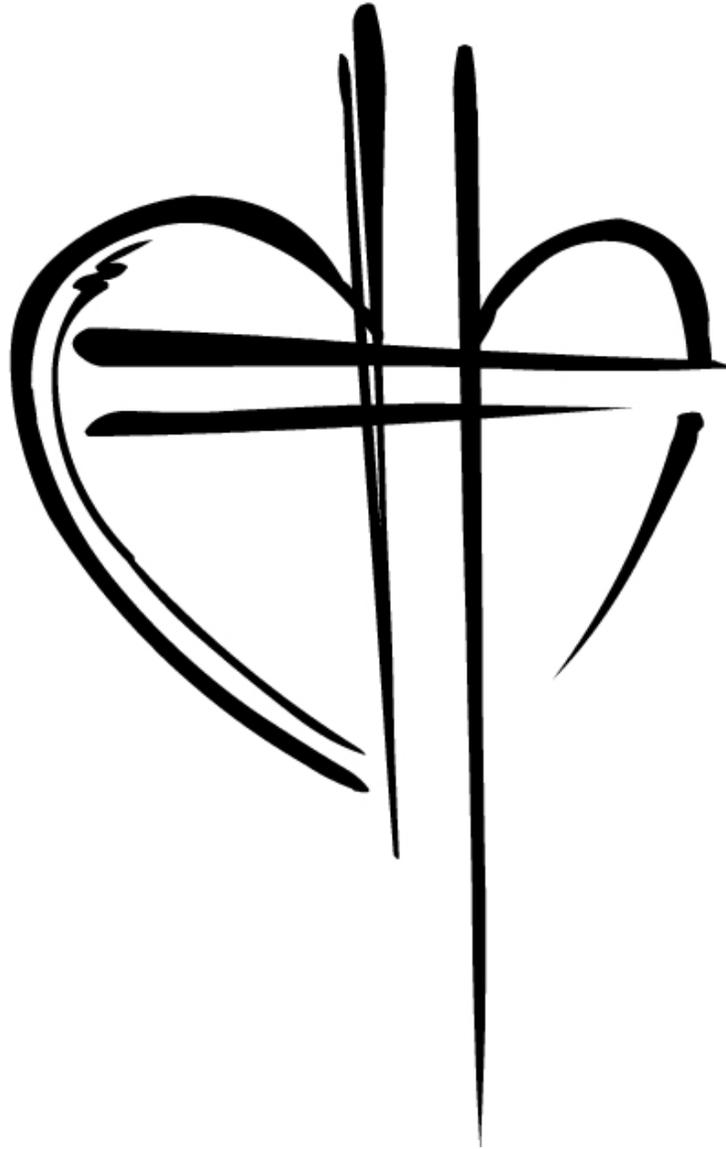


BOOK OF REPORTS

BUSINESS MEETING

September 20, 2022



WINFREE MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Clerk's Report on Membership

September 20, 2022

Total membership after the last business meeting on May 17, 2022 **1,449**

Since the last business meeting, the following members have joined Winfree:

Kathy Jackson	7/24/2022 transfer of letter
Joshua Roberts	7/24/2022 transfer of letter
Roger Fox	7/29/2022 via statement of faith
Deborra Fox	7/29/2022 via statement of faith
Bradley Moore	9/4/2022 via transfer of letter

Subtotal **5**

Since the last business meeting, the following members' status has changed:

Marian Hartig	deceased 5/25/2022
Lucy Rutledge	deceased 8/12/2022
Henry Polczer	dropped 8/26/2022
Lou Benjamin	deceased 9/19/2022

Total membership as of September 20, 2022 **1,450**

Winfree Memorial Baptist Church Business Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2022

Sam McNeny, the church moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:02. He reminded attendees that David Williams is the organizer and then Sam read the Children's Bible verse for April, Isaiah 6:18 and opened the meeting with a prayer. Sam reminded the group that the quorum for 2022 is 51; he stated that we would work to hold an efficient meeting, but that if we move too quickly, members should please speak up. He also reminded everyone that the Book of Reports is online, and that David would mute everyone to avoid unnecessary distraction due to background noise and to unmute yourself. Use *6 to unmute if you are voice only. He reminded everyone that voting for any recommendations would be online. Please watch for an email with the link to voting after the meeting. Voting will close at 4:00 PM Thursday July 14th. David Williams covered the technology reminders on how to chat and take part in the meeting. Mary Scott Garrett, church clerk, read the report on membership, and as there were no corrections, the report was approved. One correction was reported for minutes from the previous meeting. Old Business below.

