

Minutes, Flood Relief Team
August 14, 2023
Presbytery of Transylvania

The Flood Relief Team met on Monday, August 14, 2023, via Zoom technology. Members present included: Robin Gabbard, Brad Napier, Tracy Counts, Linda Kurtz, Janice Stamper, Matt Falco, Larry Gray, Hannah McIntyre, Robyn Justus, and Jerry Utt. Robyn called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Jerry asked for prayer concerns and offered prayers to open the meeting.

Robyn reported on financial matters through July 31, 2023. Current available funds are \$62,247, less designated heating funds of \$15,351.

The grants subgroup reported that four of eight churches have asked for grant funds. Discussion centered around the timing of the use of the funds, originally set at 3 months (check-in) and then 6 months (for funds to be distributed). Some repair/rebuilding work is taking longer and team agreed to relax the standards, but still check in with churches that have received grant funds.

Robin moved that the team approve a second \$5000 grant request from Guerrant Memorial Presbyterian Church, Jackson, KY. Second and motion passed. (Guerrant Memorial has distributed funds from first grant and submitted a second application with plans to utilize more funds in their community.)

Janice moved that the team approve a \$5000 grant request from Roscoe's Daughter, Inc. (Kate Clemons), a feeding ministry operating in Knott County, KY. Second and motion passed. (FPC, Hazard had funded this project earlier from flood relief funds.)

Hannah moved that the grant funding subgroup (Robyn Justus, Janice Stamper, Tracy Counts, Brad Napier, and Tyler Ward) be authorized to award grants to outside agencies (not just churches) as the group deems appropriate, and up to \$5000, attempting to connect local congregations and community organizations where possible. The grant funding subgroup will report their actions to the full flood relief team as grants are made. Second and motion passed.

Robyn updated the team on the status of the job search for a Host Site Coordinator and Pastoral Supply for area churches. The job description has been posted to Church Leadership Connection and shared with neighboring presbyteries. The presbytery has already received applicants and the Coordinating Commission will appoint a search committee to consider resumes. Covenant pledges have been sent to area churches, asking for their support for the position (position will be shared funding from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbytery,

and local congregations). If anyone has names to suggest for the search committee, please send those to Jerry.

Matt asked how the team could support the churches in Eastern KY. Responses included spiritual support for those impacted, need for volunteers to assist in rebuilding efforts, publicize opportunities for work groups and other needs of the area. Brad noted that Presbyterian Women will meet for a fall gathering on September 16, the Presbytery's stated meeting is September 9 at FPC Winchester, and the Mission Committee will host a Mission Fair at Camp Burnamwood on October 14. All of these are opportunities to share news of the flood relief effort and continuing needs with the larger presbytery.

There was no further business and the meeting concluded at 8:05 PM. Hannah spoke prayers.

Submitted:
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Stated Clerk