12,096,479</u>	<u>\$ 13,230,184</u>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

**AEI INCOME & GROWTH FUND XXI LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**  
**STATEMENTS OF INCOME**  
(unaudited)

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31</b>	
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Rental Income</b>	\$ 258,964	\$ 334,157
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Partnership Administration – Affiliates	37,630	44,744
Partnership Administration and Property Management – Unrelated Parties	28,361	15,049
Depreciation and Amortization	117,621	132,964
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>183,612</u>	<u>192,757</u>
<b>Operating Income</b>	75,352	141,400
<b>Other Income:</b>		
Interest Income	837	421
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>\$ 76,189</u>	<u>\$ 141,821</u>
<b>Net Income Allocated:</b>		
General Partners	\$ 762	\$ 1,418
Limited Partners	75,427	140,403
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 76,189</u>	<u>\$ 141,821</u>
<b>Net Income per Limited Partnership Unit</b>	<u>\$ 3.85</u>	<u>\$ 7.15</u>
<b>Weighted Average Units Outstanding – Basic and Diluted</b>	<u>19,616</u>	<u>19,636</u>

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**AEI INCOME & GROWTH FUND XXI LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**  
**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
(unaudited)

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31</b>	
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</b>		
Net Income	\$ 76,189	\$ 141,821
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income		
To Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation and Amortization	112,846	128,189
(Increase) Decrease in Receivables	50,817	0
Increase (Decrease) in Payable to AEI Fund Management, Inc.	(19,653)	(24,183)
Increase (Decrease) in Unearned Rent	32,918	34,058
Total Adjustments	<u>176,928</u>	<u>138,064</u>
Net Cash Provided By (Used For) Operating Activities	<u>253,117</u>	<u>279,885</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities:</b>		
Distributions Paid to Partners	<u>(1,218,384)</u>	<u>(261,212)</u>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash</b>	(965,267)	18,673
<b>Cash, beginning of period</b>	<u>2,142,394</u>	<u>691,125</u>
<b>Cash, end of period</b>	<u>\$ 1,177,127</u>	<u>\$ 709,798</u>

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**AEI INCOME & GROWTH FUND XXI LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**  
**STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN PARTNERS' CAPITAL (DEFICIT)**  
(unaudited)

	<u>General Partners</u>	<u>Limited Partners</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Limited Partnership Units Outstanding</u>
<b>Balance, December 31, 2016</b>	\$ (18,553)	\$ 12,656,556	\$ 12,638,003	19,635.64
Distributions Declared	(2,612)	(258,599)	(261,211)	
Net Income	<u>1,418</u>	<u>140,403</u>	<u>141,821</u>	
<b>Balance, March 31, 2017</b>	<u>\$ (19,747)</u>	<u>\$ 12,538,360</u>	<u>\$ 12,518,613</u>	<u>19,635.64</u>
<b>Balance, December 31, 2017</b>	\$ 10,072	\$ 11,867,738	\$ 11,877,810	19,615.64
Distributions Declared	(1,982)	(196,198)	(198,180)	
Net Income	<u>762</u>	<u>75,427</u>	<u>76,189</u>	
<b>Balance, March 31, 2018</b>	<u>\$ 8,852</u>	<u>\$ 11,746,967</u>	<u>\$ 11,755,819</u>	<u>19,615.64</u>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

**AEI INCOME & GROWTH FUND XXI LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**MARCH 31, 2018**  
(unaudited)

(1) The condensed statements included herein have been prepared by the registrant, without audit, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and reflect all adjustments which are, in the opinion of management, necessary to a fair statement of the results of operations for the interim period, on a basis consistent with the annual audited statements. The adjustments made to these condensed statements consist only of normal recurring adjustments. Certain information, accounting policies, and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (US GAAP) have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations, although the registrant believes that the disclosures are adequate to make the information presented not misleading. It is suggested that these condensed financial statements be read in conjunction with the financial statements and the summary of significant accounting policies and notes thereto included in the registrant's latest annual report on Form 10-K.