Ed Wickham, Church Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report. He noted our former church finance administrator, Susie, is helping Lindy, new church finance administrator. They are working to reconcile the church finances. Quick Books shows there is an error in our records, as they do not match the bank statement balance. The end of the year bank account was correct, there is no malfeasance, just human error. Typically, when we find that our records do not match the bank statement, it is a matter of failing to list an expense in Quick Books. Ed noted that the membership continues to support our missions generously. We saw approximately \$122,000 in donations, and May is looking to be similar; we are blessed by the generosity of our congregation, and Stewardship will have the pleasant job of deciding what we can do to glorify God with this money. He also mentioned that Lindy and Susie surely deserve our thanks for doing their job so well; we hope the books can be finalized in the next few weeks.

The moderator reminded all participants that the agenda follows the Book of Reports, and he thanked the Treasurer's team.

Dan Ogden, Team lead for Stewardship and Admin, stated that the Property and Space team had been very busy and mentioned the following accomplishments: the gravel parking lot next to the old sanctuary has been leveled and gravel has been spread, a brick pillar that had fallen apart has been repaired, and some lighting in our facilities has been improved. Dan mentioned that the Special Receptions Committee has new members. He also mentioned that Personnel continues to seek an AV coordinator. We would like to find someone soon, and we are reaching out to VCU as well as the local

community colleges to see if we can find someone. Dan asked that we review the Book of Reports for a list of recommendations from the Nominating Committee. Sam read the list of committee recommendations and reminded everyone that we will need to vote on these recommendations, which can be found on page 9 of the Book of Reports. Sam also read several recommendations from Church Council:

1. Jimmy Doan would like to take an 11-week sabbatical from 5/24/22-8/7/22 (please see page 7 of the Book of Reports for details of his plans.)
2. Committee members recommendations for The Foundation for the Future (please see the Book of Reports for full list of names/terms of service)

Vivian Sillmon presented the report from Discipleship and Training. She stated that the Search Team for the Minister to Young Adults is narrowing down their list of candidates; please continue to pray for them as they continue to search for our perfect candidate. She also noted that attendance/participation by adults has increased, and she suggested that we check for class meeting times as well as small group meeting times. She also noted that we have a small new library. Weekday Preschool has new funds and is planning for floor repair and painting. The Preschool is planning a summer camp and they are working on recertification; they still need a new lead teacher and substitute teachers. Vivian noted that the Bereavement Team will start back to hosting receptions for funerals.

Meredith Sigler presented the Worship and Celebration Team Report. We had greater than 600 people in attendance for our Easter Services, which is really encouraging. She thanked everyone who contributed an Easter Lily. She is still looking for ways to bring elements of traditional worship to the contemporary service and contemporary elements to the traditional worship service. Please share your suggestions with her.

Sue Patrick presented the Missions Outreach report. The Backpack Ministry is now meeting and helping multiple schools. Friends of the Homeless is a great place to help; please reach out to Sarah Nunn if you are interested in helping with this valuable ministry. Please refer to the Book of Reports.

Old Business:

There was one correction from the last business meeting. Doug Garrett will be a deacon, instead of Doug Godfrey (please see the Book of Reports).

Staff Comments:

Jimmy Doan stated that he is extremely excited about taking his sabbatical and has been planning to take classes during this time, which will begin after Senior Sunday is completed. He, Megan, and Sassy plan to go on a camping trip to South Dakota, and he

feels very comfortable with the adult leadership of the Youth Group as well as our interns, Abi and Nathan.

Cynthia Collins stated that we had greater than 100 participants and helpers for the educational offering on March 18, and that the Easter Extravaganza was HUGE with greater than 600 people attending; we ran out of cotton candy, but we learned from it and will adjust for the future. We will work with the Outreach Committee. Please see the BOR for details of plans for child-friendly offerings at the Food Truck Fridays, Play Dates in July, and Camp Go. Cynthia noted that we see young families visiting every Sunday, but we are still missing some since Covid. BAM has resumed, and Jennifer has taken on the Children's Choir as of March.

Matt Knesal mentioned that he is happy to be a permanent part of the team (no longer interim!) and he is excited about the opportunities. He thanked the AV team and the Worship team and mentioned that there are 6 new Band/vocal members since November along with 3 new AV team members. The Preschool Service has been a success and the Youth Praise team is back; he is excited about the future.

