

**Minutes, Flood Relief Team  
October 19, 2023  
Presbytery of Transylvania**

The Flood Relief Team met on Thursday, October 19, 2023, via Zoom technology. Members present included: Brad Napier, Tracy Counts, Linda Kurtz, Janice Stamper, Matt Falco, Larry Gray, Scot Robinson, Philip Lotspeich, and Jerry Utt. Philip called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. The group shared prayer concerns and Linda offered prayers.

Philip shared a financial report through August 31, 2023. The team reviewed the grants that have been awarded to date. Current available funds are \$47,022, less designated heating funds of \$15,351.

Site Coordinator Position Update: Philip reported. Contacts with local sessions continue, asking for their pledges of support. The position has been posted and applications are being received. Philip has contacted the Episcopal bishop to see if there are ways we can work together in areas of shared ministry.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance: Each work site needs a manual that spells out particulars: arrangements for mission workers, capacity, scope of projects, meals, community partners, calendars, and availability.

Heater Funds: Remaining funds are available for use as cold weather approaches. The small group that was formed earlier in the year (Larry, Scot, Janice, Tracy, and Brad) will communicate with churches and offer these grant funds to areas of need.

Fundraising Efforts: Discussion of how to tell the story of flood relief and recovery and inform the presbytery and others of continued and long-term needs. Idea to create stories and share with potential donors and churches. Hope is that each work site would participate in these efforts. Members of the team will assist, too. Suggestions were Janice, Tracy, Linda, Tyler, and Hannah.

Kentucky Presbyteries Meeting: November 10-11, 2023. One of the Friday workshops will include a meeting of the disaster response teams from each presbytery. Team members were encouraged to participate in this workshop.

Next Meeting: Members expressed their desire for an in-person meeting. The team will meet at FPC, London, on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, at 7 PM.

Closing: Members shared concerns, and a reminder that folks “on the ground” in Eastern Kentucky are weary and need spiritual support as well as financial and material support. Brad offered prayers and the meeting ended at 2:45 PM.

Submitted:  
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