



The B-DRPC Session met for its stated meeting on December 15, 2009 at 6:00 pm in the Church Lounge. The meeting was opened with a devotion and prayer followed by sharing of concerns of members of our church family.

***Ministry Team (MT) Reports to Session:***

**Care Giving Division – Carolyn Turner, Lead Elder; Freddie Hart, Elder**

Congregational Care Ministry Team: Nancy McManus, Chair

The Congregational Care MT meets monthly to discuss better and more ways to take care of those members in need.

Transportation (Pam Dashiell, chair) is provided to worship services for members who request this service. Also provided is transportation for doctors' visits, grocery store visits, hair appointments, or any other need for those who cannot drive or have no other transportation. Anyone who needs transportation should contact Pam Dashiell for this service (862-5957). If you are interested in being a volunteer to drive members, please call Pam Dashiell.

Fellowship Relations Committee: Ellie Mercer, Chair

The Fellowship Relations Committee meets monthly or as needed.

**Church Family Division – Don Gentle, Lead Elder; Tammy Nye, Elder**

Membership Ministry Team: Ann Hinze, Chair.

**Finance Division – Tom Taylor, Lead Elder; John Hachbold & Phillip Jerome, Elders**

Finance Ministry Team: Tom Taylor, Chair

The Finance MT met on December 10. The Finance MT remembered Rick Mills and the enormous contributions he has made to the church as a whole, and the Finance MT in particular. Rick will be deeply missed.

The November 2009 month-end financial statements show: a) total tithes and offerings in November of \$48,228.80 exceeded forecast by \$3,258.30; b) total tithes and offerings year-to-date of \$503,104.27 exceeded forecast by \$8,428.77; c) new pledges continue to lag and are \$5,646.63 below forecast, although this shortfall is included in the overall tithes and offerings cited in (b) above; d) November expenses of \$38,430.98 were \$6,931.25 less than forecast for the month; e) year-to-date expenses of \$462,589.76 were \$36,394.77 below forecast, with much of the savings a result of the open Youth Director position. In addition, the full Weekday Children's Ministry (Preschool) benevolence of \$9,401 will be applied in December.

The 2010 Budget Process was discussed. Tom Taylor will work with Nita Padgett to assemble budget requests from Ministry Teams and, in conjunction with the Personnel MT, develop ordained and non-ordained salary action recommendations. The 2009 books cannot be closed until the first week of January, since contributions postmarked by 12/31/2009 are considered 2009 contributions. Once the books have closed, a recommendation for Session consideration will be finalized. In keeping with the guidance of the Book of Order, the Session is the governing body responsible for the finances of the church. A meeting of the Session will be scheduled for early January to consider the recommendations of the Finance MT and to make changes as needed to ensure that ministry team funding is consistent with the mission statement.

A thorough and well-prepared 2010 budget proposal from the Weekday Children's MT was presented. The bottom line is that Weekday Children's MT will be seeking a significant increase in benevolence from the church for 2010. The anticipated shortfall in revenue that would be addressed by benevolence is \$33,787, compared with a \$9,401 benevolence in 2009.

After a conversation with Presbytery, Nita Padgett discovered a problem in funds distribution for the 5-cents-a-meal offering. According to the program, all funds collected by B-DRPC are sent to Presbytery, which is supposed to contribute 25% of the funds to Sharing House on our behalf. However, for a number of years Presbytery has not made that contribution and has kept the full amount of the collection. The accumulated shortfall that Sharing House should have received over the years, but did not, is \$9,500. Therefore, a motion will be presented to the Session that B-DRPC retain all 5-cents-a-meal offering monies and contribute them directly to Sharing House until the shortfall is recovered. This motion was presented and approved.

The next meeting of the Finance MT is scheduled for Thursday, January 14 at 9:00 am in the Conference Room.

Stewardship Ministry Team: Tom Taylor, Chair

The 2009 Stewardship Campaign continues to progress. As of 12/10/2009, we have received 207 pledges for 2010, compared with 230 for 2009. Of those received to date, 22 pledges have decreased, 85 pledges have increased, and 87 have stayed the same compared with 2009. Thirteen new pledges have been received for 2010. The total amount pledged for 2010 is \$464,294.08 compared with total pledges of \$471,263.08 in 2009.

