

Session Highlights for March 17, 2025

The Session approved the hiring of Linda Boyles-Smith as our new part-time Worship Director. Pastor Rob also reported that the search for an Accompanist currently has three possible candidates who have either been interviewed or who still need to be interviewed.

Sherri Jones of the Disaster Relief Task Force gave the monthly report on the disbursements from the Hurricane Relief Designated Fund. The total donations to the fund have been \$135,774.00. Total disbursements since inception last fall have been \$47,666. The current balance is \$88,108. This month's disbursements were: \$5,000 to the Interfaith Assistance Ministry and \$5,000 to a church member to help with their house repairs.

Treasurer Steve Spangler reported that we have several graduating seniors in our Youth Group this year and that the Anna Clifton Memorial Designated Fund from which we have traditionally given scholarships to graduating seniors who are pursuing further education has only \$7,869. We have given increasing amounts as scholarships over time, but the last scholarships given were \$2,000 each. Scholarships have been given to students pursuing both college and technical school. Session approved \$5,000 be moved from the General Fund to the Anna Clifton Memorial DF to be sure we can cover the scholarships for this year's large group of graduating seniors.

Andy Morris, our Contemporary Worship Leader, requested \$1,000 to purchase a refurbished MacBook computer for use in the early service production. Our 13-year-old previously purchased refurbished Mac is dying a slow death.

The Local Missions Committee asked the session to return \$52,000 to our budgeted General Fund amount for our support of our local outreach partners. The committee had agreed during the tight times toward the end of last year to take this amount from our Local Mission Designated Fund to keep our 2025 Budget attainable but still be able to continue to support our local partners. The session voted not to make this change at this time because our giving for January and February still does not cover expenses and we are currently running around \$30,000 behind our expenses. These agencies will be paid out of the General Fund until the budgeted amount is expended and then our gifts will be taken from the Local Mission Designated Fund, unless or until our financial condition improves as the year goes on and session can then approve the move of this amount back into the Local Mission budget line.

Respectfully submitted, Mimi Jamieson, Clerk