**(2) Organization –**

AEI Income & Growth Fund XXI Limited Partnership ("Partnership") was formed to acquire and lease commercial properties to operating tenants. The Partnership's operations are managed by AEI Fund Management XXI, Inc. ("AFM"), the Managing General Partner. Robert P. Johnson, the President and sole director of AFM, serves as the Individual General Partner. AFM is a wholly owned subsidiary of AEI Capital Corporation of which Mr. Johnson is the majority shareholder. AEI Fund Management, Inc. ("AEI"), an affiliate of AFM, performs the administrative and operating functions for the Partnership.

The terms of the Partnership offering called for a subscription price of \$1,000 per Limited Partnership Unit, payable on acceptance of the offer. The Partnership commenced operations on April 14, 1995 when minimum subscriptions of 1,500 Limited Partnership Units (\$1,500,000) were accepted. On January 31, 1997, the offering terminated when the maximum subscription limit of 24,000 Limited Partnership Units was reached. Under the terms of the Limited Partnership Agreement, the Limited Partners and General Partners contributed funds of \$24,000,000 and \$1,000, respectively.

During operations, any Net Cash Flow, as defined, which the General Partners determine to distribute will be distributed 90% to the Limited Partners and 10% to the General Partners; provided, however, that such distributions to the General Partners will be subordinated to the Limited Partners first receiving an annual, noncumulative distribution of Net Cash Flow equal to 10% of their Adjusted Capital Contribution, as defined, and, provided further, that in no event will the General Partners receive less than 1% of such Net Cash Flow per annum. Distributions to Limited Partners will be made pro rata by Units.

**AEI INCOME & GROWTH FUND XXI LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**(2) Organization – (Continued)**

Any Net Proceeds of Sale, as defined, from the sale or financing of properties which the General Partners determine to distribute will, after provisions for debts and reserves, be paid in the following manner: (i) first, 99% to the Limited Partners and 1% to the General Partners until the Limited Partners receive an amount equal to: (a) their Adjusted Capital Contribution plus (b) an amount equal to 10% of their Adjusted Capital Contribution per annum, cumulative but not compounded, to the extent not previously distributed from Net Cash Flow; (ii) any remaining balance will be distributed 90% to the Limited Partners and 10% to the General Partners. Distributions to the Limited Partners will be made pro rata by Units.

For tax purposes, profits from operations, other than profits attributable to the sale, exchange, financing, refinancing or other disposition of property, will be allocated first in the same ratio in which, and to the extent, Net Cash Flow is distributed to the Partners for such year. Any additional profits will be allocated in the same ratio as the last dollar of Net Cash Flow is distributed. Net losses from operations will be allocated 99% to the Limited Partners and 1% to the General Partners.

For tax purposes, profits arising from the sale, financing, or other disposition of property will be allocated in accordance with the Partnership Agreement as follows: (i) first, to those partners with deficit balances in their capital accounts in an amount equal to the sum of such deficit balances; (ii) second, 99% to the Limited Partners and 1% to the General Partners until the aggregate balance in the Limited Partners' capital accounts equals the sum of the Limited Partners' Adjusted Capital Contributions plus an amount equal to 10% of their Adjusted Capital Contributions per annum, cumulative but not compounded, to the extent not previously allocated; (iii) third, the balance of any remaining gain will then be allocated 90% to the Limited Partners and 10% to the General Partners. Losses will be allocated 98% to the Limited Partners and 2% to the General Partners.

The General Partners are not required to currently fund a deficit capital balance. Upon liquidation of the Partnership or withdrawal by a General Partner, the General Partners will contribute to the Partnership an amount equal to the lesser of the deficit balances in their capital accounts or 1% of total Limited Partners' and General Partners' capital contributions.

In January 2014, the Managing General Partner mailed a Consent Statement (Proxy) seeking the consent of the Limited Partners to continue the Partnership for an additional 60 months or to initiate the final disposition, liquidation and distribution of all of the Partnership's properties and assets. On February 14, 2014, the proposal to continue the Partnership was approved with a majority of Units voted in favor of the continuation proposal. As a result, the Managing General Partner will continue the operations of the Partnership for an additional 60 months at which time it will again ask the Limited Partners to vote on the same two proposals.