David Benjamin briefly discussed staff: Lindy is GREAT, and her son is playing with the praise team; the choir is thrilled to have Jennifer, who is encouraging and is pushing them to improve; Matt is so enthusiastic and David loves what he brings to the staff. We will need a permanent AV person. The search team is looking for the new Minister to Young Adults; they have completed 2 rounds of interview and have narrowed down to one candidate. They are working on background checks and reference checks for this candidate and hope to bring the candidate forward in early Summer. David then mentioned that we have had lots of visitors, both young and old; we need to remember to be encouraging and welcoming when we see someone we do not know. People often come because of a connection. He mentioned someone at his health club had listened in to our Easter Service and David told him that Winfree was one of the healthiest/happiest churches with whom he has ever worked. The man mentioned he would come to visit. We need to help people find us. Monday night services are continuing. If you find you have a conflict on Sunday, please attend worship on Monday.

Sam closed us with his morning devotional of Numbers 6 at 8pm.

On May 25, 2022, the moderator reported to the clerk that he had reviewed the results of online voting and the following motions were approved by the congregation.

Ø Motion 1 Sabbatical

§ Motion: The Personnel Committee and the Church Council recommends granting Jimmy Doan a sabbatical period of eleven consecutive weeks of leave with full pay and benefits. The dates for the sabbatical shall be 05/24/2022 to 08/07/2022

Ø Motion 2 Foundation for the future committee

§ Foundation For the Future This new committee recommends the approval of the following to serve as listed below. Terms are as listed: • Dee Slaughter term to end 12/31/2024 • Aida Thomas term to end 12/31/2024 • Carolyn Clements term to end 12/31/2023 • Ben Sillmon term to end 12/31/2023 • Lance Mason term to end 12/31/2022 • Michelle Leitch term to end 12/31/2022

Ø Motion 3 Nominating Committee – Dan Ogden

§ Motion: Nominating recommends the approval of the following nominations for approval. Betsy Harris – Special Receptions term to end 12/31/2024 Shirley Rudin – Special Receptions term to end 12/31/2024 Robin Jenkins – Weekday Preschool term to end 12/31/2024 Jason Sigler – Weekday Preschool term to end 12/31/2024

Ø Motion 4 Deacons - Discipleship Training Team –Vivian Sillmon

§ Deacons – John Dangerfield – Chair Motion: The Deacons recommend the approval of Doug Garrett to serve a 3-year term as a deacon ending 12/24 (Note this motion will correct the action from our January meeting where we mistakenly approved Doug Godfrey)

Called Business Meeting Minutes Winfree Church
July 12, 2022

Sam McNeny, church moderator, called the online meeting to order at 7:03. He reminded the congregation that this was a called meeting to consider a recommendation from the Young Adult Minister Search committee, the meeting has been properly advertised, and Voting will be online after the meeting is complete. Voting will be open until 4:00 PM Thursday July 14th.

The moderator read the following motion and opened the floor discussion.

The Young Adult Minister Search Team unanimously recommends that Winfree Church call Rev. Joshua Roberts to serve as our full-time Minister to Young Adults.

Jon Haynes, search team member, spoke in favor of the motion and described the committee's process. A quick discussion followed.

Both the moderator and David Benjamin, Senior Pastor thanked the committee.

On July 14 at 5:10 PM the moderator notified the Clerk, David Benjamin, Hannah Roberts, Jon Haynes, and Kelsea Burton that he had reviewed the results of the voting and declared a quorum had participated in the vote and a 3/4 affirmative vote was obtained. Dr. Benjamin later reported that Joshua Roberts had accepted the call.

Treasurer's Report: Ed Wickham

Jan 1, 2021 – Dec 31, 2021 - Financial Statistics

Budget	1/1/21 – 12/31/21	\$1,341,392	100%
Receipts	1/1/21 – 12/31/21	\$1,523,812	113.2%
Expenses	1/1/21 – 12/31/21	\$1,258,455	93.8%
Net Income	12/31/2021	\$265,357	
Unspent Net Income	2020	\$34,557	
Mortgage	12/31/2021	\$2,429,387	

Jan 1, 2022 – August 31, 2022 - Financial Statistics*

Budget 12 Mo	1/1/22 – 12/31/22	\$1,473,756	
Budget to date	1/1/22 – 8/31/22	\$982,504	
Receipts	1/1/22 – 8/31/22	\$938,404	95.5%
Expenses	1/1/22 – 8/31/22	\$891,157	90.7%
Rec vs Exp	1/1/22 – 8/31/22	\$47,247	
Mortgage	8/28/22	\$2,310,268	