Nita Padgett will send reminder letters to 32 members that pledged in 2009 but have not yet submitted a pledge for 2010.

There are no plans for Stewardship MT meetings for the remainder of 2009.

**Spiritual Life Division – Larry Goodwin, Lead Elder; Tom Taylor & Tammy Nye, Elders**

Worship Ministry Team: Mary Johnson, Chair

The next meeting of the Worship MT is scheduled for Thursday, January 14, 2010.

Christian Education Ministry Team: Martha Taylor, Chair

A new Sunday school class, “Parents and Friends of Young Children”, is planned to start in January.

**Communications Division – Ginny Bradford, Lead Elder; Don Stinchcomb, Elder**

Communications Ministry Team: Don Stinchcomb, Acting Chair

The Communications MT met on December 9 at 10:00 am in the Conference Room of the church. Darlene Drake will be chairman effective January, 2010. Sadie Carlson will continue to be in charge of the current events bulletin board.

A Financial Summary sample was reviewed for simplicity and understanding of members.

The Information Meeting of the Congregation was discussed. It is on the church calendar for January 31 following the 11:00 worship service. Hopefully the 09 financial report will be ready by then to present. Stewardship is another area of information.

The Alternative Gift Bazaar will take place December 13 and 20 following each worship service. Julie Singdahlsen has designed an overlay to be printed on the church stationary cards for members to give to recipients of alternative gifts. Denise will print stickers of each promotion to use in the cards. Don will write an article for Transylvania Times promoting December 20 for the community to participate.

Next year’s meetings will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday each month except for January.

**Standing Committee of the Session**

Nominating Committee: Tom Taylor, Chair; Steve Letterman and Glenn Winston, members-at-large

The Nominating Committee has completed its task of presenting the slate of 5 candidates for Elder, Class of 2012 and 1 alternate for Class 2011 and 1 alternate for Class 2012 and At-large Members for the 2010 Nominating Committee. The nominees were approved at a Congregational Meeting on November 29.

**Administration Division – Phillip Jerome, Lead Elder; Jim Ansley & Lew Sayre, Elders**

Personnel Ministry Team: Tom Crawford and Glenn Cutler, Co-Chairs

Personnel MT will meet as needed.

Property Ministry Team: Wes Branning, Chair

The condition of the bell tower was discussed. There are leaks and decaying wood along with a cracked window. A repair person is being sought with the proper equipment to safely reach the area that needs repair. The possibility of replacing the small windows that have been rotting, (thus the leaks) with an ornamental panel that is sealed was discussed. The small windows are not needed for light.

Steve Sales reported that he has contacted a repair person to work on the porches that are leaking. Repairs are to start soon.

Jim Ansley reported on the church break-in and the damage that was sustained. The insurance will not cover the repair expense because the cost to repair is less than the deductible.

The church work day was called off due to inclement weather. The Property MT members will work on the grounds over time to complete the clean up.

Future projects for the Property MT were discussed.. It was felt that completion of the work started in the Preschool was foremost in the plans. This would include finishing the ceilings, lighting, painting and windows. The doors and windows need to have insulated glass. This area is not energy efficient.

The church is aging and there are many areas that are showing the wear and tear of daily use that will require substantial funds.

Committee on Ministry: Ginny Bradford, Chair

The fourth meeting of the Committee on Ministry was held Wednesday, December 2, at 1:00 pm in the Church Library.

Special Funds Management Committee: John Rowe, Chair

Session was asked to approve and confirm the vote of the Special Funds Management Committee taken on 12/10/09 recommending that the following grant be made from the 2009 General Endowment Income Dividend:

Brevard Women's Center: Up to a maximum of \$300 for a bookcase to house brochures directing clients to appropriate agencies for assistance with pregnancy issues.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The grant above for \$300, if approved by the Session, added to previously-approved grants of \$11,700, would bring the total grants awarded for 2009 to \$12,000, completely using all of the \$12,000 General Endowment Fund 2009 Dividend. Grants from the 2009 General Endowment Income Dividend must be approved by the Session by 12/31/09 to be eligible for payment. Any 2009 General Endowment Income Dividend remaining unapproved for grants at 12/31/09 will be reinvested in the General Endowment Fund Principal account. The Session approved the 2009 General Endowment Dividend in July, 2009. Any grants from it are to be for local outreach purposes. The grant described above has been approved by the Local Outreach MT, the Mission Division, and by the Special Funds Management Committee acting as trustees of the General Endowment Fund. No requests for grants from the 2009 General Endowment Fund Dividend have been turned down by the Special Funds Management Committee.