**AEI INCOME & GROWTH FUND XXI LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**(3) Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements –**

In May 2014, with subsequent updates issued in August 2015 and March, April and May 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2014-09 regarding ASC Topic 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers. This standard was developed to enable financial statement users to better understand the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from contracts with customers. The update's core principle is that an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. Entities are to use a five-step contract review model to ensure revenue is recognized, measured and disclosed in accordance with this principle. Those steps include the following: (i) identify the contract with the customer, (ii) identify the performance obligations in the contract, (iii) determine the transaction price, (iv) allocate the transaction price to each performance obligation in the contract, and (v) recognize revenue when or as the entity satisfies a performance obligation.

Management has concluded that all of the Partnership's material revenue streams fall outside of the scope of this guidance. The new standard may be applied retrospectively to each prior period presented or prospectively with the cumulative effect, if any, recognized as of the date of adoption. During 2018, the Partnership selected the modified retrospective transition method as of the date of adoption effective January 1, 2018. Management has concluded that the majority of total revenues consist of rental income from leasing arrangements, which are specifically excluded from the standard. The Partnership analyzed its remaining revenue streams, inclusive of gains and losses on real estate sales, and concluded there are no changes in revenue recognition with the adoption of the new standard. As such, adoption of the standard did not result in a cumulative adjustment recognized as of January 1, 2018, and the standard did not have a material impact on the Partnership's financial statements.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-01, which clarifies the definition of a business by adding guidance to assist entities in evaluating whether transactions should be accounted for as acquisitions (or disposals) of assets or businesses. The guidance is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within those periods, with early adoption permitted, and is required to be applied prospectively to any transactions occurring within the period of adoption. We expect the new standard will result in all of our real estate acquisitions being considered asset acquisitions, whereby substantially all acquisition costs related to our real estate acquisitions will be capitalized. Prior to the adoption of the new standard, all of our real estate acquisitions completed after January 1, 2009, were considered acquisitions of businesses, whereby all acquisition-related costs were expensed as incurred. During 2018, the Partnership has adopted the accounting pronouncement effective January 1, 2018, and applied this guidance prospectively. The adoption did not have a material effect on its financial statements.

**AEI NET LEASE INCOME & GROWTH FUND XX LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**(Continued)**

**(4) Real Estate Investments –**

The Partnership owns a 30% interest in the Gander Mountain store in Champaign, Illinois. The remaining interests in the property are owned by affiliates of the Partnership. On March 10, 2017, Gander Mountain Company filed for Chapter 11 reorganization and announced it was closing the store, following a liquidation sale of its on-site assets. In June 2017, the tenant filed a motion with the bankruptcy court to reject the lease for this store effective June 30, 2017. At this time, the tenant returned possession of the property to the owners and the Partnership became responsible for its 30% share of real estate taxes and other costs associated with maintaining the property. The tenant paid rent through June 2017. The owners have listed the property for lease with a real estate broker in the Champaign area. The annual rent from this property represented approximately 13% of the total annual rent of the Partnership's property portfolio. The loss of rent and increased expenses related to this property decreased the Partnership's cash flow. Consequently, beginning with the third quarter of 2017, the Partnership reduced its regular quarterly cash distribution rate from \$13.18 per Unit to \$10.51 per Unit.

As a result of the bankruptcy court terminating the lease for the Gander Mountain store, the Partnership included an additional \$270,097 in Depreciation and Amortization in the second quarter of 2017, which represented the unamortized balance of the in-place lease intangible that was created when the property was purchased in 2014.

In March 2017, the Partnership entered into an agreement with the tenant of the KinderCare daycare center in Andover, Minnesota to extend the lease term five years to end on June 30, 2022. The annual rent will remain the same throughout the remainder of the extended lease term. As part of the agreement, the Partnership paid a tenant improvement allowance of \$30,000 that was capitalized. In addition, beginning on April 1, 2017, the tenant received free rent for three months that equaled \$36,362.

In the first quarter of 2017, the Partnership decided to sell the KinderCare daycare center. In October 2017, the Partnership entered into an agreement to sell the property to an unrelated third party. On November 14, 2017, the sale closed with the Partnership receiving net proceeds of \$1,696,401, which resulted in a net gain of \$1,043,829. At the time of sale, the cost and related accumulated depreciation was \$1,294,207 and \$641,635, respectively.