Investments - 7/31/2022

- CD at Virginia Baptist Foundation (VBF) – \$100,000, 2.44%, 52 Mo, Current Value \$111,169
- CD at Blue Ridge Bank- \$100,000, 2.00%, 60 Mo (expir 2/9/25), Current Value \$105,000
- Money Market Account at VBF* - \$100,000, 1.8% (*rate expir 6/27/20), Current Value \$101,335

- Money Market Account at Atlantic Union Bank - \$100,000, 1.75%, 12 Mo (rate expir 2/2021), Current Value \$207,308 (includes \$102,512 funds rec'd 1/6/22 as designated Endowment Gift)

Comments

- The 2022 data **is not reconciled!!!!** Yes, that means there are errors!
- The normal process is for Stewardship to allocate prior year's Net Income in First Quarter. They do that based on multiple Inputs and report at the next Business Meeting.
- Stewardship's general allocation options are to reduce debt, fund new/enhanced missions, complete delinquent maintenance, and/or increase reserve funding.
- Some of the Preschool contributions for building maintenance have not been booked.

Administration Team: Dan Ogden

Stewardship – Tony Haynes, Chair

We meet monthly to monitor our church's finances and address funding requests for items not included in the normal budget. To date, giving has exceeded expenses. Because of the issues caused by our previous financial administrator, we are behind in some administrative details. In August, we finally closed the books on 2021 and were able to address the allocation of the net income for that year. Church Council has approved the recommended allocation of \$264,000.

1. MISSIONS and OUTREACH		
	BGAV-ASCENT - North American evangelism	\$25,000
	Future Ukranian Church liaison (new designated funds)	\$30,000
	Local Ukranian refugee assistance	\$5,000
	Total for Missions and Outreach	\$60,000
2. DEPT RETIREMENT		\$100,000
3. FACILITY REPAIRS / ENHANCEMENTS		
	Bathroom renovations	\$28,000
	Pre-school deck and drainage	\$21,000
	MAC lobby shades	\$18,000
	External signage	\$5,000
	Total for Facility Repairs / Enhancements	\$72,000
4. STRENGTHENING RESERVES		
	P&S Emergency Reserves	\$15,000
5. ENDOWMENT CONTRIBUTION		
	Endowment Contribution total	\$17,000
RECOMMENDATIONS TOTAL		\$264,000

There is a little more than \$35,000 in net income yet to be allocated, and we are canvassing the Team leads to ensure all unfunded requests are addressed. Any remaining net income beyond those requests will be applied to P&S emergency reserve. We are grateful for your continued generosity.

Property & Space – Dewey Lackner, chair

The Property and Space (P&S) committee under the direction of Dewey Lackner has had a busy summer. Here is a list of some of the recently completed projects:

1. Painting and flooring in the Preschool. Sloping an uneven floor in Connection was leveled out during this process.
2. Replaced deck boards, handrails, and guardrails on the deck with composite material. Composite material will last longer and require less maintenance. Vertical slats were painted to match.
3. Bathroom renovation project. Countertops, sinks, faucets, and toilets were replaced in the Restrooms in the Bunker, main Sanctuary floor and third floor. The committee would like to make a special thanks to members Brenda Jones, JoAnn Carter, and Kitty DeWeese for meeting with and their selection of the countertops and related materials.
4. Drainage / erosion issue in the Preschool was corrected by redoing the downspouts so they connect to a buried pipe that takes the runoff away from the building. This step was necessary for two reasons:
 - A. Rain runoff was in danger of eroding the foundation under the preschool deck
 - B. Rain runoff was washing mulch off the playground into the play yard causing the need for multiple mulch reapplications.
5. Fluorescent light ballasts were upgraded from T12 ballasts to T8 ballasts. The T8 ballasts are more energy efficient and do not have the delay in illuminating when turned on.
6. Exterior doorknobs/locksets were replaced in the Preschool.
7. Windows were cleaned in the Main Sanctuary, MAC, and Breezeway
8. Back doors of the Preschool facing the playground were corrected. They were not closing properly and had a gap that has been corrected.
9. Work done to correct issues with RTU1 and controls for the HVAC to the MAC.
10. Ice maker in MAC kitchen repaired.
11. Lightning caused damage to two relays for the lights in the MAC. Relays were replaced.
12. Sewage drain in the Bunker was cleaned, camera scoped and jetted to prevent backup.
13. Debris covering the drain on the outside of the Bunker was cleaned and power washed.
14. After the preschool was painted and floors replaced, members of P&S joined together with Children's ministry committee and reset the 8 classrooms with furniture, new window, and door blinds as well as new bulletin boards in each classroom. On the encouragement of our P&S members, two Ukrainian families who have recently relocated to the area have been instrumental in painting, window washing and other tasks that they have been eager to fill.

