

Clerk's Corner:

The following information was reported at the June 27, 2022, Session meeting, which was held in a hybrid model of in-person and electronically with Zoom technology:

Correspondence: Received a copy of the Proceedings of the Forty-Fifth Annual Meeting of the Presbyterian Historical Society of the Southwest held at Lake Highlands Presbyterian Church in Dallas, TX, on March 25-26, 2022. The theme was "Stories of Presbyterians in Mission in Texas." It will be placed in our church library.

New Members: none

Deaths: Alice Ann Bacon died on May 21, 2022, and her service was held in our sanctuary on May 29, 2022, with the Rev. Susan Montoya officiating.

A memorial service was held in our sanctuary for Kathy Richardson Ferri, wife of Vince Ferri and daughter of Tom and Sharon Richardson on June 4, 2022, with the Rev. Dr. Jack Haberer, the Rev. Susan Montoya, and the Rev. Emily Owen officiating.

Maureen Poth died on June 18, 2020 (previously reported). A memorial service was held for her on June 25, 2022, in our sanctuary with the Rev. Dr. Jack Haberer officiating.

Transfers Out: none

Communion: In June extended communion was served to Art Bell, David Kirk, and Cora Belle Nunn by Shannon Tuschak, Rose Burton, Lois McHargue, and Jean Sanford by Priscilla Crozier and Rita Odom, Gene Hutzler, Beth Gunter, and Jeanine Merkel by Joyce Schlechte and Jane Pickett, Charles Clark, Lee Locke, Elaine Scogin, and Lois Thurman by Eunice McCoy and Sue Bratcher, Theresa Holloman, Marilyn and Otis Moore by Betty Clyburn and Quincy Smith, Martin Noyd by Betty Clyburn, Harlan Crouse, Bill Dole, Waldean and Jack Groff, by Juniper Communion Team.

Report from Children's Corner Preschool Director, Scott Russell: A grant in the amount of \$337,310 has been received from the Texas Workforce Commission from the national American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. It is to be paid in four installments of \$84,327.50. The money is to be used primarily for payroll and other operating expenses. This will free up funds to do a serious upgrade of the Children's Corner playground. No additional funds will be required from the church.

Financial Report: Reviewed the financial statements for May, 2022. Total income for May was \$72,158, which is \$15,474 behind plan for May. However, we were \$ 42,448 ahead of plan, year-to-date. Total expenses for March were \$94,982. Expenses exceeded income by \$22,823.

Deacon's Report: All is going well with extended communion and caring for their flocks. Since the deacons have started preparing the elements for communion again, the question was raised about safety as we have had an uptick in Covid cases. After considerable discussion, motion was made, seconded, and approved to return to individual sets of communion elements being picked up individually in the narthex until the Covid numbers return to a safer level. The congregation will also be asked to "pass the peace" by remaining in the pews and not touching one another.

Children's Ministry: A new summer program, entitled "Fun and Play", will be held Aug. 1-5; the theme is "Big Questions".

Hospitality & Fellowship: Is looking for ideas for how to be more welcoming of visitors in worship.

Missional Outreach:

- Approved distributions of budgeted gifts to Rafael Free Clinic \$2000, Presbyterian Pan American School \$2000, Austin Presbyterian Theological School \$1000, Schreiner University PASA Program \$2000.
- Presented check in the amount of \$8140.50 to the Doyle Community Center for the purchase of shades for east windows and other needed items.

Property: Reported on Ryan Hall project: Construction has begun; walls have been painted; coffer (inset in center of ceiling) has been installed; work continues on ceiling; baseboards are being built; glazing of courtyard windows is in progress; carpet has been ordered (anticipate arrival mid- July); drapery order awaiting completion of ceiling replacement.

Pastor's Report: The Rev. Dr. Jack Haberer reflected on his recent sermon series "PentEasterCost." He also reflected on his recent 50th +1 reunion with former colleagues in Ministry at the Mustard Seed Coffeehouse in New Jersey. He commented on the resignation of former employee Mike Garcia. By consent the session decided to give the congregation an opportunity to send words of gratitude and any free-will gifts to Mike for his 11 years of service. Jack also reported that M'Leah Alexander, middle-school youth director, will be leaving at the end of July to do an internship in a Presbyterian Church in Lubbock, TX, where she will be working on her certificate in youth ministry through Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Last, he announced that he would be offering a forum for discussion about recent emotionally-charged rulings by the U. S. Supreme Court on Wednesday, June 29, 2022, in our sanctuary.

Business of Church Councils: Commissioners attending stated meeting of Mission Presbytery held at Trinity University, San Antonio, TX June 9-10, reported that we had four youth present who assisted in worship. There was a lot of information given but few items to vote on. Two candidates were examined for ordination. Sallie Watson, general presbyter, will be taking a two-month sabbatical, and the Rev. Monica Smith was approved at interim general presbyter in her absence. John Knox Ranch has a record number of campers registered this summer. Commissioners were given the opportunity to share with one another about what is going on in their churches at a special forum at the end of the meeting.

The following items were acted upon and approved:

Personnel: Recommended approval of the Rev. Jack Haberer's contract for an additional six (6) months, effective July 16, 2022 – January 15, 2023, with the option for either party to end the contract with 30 days' notice.

Officer Nominating Committee recommended the session call a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing officers for the class of 2025, 1 deacon for the class of 2023, and one youth elder for the class of 2023 on July 31, 2022, following the 11:00 am worship service.

Worship & Music: Requested the Session's permission to move the communion table off the chancel area (to be replaced temporarily with a small table matching chancel furniture) to provide space for the July 17 concert of Symphony of the Hills with Sabrina Adrian, organist.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Ferguson
Clerk of Session