In April 2017, the Partnership entered into an agreement with the tenant of the Fresenius Medical Center in Shreveport, Louisiana to extend the lease term nine years to end on June 30, 2027. The annual rent will remain the same throughout the remainder of the extended lease term. As part of the agreement, the Partnership paid a tenant improvement allowance of \$46,750 that was capitalized and will be depreciated.

**AEI NET LEASE INCOME & GROWTH FUND XX LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**(Continued)**

**(5) Payable to AEI Fund Management, Inc. –**

AEI Fund Management, Inc. performs the administrative and operating functions for the Partnership. The payable to AEI Fund Management represents the balance due for those services. This balance is non-interest bearing and unsecured and is to be paid in the normal course of business.

**(6) Partners' Capital –**

For the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, the Partnership declared distributions of \$198,180 and \$261,211, respectively. The Limited Partners received distributions of \$196,198 and \$258,599 and the General Partners received distributions of \$1,982 and \$2,612 for the periods, respectively. The Limited Partners' distributions represented \$10.00 and \$13.17 per Limited Partnership Unit outstanding using 19,616 and 19,635 weighted average Units in 2018 and 2017, respectively. The distributions represented \$3.85 and \$7.15 per Unit of Net Income and \$6.15 and \$6.02 per Unit of contributed capital in 2018 and 2017, respectively.

**(7) Fair Value Measurements –**

As of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the Partnership had no assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis or nonrecurring basis.

**ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL  
CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.**

This section contains "forward-looking statements" which represent management's expectations or beliefs concerning future events, including statements regarding anticipated application of cash, expected returns from rental income, growth in revenue, the sufficiency of cash to meet operating expenses, rates of distribution, and other matters. These, and other forward-looking statements, should be evaluated in the context of a number of factors that may affect the Partnership's financial condition and results of operations, including the following:

- Market and economic conditions which affect the value of the properties the Partnership owns and the cash from rental income such properties generate;
- the federal income tax consequences of rental income, deductions, gain on sales and other items and the effects of these consequences for the Partners;
- resolution by the General Partners of conflicts with which they may be confronted;
- the success of the General Partners of locating properties with favorable risk return characteristics;
- the effect of tenant defaults; and
- the condition of the industries in which the tenants of properties owned by the Partnership operate.

**ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS. (Continued)**

**Application of Critical Accounting Policies**

The Partnership's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with US GAAP. Preparing the financial statements requires management to use judgment in the application of these accounting policies, including making estimates and assumptions. These judgments will affect the reported amounts of the Partnership's assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the dates of the financial statements and will affect the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting periods. It is possible that the carrying amount of the Partnership's assets and liabilities, or the results of reported operations, will be affected if management's estimates or assumptions prove inaccurate.

Management of the Partnership evaluates the following accounting estimates on an ongoing basis, and has discussed the development and selection of these estimates and the management discussion and analysis disclosures regarding them with the managing partner of the Partnership.

***Allocation of Purchase Price of Acquired Properties***

Upon acquisition of real properties, the Partnership records them in the financial statements at cost. The purchase price is allocated to tangible assets, consisting of land and building, and to identified intangible assets and liabilities, which may include the value of above market and below market leases and the value of in-place leases. The allocation of the purchase price is based upon the fair value of each component of the property. Although independent appraisals may be used to assist in the determination of fair value, in many cases these values will be based upon management's assessment of each property, the selling prices of comparable properties and the discounted value of cash flows from the asset.

The fair values of above market and below market in-place leases will be recorded based on the present value (using an interest rate which reflects the risks associated with the leases acquired) of the difference between (i) the contractual amounts to be paid pursuant to the in-place leases and (ii) an estimate of fair market lease rates for the corresponding in-place leases measured over a period equal to the non-cancelable term of the lease including any bargain renewal periods. The above market and below market lease values will be capitalized as intangible lease assets or liabilities. Above market lease values will be amortized as an adjustment of rental income over the remaining term of the respective leases. Below market lease values will be amortized as an adjustment of rental income over the remaining term of the respective leases, including any bargain renewal periods. If a lease were to be terminated prior to its stated expiration, all unamortized amounts of above market and below market in-place lease values relating to that lease would be recorded as an adjustment to rental income.

**ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS. (Continued)**

The fair values of in-place leases will include estimated direct costs associated with obtaining a new tenant, and opportunity costs associated with lost rentals which are avoided by acquiring an in-place lease. Direct costs associated with obtaining a new tenant may include commissions, tenant improvements, and other direct costs and are estimated, in part, by management's consideration of current market costs to execute a similar lease. These direct costs will be included in intangible lease assets on the balance sheet and will be amortized to expense over the remaining term of the respective leases. The value of opportunity costs will be calculated using the contractual amounts to be paid pursuant to the in-place leases over a market absorption period for a similar lease. These intangibles will be included in intangible lease assets on the balance sheet and will be amortized to expense over the remaining term of the respective leases. If a lease were to be terminated prior to its stated expiration, all unamortized amounts of in-place lease assets relating to that lease would be expensed.

The determination of the fair values of the assets and liabilities acquired will require the use of significant assumptions with regard to the current market rental rates, rental growth rates, discount and capitalization rates, interest rates and other variables. If management's estimates or assumptions prove inaccurate, the result would be an inaccurate allocation of purchase price, which could impact the amount of reported net income.

***Carrying Value of Properties***

Properties are carried at original cost, less accumulated depreciation and amortization. The Partnership tests long-lived assets for recoverability when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. For properties the Partnership will hold and operate, management determines whether impairment has occurred by comparing the property's probability-weighted future undiscounted cash flows to its current carrying value. For properties held for sale, management determines whether impairment has occurred by comparing the property's estimated fair value less cost to sell to its current carrying value. If the carrying value is greater than the net realizable value, an impairment loss is recorded to reduce the carrying value of the property to its net realizable value. Changes in these assumptions or analysis may cause material changes in the carrying value of the properties.

***Allocation of Expenses***

AEI Fund Management, Inc. allocates expenses to each of the funds they manage primarily on the basis of the number of hours devoted by their employees to each fund's affairs. They also allocate expenses at the end of each month that are not directly related to a fund's operations based upon the number of investors in the fund and the fund's capitalization relative to other funds they manage. The Partnership reimburses these expenses subject to detailed limitations contained in the Partnership Agreement.

## ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS. (Continued)

### Results of Operations

For the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, the Partnership recognized rental income of \$258,964 and \$334,157, respectively. In 2018, rental income decreased due to the sale of one property in 2017 and the Gander Mountain situation, as discussed below. These decreases were partially offset by a rent increase on one property. Based on the scheduled rent for the properties as of April 30, 2018, the Partnership expects to recognize rental income of approximately \$1,037,000 in 2018.

For the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, the Partnership incurred Partnership administration expenses from affiliated parties of \$37,630 and \$44,744, respectively. These administration expenses include costs associated with the management of the properties, processing distributions, reporting requirements and communicating with the Limited Partners. During the same periods, the Partnership incurred Partnership administration and property management expenses from unrelated parties of \$28,361 and \$15,049, respectively. These expenses represent direct payments to third parties for legal and filing fees, direct administrative costs, outside audit costs, taxes, insurance and other property costs. These expenses were higher in 2018, when compared to 2017, due to expenses related to the Gander Mountain store.

The Partnership owns a 30% interest in the Gander Mountain store in Champaign, Illinois. The remaining interests in the property are owned by affiliates of the Partnership. On March 10, 2017, Gander Mountain Company filed for Chapter 11 reorganization and announced it was closing the store, following a liquidation sale of its on-site assets. In June 2017, the tenant filed a motion with the bankruptcy court to reject the lease for this store effective June 30, 2017. At this time, the tenant returned possession of the property to the owners and the Partnership became responsible for its 30% share of real estate taxes and other costs associated with maintaining the property. The tenant paid rent through June 2017. The owners have listed the property for lease with a real estate broker in the Champaign area. The annual rent from this property represented approximately 13% of the total annual rent of the Partnership's property portfolio. The loss of rent and increased expenses related to this property decreased the Partnership's cash flow. Consequently, beginning with the third quarter of 2017, the Partnership reduced its regular quarterly cash distribution rate from \$13.18 per Unit to \$10.51 per Unit.