In addition, PTFM Gary Jenkins has worked fulltime with chair Dewey Lackner in managing the various contractors in these projects.

Here are the Ongoing Projects:

1. Countertops, and sinks to be replaced in Preschool Women's adult restroom.
2. Toilets to be replaced in the Preschool Women's and Men's adult restrooms.
3. Painting the Restrooms in the Bunker, main sanctuary floor, and third floor on October 17. This includes the stalls in the Bunker and Main Sanctuary floor Restrooms.
4. HVAC issue affecting half of the classes in the Preschool. The existing indoor air handling unit is 23 years old, and the outdoor heat pump is 18 years old. Life expectancy is 15 years. This is going to require total replacement.
5. Landscaping in front of the pillars in front of the Chapel to improve curb appeal.

AV/IT – David Williams, chair

The AV team continues to ensure live worship and online worship are consistent and available for traditional, contemporary, and Monday services. We continue to upgrade and improve our technology while staying within our budget. Volunteers have stepped up to assist with AV in all services. I want to thank all volunteers for their dedication, time, and the ability to be flexible.

We have completed the search for and filled our part time AV position. Our new AV Tech is Brian Penczak. Brian runs his own AV production business "Penczak Audio Productions". He comes to us with experience in all areas of audio, visual, and production-related technologies. Please welcome Brian when you see him at Sunday and Monday services.

There are no major projects pending currently. Equipment will be replaced on an as-needed basis. The traditional and contemporary AV setups are uniform and up to date so training volunteers is easier and consistent across systems.

AV/IT would like to place the following names for your consideration for the AV/IT committee. All terms to begin immediately and end 12/2024.

David Williams (Chair)
Greg Beasley
Mike Curtis
Daniel Dos Santos
Dan Gayk
David Krouse
Chad Nixon
Jerry Stevenson
Mike Wickham
Isaac Weston

Personnel – Scott Barlow, chair

Rev. Joshua Roberts accepted our offer to become the Minister of Young Adults effective July 2022.

Brian Penczak accepted our offer to become the part-time Audio-Visual Director effective September 7, 2022. He will be responsible for overseeing the effective operation of equipment used to enhance live church events including microphones, video recorders, lighting, sound equipment, graphics, and live streaming by trained volunteers. Brian runs his own audio production company specializing in sound and studio work.

Jimmy Doan returned from his sabbatical. This time was used for travel, education, and the continued development of the Winfree Youth ministry.

Safety – Brian Lewis, chair

The committee met August 21 and picked a new chair, Mike Oberschmidt, and Assistant chair, Tim Jackson, and reconstituted the committee. We also gathered a list of volunteers to add to our current roster. We contacted CCPD to discuss the discrepancy of officer pay with the 2022 budgeted amount. Met with Officer DJ Dietrich, Corporal Echrich, and their Sergeant and reviewed the entire church property looking for vulnerabilities. Received the report back and forwarded to both Safety and Risk Management committees for their review and action. Ordered new AED pads for October delivery.

The safety committee would like to place the following names for your consideration as committee members. All terms to begin immediately and end 12/2024.

Mike Oberschmidt - Chairperson
Tim Jackson - Asst. Chairperson
Mike Curtis - Member
Andrew McGowan - Member
Glenn Taylert - Member
Brian Wigglesworth – Member
Gerry Smith ad hoc member
Brian Oberschmidt ad hoc liaison

Risk Management

The committee would like to place the following names for your consideration as committee members. All terms to begin immediately and end 12/2024.

David Krouse - Member
Courtney Rose – Member

Child Care

No meetings

Constitution & By-Laws

The committee did not meet

Nominating:

Did not meet

Special Receptions Committee

We enjoyed hosting the reception that followed the Children's Spring Musical. The program was excellent, and the reception was sweet. Thanks, Winfree for the child-friendly food you brought to this pot-luck reception! In July we hosted a "Meet and Greet" for pastoral candidate Rev. Josh Roberts. This event gave people a chance to welcome Josh and chat with him.

Keep an eye on your calendar for events in the fall and winter. We pray Winfree Church will take every opportunity to fellowship together!!

Discipleship Team: Vivian Sillmon

Ministry to Adults – Joshua Roberts

I want to thank everyone for welcoming me to Winfree Church. I have been enjoying getting to know you and life at Winfree. I look forward to working with you as we seek to reach the Midlothian community.

