

Session Highlights of the July 2025 Regular Meeting

The June session meeting was held on Tuesday, July 15, 2025. Pastor Doug conducted devotions with session on John 1:1-5. The Consent Agenda was approved containing all reports of committees, staff, Clerk of Session's Report and approval of previous minutes. Business highlights follow:

- I. Finance Report** – Elder John Wood and Sandy Campbell reviewed the financial statements (Treasurer's Report) distributed with the session packet. Receipts for the month of June 2025 totaled \$54,699 compared to the June 2024 total of \$48,620. Receipts are slightly behind the 2025 budget. However, total YTD 2025 revenue is \$361,957 compared to same time last year of \$313,593.

Total expenses for YTD 2025 were \$364,996 producing net loss (revenue minus expenses) through June 2025 in the amount of (\$3,039). In June of 2024 YTD expenses amounted to \$311,489 with 2024 net income YTD of \$2,105. The 2025 budget has a planned deficit of (\$26,829). A significantly increased deficit will be seen in July due to the fact that we have three payrolls in that month.

At last month's meeting it was decided that the session's discretionary amount from the Coler bequest, which amounted to \$7,000, be made available to committees. Finance requested proposals be submitted before the July 14 finance meeting. Only Missions met the deadline and submitted a request. Outreach submitted a request today and Youth indicated they were interested in submitting a proposal. Since there may be a second check from the estate, it was determined to hold off on a decision as to how the bequest would be divided until later in the summer as the amount becomes clearer. This permits time for committees to make thoughtful requests with specific proposals as to how they would put the funds to work.

The second reading of the new **Offering and Counting Procedure policy** was delivered at tonight's meeting. Session **APPROVED** the policy as presented. Policy was attached to the May 2025 session minutes.

II. New Business.

- A.** The finance committee recommends changes regarding the definition of two Mission's designated funds: 3099, Miscellaneous Missions and 3100, Local Missions as follows:

1. Remove the clause regarding the limit of 20% of the fund value that can be used for withdrawal by the committee each year.
2. Change this to a statement of "individual awards/gifts over \$10,000 should receive Finance Committee approval. The committee or Business Administrator reserve the right to delay spending these awards/gifts if cash equivalent investments (e.g., CD's) need time to mature in order to make funds available."

Rational – Given the current level of high liquidity, the church's finances can sustain awards/gifts beyond the 20% limit. Additionally, these two accounts plus

two others controlled by the Missions Committee have over \$150,000 available for use. We want to encourage use where appropriate.

Session **APPROVED** the changes.

B. The Outreach Committee seeks approval for the use of Dale Hall, Hassler Chapel and the kitchen for a craft bazaar on Saturday November 29, 2025. The request was **APPROVED**.

C. The Outreach Committee seeks session approval for use of front lawn for selling yard sale spaces as part of the borough-wide yard sale day on Saturday, September 20, 2025. Outreach will run a table selling donated items from members, proceeds to support the outreach budget.

1. After discussion, it was decided that no space will be offered to outside vendors this year. Individual MPC members could be accommodated space, free of charge.

2. It was also determined that a plan exists that guarantees no unsold items will be returned to the church. Unsold items will be donated to Green Drop or returned to members.

Session **APPROVED** the revised request.

D. The Outreach Committee seeks session approval for the use of Dale Hall, Hassler Chapel, and the kitchen for a craft bazaar on Saturday, November 29, 2025. Session **APPROVED** the request.

E. The outreach Committee requests session approval to hold the annual church picnic on Sunday, September 7, 2025, following the worship service. Use of the front lawn, kitchen and Dale Hall are requested. The request was **APPROVED**.

III. There being no other new business, a **motion** was made and **seconded** to **adjourn** the meeting. **Motion** was **APPROVED** and the meeting was **adjourned** at 7:30 PM. The moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

Joseph A. Hare
Clerk of Session