As a result of the bankruptcy court terminating the lease for the Gander Mountain store, the Partnership included an additional \$270,097 in Depreciation and Amortization in the second quarter of 2017, which represented the unamortized balance of the in-place lease intangible that was created when the property was purchased in 2014.

In March 2017, the Partnership entered into an agreement with the tenant of the KinderCare daycare center in Andover, Minnesota to extend the lease term five years to end on June 30, 2022. The annual rent will remain the same throughout the remainder of the extended lease term. As part of the agreement, the Partnership paid a tenant improvement allowance of \$30,000 that was capitalized. In addition, beginning on April 1, 2017, the tenant received free rent for three months that equaled \$36,362.

**ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS. (Continued)**

In the first quarter of 2017, the Partnership decided to sell the KinderCare daycare center. In October 2017, the Partnership entered into an agreement to sell the property to an unrelated third party. On November 14, 2017, the sale closed with the Partnership receiving net proceeds of \$1,696,401, which resulted in a net gain of \$1,043,829. At the time of sale, the cost and related accumulated depreciation was \$1,294,207 and \$641,635, respectively.

For the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, the Partnership recognized interest income of \$837 and \$421, respectively.

Management believes inflation has not significantly affected income from operations. Leases may contain rent increases, based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index over a specified period, which will result in an increase in rental income over the term of the leases. Inflation also may cause the real estate to appreciate in value. However, inflation and changing prices may have an adverse impact on the operating margins of the properties' tenants, which could impair their ability to pay rent and subsequently reduce the Net Cash Flow available for distributions.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

During the three months ended March 31, 2018, the Partnership's cash balances decreased \$965,267 as a result of distributions paid to the Partners in excess of cash generated from operating activities. During the three months ended March 31, 2017, the Partnership's cash balances increased \$18,673 as a result of cash generated from operating activities in excess of distributions paid to the Partners.

Net cash provided by operating activities decreased from \$279,885 in 2017 to \$253,117 in 2018 as a result of a decrease in total rental and interest income in 2018, and an increase in Partnership administration and property management expenses in 2018, which were partially offset by net timing differences in the collection of payments from the tenants and the payment of expenses.

The major components of the Partnership's cash flow from investing activities are investments in real estate and proceeds from the sale of real estate. During the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, the Partnership did not complete any property acquisitions or property sales.

In April 2017, the Partnership entered into an agreement with the tenant of the Fresenius Medical Center in Shreveport, Louisiana to extend the lease term nine years to end on June 30, 2027. The annual rent will remain the same throughout the remainder of the extended lease term. As part of the agreement, the Partnership paid a tenant improvement allowance of \$46,750 that was capitalized and will be depreciated.

The Partnership's primary use of cash flow, other than investment in real estate, is distribution payments to Partners and cash used to repurchase Units. The Partnership declares its regular quarterly distributions before the end of each quarter and pays the distribution in the first week after the end of each quarter. The Partnership attempts to maintain a stable distribution rate from quarter to quarter. The Partnership may repurchase tendered Units on April 1st and October 1st of each year subject to limitations.

**ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS. (Continued)**

For the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, the Partnership declared distributions of \$198,180 and \$261,211, respectively, which were distributed 99% to the Limited Partners and 1% to the General Partners. The Limited Partners received distributions of \$196,198 and \$258,599 and the General Partners received distributions of \$1,982 and \$2,612 for the periods, respectively. In December 2017, the Partnership declared a special distribution of net sale proceeds of \$1,010,101 which was paid in the first week of January 2018 and resulted in higher distributions paid in 2018 and a higher distributions payable at December 31, 2017.

The Partnership may repurchase Units from Limited Partners who have tendered their Units to the Partnership. Such Units may be acquired at a discount. The Partnership will not be obligated to purchase in any year any number of Units that, when aggregated with all other transfers of Units that have occurred since the beginning of the same calendar year (excluding Permitted Transfers as defined in the Partnership Agreement), would exceed 5% of the total number of Units outstanding on January 1 of such year. In no event shall the Partnership be obligated to purchase Units if, in the sole discretion of the Managing General Partner, such purchase would impair the capital or operation of the Partnership. During the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, the Partnership did not repurchase any Units from the Limited Partners.