Ministry to Children and Families – Cynthia Collins

I. Activities and events since the Church Council Meeting May 3, 2022

a. Sunday Morning Bible Study: We continue to be in need of volunteers and are still working on a skeleton crew. Attendance has not returned to pre COVID numbers.

i. Preschool SMBS: During the summer there have been 2 classes; Infants and ones and Ages 2-5. These classes are in both worship hours.

ii. Elementary SMBS: in the 9:40 a.m. hour only. There are two classes for grades K-2 and 3-5. If attendance continues to increase we will need to divide back into classes for grades K&1, 2&3 and 4&5. That will mean the Adult classes that are currently meeting in room 303 will need to relocate.

I. B.A.M. (Bible, Arts and Missions): Did not meet during the summer but resumed on Sunday, September 11 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. We have 3 youth paid childcare workers to help during these hours.

- a. **Preschoolers on Mission and Kids on Mission:** Meet from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. The curriculum this year is from the CBF and the unit for September is Ukraine and CBF Field Personnel Mina and Gennady Podiasky.
 - i. **Preschoolers on Mission:** Leaders are Janette Shaheen and Megan Reed.
 - ii. **Kids on Mission:** Leaders are Cynthia and Beth and Jerry Stevenson
 - b. **Preschool Choir:** Meets from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Leader is Rick Kaerwer. We are looking for one more adult to help in this class.
 - c. **Children’s Choir:** Meets from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Leaders are Jennifer Ripley, Shirley Stover, Amanda Alley, and Janette Shaheen. The Children’s Choir will participate in the Night of Christmas Music on December 11 at 5:00 p.m.
- II. Summer Events 2022:**
- a. **Camp GO! (God and Others):** For elementary aged children Monday through Friday, June 27 – July 1, 9:00 a.m. to noon. There were 94 children registered and 35 leaders. The week was divided by Monday, Wednesday, Friday Cross Games schedule and Tuesday & Thursday crafts and missions. This was new to Winfree this year. The Children’s Committee wanted to try this schedule as an alternative to the regular VBS theme and schedule.
 - b. **August 2 – 4, Jesus and Me Camp:** For preschoolers ages 3 to JK Tuesday – Thursday, from 9:00 to noon. This camp schedule included crafts, synagogue school, missions, playground and “tribe time”. We had 54 children registered and 25 leaders. This was new to Winfree this year. The Children’s Committee wanted to try this schedule as an alternative to the regular VBS theme and schedule.
 - c. **Evaluation:** The Children’s Committee evaluated both camps and decided to go back to the VBS model where both preschool and elementary age children attend at the same time. Having a “hands on” mission time and crafts rather than sciency gizmos was decided as well. This will be put into place for VBS 2023.
- III. Food Truck Fridays:** Cynthia worked with Sue Patrick, Outreach Committee Chair, on these events during June, July and August. The first week of each month Matt Knesal was in charge of Music Nights. We had 2 Petting Zoo nights, two Bounce House nights, 3 Cotton Candy and Bubbles nights, and one Giant Slide night. Many community people attended as well as Winfree members. This event reached the goal of reaching out and enticing the community to come onto Winfree’s campus in a nonthreatening environment. A big thank you to everyone who attended and helped.

- IV. **Sweets & Supplies Event:** Cynthia worked with the Outreach Committee on this event which collected enough school supplies to donate to the Backpack Ministry elementary school counselors.
- V. **Fall Foam Party:** Sunday, August 28 from 4-5 p.m. This was a fun event to kick off our Fall programming. Approx. 50 people were in attendance from the very young to 5th graders. Popsicles and ice cream was served. It was a blast! Everyone had a great time.
- VI. **Winfree Preschool Update:** The renovation of the Preschool Building was completed the week before Jesus and Me Camp. A **BIG Thank You** to everyone who came out the week before to clean and turn around each Preschool room to enable them to be used for camp. The new flooring and paint look great. And, the new deck is also complete. It looks marvelous! Thanks to Gary Jenkins for overseeing this big project.
- **Winfree Preschool** can hold 175 children, we have 173 registered! Staff is hard at work getting ready for school to begin on September 5.
 - **Welcome Back Days** are Tuesday, September 5 and Wednesday, September 6. Meet on the sanctuary porch at 9:00 a.m. to get ready to line up and welcome children and families with noise makers, signs and enthusiasm.
 - **Welcome Back Dinners** were September 12, 13 & 15 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. the Outreach Committee is providing families with a fried chicken dinner as they Fellowship with other parents and Winfree members to welcome children and families to a new school year.
 - **Chapel Services**, Cynthia and Matt Knesal will be doing which are one per class, a total of four services once a month beginning September 19 & 20.
- VII. **Upcoming Events and Activities:**
- a. **Parent Workshop** *POSTPONED*
 - b. **Children's Worship:** during the 11:00 a.m. service. The Children's Committee has been discussing this for several months. We hopefully will be able to begin this in October. Cynthia is presently working on curriculum and leadership.