**Weekday Children's Ministry – Celia Ansley, Chair; Sara Winston, Lead Elder;**

The Preschool MT met Dec. 8 at 5 pm. Beth McLeod reported a change in the staff. Session has approved Joan Barham teaching the two year olds all five days and Kathy Carr and Marie Fisher as substitutes. Enrollment continues to fluctuate due to the economic situation. Two four-year-old scholarships were approved. Sara Freeman reported on the budget. If the tuition payments continue to come in on schedule, the year should be in the black. It will be close because all supplies have gone up in price. The MT is so grateful for supplies the congregation is leaving in the "Wish Box". Great News! The congregation has responded generously to our scholarship appeal donating \$4000 to date. The MT will participate in the Alternative Gift Bazaar on December 13 and 20 after each service. Gretchen has designed beautiful cards for the gifts. Committee members will be at the tables in DRH. Thank you notes will be sent to all contributors.

Children's Christmas program will be on December 21. The staff Christmas luncheon will be after school closes for Christmas break on December 21 hosted by the MT.

Next meeting will be January 12, 2010.

### **Mission Division – Ginny Bradford, Lead Elder; Don Stinchcomb, Elder**

#### **Mission Division Quarterly Meeting**

The last quarterly meeting of the year was held on December 7 at 11:00 am in the Church Lounge with 17 members attending from all ministry teams – Local Outreach, Peace and Justice and Worldwide Ministries. A Christmas Brunch was enjoyed by all attending.

#### **Ministry Team Reports:**

Peace and Justice MT: Judith West, Chair

Offering received from the Peace Making Offering was sent to Habitat for Humanity (1/4<sup>th</sup>), and to WNC Presbytery and General Assembly (3/4<sup>th</sup>). The Mid-Week Manna class, Biblical Guidance for Local Issues, has been well attended and will have the last class this Wednesday.

Local Outreach MT: Luck Shepherd, Chair

House Calls has helped 25 individuals with 19 members working and \$3000 left in the budget for future use. A final payment was made to Jennings Building Supply for \$824 to pay off the building supplies for lumber and materials for a ramp built for a paralyzed young man. Word has spread of the House Calls ministry and Sharing House has called to find out what the guidelines are for applicants.

Sharing House Food Collection – Ruth Waugaman

Members have signed up for transporting the food to Sharing House for January and February.

Sharing House contact – Gail Blunt

The food collection in November went very well with 29 church members volunteering 1 hour at Bi Lo. Laundry detergent and gently used men's coats are needed. 850 families in Transylvania County need help through the "Adopt a Family" program. It is hoped that all families will be adopted; however, if this is not the case, Sharing House provides a Christmas for each qualifying family through their general funds.

The Free Clinic – Corinne Hachbold

The fundraiser, Doc the Halls, was well attended. No one is turned away the first time. Normally, only uninsured residents are served.

#### Phone Cards for Soldiers – Horty Menser

Due to the generosity of church members, 50 cards were sent October 15 arriving in Iraq on October 26, and 60 cards were sent on November 30. The 110 cards will be distributed by a new Sgt. Major to needy soldiers. The Pisgah Forest postal worker has been very helpful in helping to send out 460 cards this year.

#### Rise & Shine – Beverly Cowan

The students are getting ready for their Christmas Play on December 17. The new camcorder has been ordered and hopefully will arrive prior to the play. This camcorder will provide feedback for the teachers and students in ways to improve self image. The grant for this purchase was approved by Special Funds Management Committee and the Session and came from the General Endowment. Mary Read, Ann Hollingsworth's mother arranged for a gift buying and wrapping day for the children where they could purchase gifts for \$ .25.