The continuing rent payments from the properties, together with cash generated from property sales, should be adequate to fund continuing distributions and meet other Partnership obligations on both a short-term and long-term basis.

**Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

As of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the Partnership had no material off-balance sheet arrangements that had or are reasonably likely to have current or future effects on its financial condition, results of operations, liquidity or capital resources.



**ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE & QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK.**

Not required for a smaller reporting company.

**ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.****(a) Disclosure Controls and Procedures.**

Under the supervision and with the participation of management, including its President and Chief Financial Officer, the Managing General Partner of the Partnership evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act")). Based upon that evaluation, the President and Chief Financial Officer of the Managing General Partner concluded that, as of the end of the period covered by this report, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective in ensuring that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in applicable rules and forms and that such information is accumulated and communicated to management, including the President and Chief Financial Officer of the Managing General Partner, in a manner that allows timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

**(b) Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting.**

During the most recent period covered by this report, there has been no change in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

**PART II – OTHER INFORMATION****ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.**

There are no material pending legal proceedings to which the Partnership is a party or of which the Partnership's property is subject.

**ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS.**

Not required for a smaller reporting company.

**ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES & USE OF PROCEEDS.**

(a) None.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Pursuant to Section 7.7 of the Partnership Agreement, as amended, each Limited Partner has the right to present Units to the Partnership for purchase by submitting notice to the Managing General Partner during January or July of each year. The purchase price of the Units is equal to 95% of the net asset value per Unit, as of the first business day of January or July of each year, as determined by the Managing General Partner in accordance with the provisions of the Partnership Agreement. Units tendered to the Partnership during January and July may be repurchased on April 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>, respectively, of each year subject to the following limitations. The Partnership will not be obligated to purchase in any year more than 5% of the total number of Units outstanding on January 1 of such year. In no event shall the Partnership be obligated to purchase Units if, in the sole discretion of the Managing General Partner, such purchase would impair the capital or operation of the Partnership. During the period covered by this report, the Partnership did not purchase any Units.

**ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES.**

None.

**ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES.**

Not Applicable.

**ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION.**

None.

**ITEM 6. EXHIBITS.**

- 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer of General Partner pursuant to Rule 15d-14(a)(17 CFR 240.15d-14(a)) and Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer of General Partner pursuant to Rule 15d-14(a)(17 CFR 240.15d-14(a)) and Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32 Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of General Partner pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: May 14, 2018

AEI Income & Growth Fund XXI  
Limited Partnership  
By: AEI Fund Management XXI, Inc.  
Its: Managing General Partner

By: /s/ ROBERT P JOHNSON  
Robert P. Johnson  
President  
(Principal Executive Officer)

By: /s/ PATRICK W KEENE  
Patrick W. Keene  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Accounting Officer)

**CERTIFICATIONS**

I, Robert P. Johnson, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of AEI Income & Growth Fund XXI Limited Partnership;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 14, 2018

/s/ ROBERT P JOHNSON

Robert P. Johnson, President  
AEI Fund Management XXI, Inc.  
Managing General Partner

**CERTIFICATIONS**

I, Patrick W. Keene, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of AEI Income & Growth Fund XXI Limited Partnership;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 14, 2018

/s/ PATRICK W KEENE

Patrick W. Keene, Chief Financial Officer  
AEI Fund Management XXI, Inc.  
Managing General Partner

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
18 U.S.C. §1350,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of AEI Income & Growth Fund XXI Limited Partnership (the "Partnership") on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2018, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), the undersigned, Robert P. Johnson, President of AEI Fund Management XXI, Inc., the Managing General Partner of the Partnership, and Patrick W. Keene, Chief Financial Officer of AEI Fund Management XXI, Inc., each certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Partnership.

/s/ ROBERT P JOHNSON

Robert P. Johnson, President  
AEI Fund Management XXI, Inc.  
Managing General Partner  
May 14, 2018

/s/ PATRICK W KEENE

Patrick W. Keene, Chief Financial Officer  
AEI Fund Management XXI, Inc.  
Managing General Partner  
May 14, 2018