Ministry to Youth – Jimmy Doan

Special thanks to Abi Rutledge and Nathan Tuck for interning with the youth ministry this summer to allow me to go on my much-appreciated sabbatical! They did an amazing job all summer! We're trying some new things for the fall and are super excited to see how they play out.

New Sunday Night Schedule Each Month:

1st: Small Group or Large service projects to be done for community or church members

2nd: Regular Sunday Night SURGE – 5-7 pm with Games, Worship, Message, Small Groups, and Dinner

3rd: Small Group Meet Individually this week – at whatever time and place works best for them

The goal of this is to allow the small groups to bond in a different and deeper way than normal SNS nights. It also allows students to bring their friends with them to their small group and meet a smaller number of students and leaders first before coming to a big SNS night.

4th: Regular Sunday Night SURGE – 5-7 pm with Games, Worship, Message, Small Groups, and Dinner

We are also bringing back our Mid-Week Night on Wednesdays: We will meet in the Bunker from 6:30 -7:30 pm and do a recap and further discussion based on the message from the previous Sunday. This will allow anyone who must miss on Sunday to be able to come on Wednesday night and still get the lesson for that week. And if they already came on Sunday then we get to have a more in-depth discussion about the topic on Wednesday night to layer the concept to them.

Each quarter, we'll focus on one spiritual habit. These habits will guide everything we do for that quarter.

In the Fall we'll focus on spending time with others so we can help students find a safe community at the beginning of the year. They'll need that community to keep them engaged and growing throughout the rest of the year.

Upcoming Events:

10/2: Service Project Day with BGAV Disaster Relief

10/16: Small Group Week

10/30: **NO SNS - Trunk or Treat 3-5 pm**

11/4-6: Camp Willow Run Retreat

11/6: **NO SNS - CWR weekend**

11/13: Service Project Day

11/27: **NO SNS – Thanksgiving weekend**

Sunday School Administrator – Aggie Blocker

Adult Bible study attendance was holding steady throughout the summer and hopefully will continue to rise now that school has started back this fall. We encourage you to find a Sunday School class or small group for study and fellowship.

June Avg. Attendance: 131

Total Enrolled (from end of June mo. adjust.): 360

% Attendance / Enrollment: 36%

July Avg. Attendance: 139

Total Enrolled (from end of July mo. adjust.): 357

% Attendance / Enrollment: 39%

August Avg. Attendance: 144

Total Enrolled (from end of August mo. adjust.): 357

% Attendance / Enrollment: 40%

The Winfree Church App is now active, and soon the adult Sunday School classes and small groups will be able to enter their own attendance records going forward! More to come on that in the coming months. If you have not downloaded the app yet, you can do so by searching for Winfree Church on the app store. When you go into the app itself, under the Connect tab, you can see all available Adult Sunday Bible study classes offered and the times offered, as well as all mid-week small groups offered, their times, locations, and leaders.

Deacons – John Dangerfield – Chair

Nothing new to report at this time.

Spiritual Life –

No report.

Weekday Preschool – Becky Pizzini – Chair

The new school year started on September 6 and 7. The preschool building received many upgrades over the summer: beautiful new flooring, a fresh coat of paint, and new window blinds. In addition, the deck was rebuilt, and new mulch delivered!

Preschool enrollment is very good. Only one open spot remains available for the 2022-2023 school year. In addition to story time with Mrs. Morrissette, the preschool director, students will now also have music with Mrs. Dean, the assistant director.

Family dinners were held by the church on September 12, 13, and 15 to welcome back all students and their families.

Bereavement Committee – Robin McNeny – Chair

Our committee is so happy to be back at work. We rejoice in the responsiveness of our congregation when a call for reception food is issued. Thank you to all who serve on the Bereavement Committee Service Teams. Since the last Business Meeting we provided a reception following Lucy Rutledge’s memorial service. Her family appreciated the opportunity to speak to friends and family.

The Bereavement Committee would love to have 1 – 2 new committee members to work with us to set-up and carry out funeral receptions. In addition, if someone in our congregation would like to be “on call” to provide food for a funeral reception, a few of our Service Teams could use help. Anyone interested in either of these tasks should contact Robin McNeny.

