

## **Session Highlights May 19, 2025**

The Moderator asked if there was anything else which needed addition to the agenda. Sherri Jones asked that she be allowed to report on the Disaster Fund Task Force, and Andy Morris wanted to discuss background checks for those working with our young people.

**Deacons reported** on the difficulty the deacons are having with their calls because our Church Rolls appear to need updating with more current information. The Clerk explained the process of at least one year of absence before the session may move them to the Inactive Roll. She suggested that the deacons keep a list of people they discover have left and give them to the Clerk so that the session may act on them after a one-year absence.

**The Prayer Time** list of people with needs and concerns was a long one and there was a roundtable of prayer for all the needs and issues.

**The Local Mission Committee** requested approval to give \$2,000 each to CRU & Refuge Retreat, from the Local Mission Designated Fund.

**The Treasurer** reported that he had recently sent out letters and applications for our scholarship grants to the five graduating seniors, The request for the funds was from the Anna Clifton Memorial Scholarship Designated Fund. He further reported that our April giving and expenses were just holding on a steady, balanced track.

**The Officer Nominating Committee** had its nominees for the Committee: From Session: Mimi Jamieson, Sherri Jones; From Deacons: Maureen DiRienzo; From various groups within the congregation: Ragen White, Grant Sitler, Bob Murray, and Priscilla Haynes, and June 1 was set for a congregational meeting for their election.

**The Helene Task Force** reported a remaining balance in its fund of \$70,055.13.

**The issue of background checks** for those that are currently serving as volunteers with our children and youth was discussed and is currently being updated by Larry McCleary.

**The Pastor reported** he will be attending the General Assembly in Northville, Michigan June 16-21 at Ward Church. He reported that he, Stacey McClelland, and Dale Stephens were impressed during their interview with Danielle Ciaramitaro for the position of Interim Youth Director and recommended her hiring. Lisha Walton's employment package as part-time Accompanist has been finalized. New members being received into the church June 1 are: Anna and David Hawthorne, Linda and Scott Smith, James and Jeanne Gordon, and Sharon Farrell.

**The Fellowship Dinner** being planned for June 11 by the Deacons' Family Fellowship Team will honor our graduating seniors and their families with the aforementioned financial gifts.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Rob at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mimi Jamieson, Clerk of Session