#### Presbyterian Home and Grandfather Home for Children – Charlie and Wilda Strigo

A grant request from the General Endowment was presented to Special Funds Management Committee and approved by the Session. These funds provided for 12 welcome baskets for a child's first night at the Presbyterian Home for Children. Among items included in the laundry basket were twin sheets with pillow case, towels and washcloths, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrush, hairbrush, Bible, bar of soap and an age appropriate fun item like a toy or journal.

#### Worldwide Ministries MT: Ginny Bradford, Acting Chair

Judy Nebrig reported on the Mission Celebration held in Cincinnati that concluded the Mission Connections where missionaries visited around the country. This was coordinated by Ellen Dozier. Greetings came from our own Ellen Dozier, Doug Tilton and Barbara Nagy. There was a Guatemala network meeting with our two Partnership Coordinators and Head of Guatemala Presbyterian Church. To learn more about the above visit [www.pcusa.org/missioncrossroads](http://www.pcusa.org/missioncrossroads).

Judy Nebrig reported on her recent trip to Guatemala November 10-20 in celebration of 15 years of partnership. She met with the Partnership Committee where they discussed issues related to the health program and attended the John Calvin Conference. Letters to students that had been translated by Judy were delivered and she received report cards and letters to bring back with her to distribute to sponsors. A presentation discussing these travels and connections may take place in January for all members of the church possibly during the Sunday school hour.

Louise Morgan discussed the Mission Year Book. The order has not been placed this year as many books were left from past years. It was felt that not enough promotion has been done for our missionaries and that this Mission Year Book is a good resource to learn about all PCUSA missionaries and is a good devotional tool. An announcement will be included in this Sunday's bulletin insert for anyone wishing to order the book this year. Also a motion was made, seconded and approved to purchase a Mission Year Book for each Ministry Team to be available for use as devotional material. The funds for these books will come from a Mission designated account. Louise Morgan and Doris Reeves will meet to discuss ways to promote our missionaries during the coming year.

#### Other Business:

Edwin Jones informed the members about Whitewater Cove Group Home and the remodeling of the old

Penrose Motel for “teaching parents” that will take place in the future. Two grants have been applied for.

General Endowment Grants approved from the 09 dividend:

\$500 Presbyterian Home baskets

Up to \$300 for a bookcase for the Women’s Center

Up to \$600 for a camcorder for Rise & Shine

\$600 for shoes for school children:

Gail Blunt reported that with the help of the Social Worker for the Transylvania Schools, Beth Branagan and with the help of Kmart, the 9 gift cards purchased (one for each school \$150) will help to purchase new shoes for approximately 90 students. Along with the grant of \$600 several members also gave making the total \$1350. The Elks Club helps with shoes for children but even after they had helped, 275 needy students still needed new shoes.

The Alternative Gift Bazaar will be held December 13 and 20 in DRH following each worship service.

The next quarterly meeting will be Monday, March 1 at 11:00 in the Lounge.

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New Business of Session

The new Elders elect were welcomed and examined by the Session. Tom Taylor and members of the Nominating Committee were thanked for their service. Election of new Corporate Officers took place resulting in John Hachbold, President; Phillip Jerome, Vice-President; Ginny Bradford, Secretary; and Nita Padgett, Treasurer. Ginny Bradford read a letter from the Session of Horeb church in Guatemala (our partner church). She also stated that Mission Division is purchasing Mission Yearbooks for each Ministry Team to have as a resource for devotionals for their meetings. Each outgoing Elder was thanked for his/her service.

The Moderator closed the meeting with a circle of prayer.

Ginny Bradford, Elder

***THE SESSION***

***The Rev. Dr. Keith Thompson, Moderator***

***The Rev. Robert Singdahlsen, Parish Associate***

***Jim Ansley***

***Dan Bennett, Clerk of  
Session***

***Don Gentle***

***Roy Cowan***

***Tom Taylor***

**CLASS OF 2009**

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**Larry Goodwin  
Phillip Jerome  
Don Stinchcomb  
Carolyn Turner  
Sara Winston**

**CLASS OF 2011**

**Ginny Bradford  
John Hachbold  
Freddie Hart  
Tammy Nye  
Lew Sayre  
Paula Jackson, Alternate**