Worship and Celebration Team: Meredith Sigler

Date	Notes	9:40	11:00	Mon Night	Sun Total
May 22		130	197	34	327
May 29		117	185	11	302
Jun 05		104	175	24	279
Jun 12		108	136	13	244
Jun 19		115	185	24	300
Jun 26		107	183	21	290
Jul 03	July 4 Wkndm NO Monday night svc	99	196		295
Jul 10		100	169	25	269
Jul 17		103	159	28	262
Jul 24		105	174	28	279
Jul 31		120	180	28	300
Aug 07	Christy Foldenauer preaching Sun, Matt preaching Mon	111	191	28	302
Aug 14	Josh preaching, Boy Scout Sunday	152	204	36	356
Aug 21		97	203	27	300
Aug 28		108	194	35	302
Sep 04	Labor Day Weekend one svc @ 11a = 237				
Sept 11		108	205	32	313
Sept 18		121	180	23	301

The Worship Team continues to work to enhance all three services. We are having visitors at each service. Members have joined in all services. Please continue to extend

the Winfree welcome to our visitors. Planning for holiday worship services is in progress. If you have comments for the team, please contact us.

Missions and Outreach: Sue Patrick

Rice Bowl Collection (Craig & Sharon Hopson) – No Report.

CARITAS (Debbie Paul) – No report.

Pregnancy Resource Center (Cordia Henneman) - No Report.

Appalachian Outreach (Debbie Haynes) – No report.

Middle District Rep / Gideons (John Simpson) – No report.

Joyful Noise (Shirley Stover) – No report.

Needles & Hooks (Debbie Valenti & Alice Bunch) – Needles and Hooks are now meeting again in person.

MOPS – MOPS is on hold at present.

Backpack Ministry (Terry Jones and Susan Oberschmidt) – The Backpack ministry has started for the Fall 2022 school year. For the first week, we served 58 people representing 12 families across 3 schools (Greenfield Elementary, Robious Elementary and Old Hundred Elementary). We have communicated with all 7 schools that we served last year, and each school is assessing their student needs. We expect to hear from the other schools in the coming weeks.

This ministry provides weekend meal support for students and their families in need. Paper bags are used for each family. Our focus is on serving students and families who have food insecurity. This ministry typically serves the following schools:

- Watkins Elementary
- Greenfield Elementary
- Midlothian Middle
- Bon Air Elementary
- Old Hundred Elementary
- Reams Elementary
- Robious Elementary

The number of people served by the Backpack Ministry varies with the need. Last Spring, the ministry served 128 people each week, representing 27 families, across 7 schools.

The Backpack Ministry needs paper grocery bags with handles, like the ones that Kroger gives out. If you can donate some, it would be greatly appreciated.

We are so thankful to God and the Winfree congregation for the ability to provide food and show God's love to students and their families in need.

Helping Hands (Doug Garrett) – No report

Friends of the Homeless (Sara Nunn) – Many thanks to all the volunteers that have supported FOH through Winfree this year! With the generosity of members who have faithfully given financially, through the gifts of monthly food donations, through the numerous volunteers who donate time and energy preparing our monthly lunches AND the much-needed emergency lunches, the monthly lunch program has run smoothly in 2022. We will continue to serve 80-100 meals on the 4th Tuesdays and will do our special chicken lunches for the foreseeable future.

With cold weather approaching, there is a need for clean sleeping bags and/or blankets. Please contact Sara Nunn (saranunn@comcast.net) for information.

WMU (JoAnn Carter) – Women on Mission continues to meet on the second Thursday of each month from 10:30 to 11:30 in the Bryan-Mapp Hall. Our next meeting is October 6th, and we will pack Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes. We will also study and pray for missionaries around the world.

September is the month for Alma Hunt Virginia Missions offering. Every dollar given goes directly to Virginia Missions.

Greeting Card Collection for Fluvanna women's correctional center will end for the year on Sunday, October 23rd. We collect greeting cards, notecards, stamps, and unsharpened wooden pencils (no calendars please). These can be placed in the church office or mail closet. Thank you to all who have donated cards – over 4,000 so far! For more information, contact JoAnn Carter at 804-897-4379.

Community Outreach (Sue Patrick) – We have some amazing additions to our Missions and Outreach team. Angela Godfrey, Nathan Tuck, Suzanne Drake, and Sarah Roeske have joined, and Rev. Josh Roberts is our staff representative. We are busy planning our fall activities and ministries for our church and our community.