

Session Highlights—April 28, 2025

Session received a visit from the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, Rev. Robert Howard and the Chair of the Committee on Ministry, Rev. Butch Hill.

Deacons' Report: Wendy Umberger reported on a June 11 Picnic Supper, a September Chili Cookout and the November Texas Thanksgiving dinner that the Deacons are planning as fellowship events for the year. Further discussion and questions were largely about the functioning and any problems the Deacons might be having with the work of their' "flocks."

Discipleship Team requested and received unanimous approval of Teachers and Leaders Covenant for elders, teachers, and staff who are or may be in teaching positions. The covenant is to help strengthen our Biblically based teaching and give guidance to those teaching in our church on how to be "disciples making disciples."

The Local Mission Team requested and received \$800 from the Local Church Mission Designated Fund for Black Mountain Home for Children & Families to cover the cost of custom T-shirts for foster parents to be presented at the Foster Parent Appreciation Event in May. This was unanimously approved.

Creative Beginnings requested and received approval of \$1,653 from CBCP Support Fund for three semesters of Blue Ridge Community College's Apprentice Program for Lindsey Goss a current CBCP teacher. There is only one other of our teachers without accreditation, and she would like to receive this training next year.

Personnel Committee Report was offered by the Pastor stating that he had on-boarded new Worship Director Linda Boyle-Smith this week. And he is working out the details with our new Accompanist.

The Clerk advised it was time for the session to choose the two session elders as required by The Book of Order to serve on the Officer Nominating Committee. Mimi Jamieson, agreed to serve as chair this year and Sherri Jones agreed to serve as co-chair.

The Clerk then read a letter from the EPC that explained a \$25,000 gift to Hendersonville Presbyterian Church of \$20,000 for the use of the church for repairs or any other use the session might approve and \$5,000 intended for the use of the Pastor for a much-needed vacation time.

Pastor Rob reported a New Members Class had been scheduled for this Sunday, but he will be away. Robert Wallace agreed to lead. Andy Morris and Mimi Jamieson will also attend.

The Pastor reported on several volunteers he had lined up to lead the Youth and Children's programs. Stacy McClelland has agreed to add two hours a week extra to her duties as Web Master to organize the programs and volunteers.

He also reported that on a personal note the repairs on his house are very close to completion and he will inform everyone when the Reach Global celebration (they did a lot of work on his house repairs) will take place.

Youth Sunday will be May 25 at 10:00 a.m. with our Youth participating in the service.

Respectfully submitted, Mimi Jamieson, Clerk