

TRINITY PRESCHOOL BOARD MOTIONS FOR SESSION CONSIDERATION

After much prayerful consideration and discussion, the TPS Board has made the difficult unanimous recommendation to the Session that the preschool be discontinued effective immediately. Reasons for the Board's decision included;

1. the need to hire a preschool director following the resignation of Beth Erber (who had planned on resigning months ago unrelated to the proposed closing of the preschool);
2. need to hire at least one teacher;
3. feedback from prospective parents saying they need a full day preschool program;
4. the uncertainty of the number of children who would enroll given the continuing concerns of the pandemic;
5. and financial concerns.

The Session unanimously approved the TPS Board's motion at the May 10 Session meeting after an emotionally charged discussion regarding the success of the TPS program.

The TPS Board has responsibility for several remaining funds and the Board strongly feels that these funds be used in a manner consistent with the original wishes of the donors—that they be used for the education and development of young children. These funds will be combined into one fund entitled the Child Benevolent Fund. A Child Benevolent Fund Committee will be established to provide oversight of this fund and will act as a subcommittee of our Local Missions Ministry. Future quarterly endowment funds will be deposited into the new fund. The Eller Residential Child Care Center at the Black Mountain Home for Children and Families has been identified as the recipient of ten percent of the December 31st balances each year. Other disbursements from the funds would be considered on the request of local agencies if the requests are consistent with the fund's objectives.

On a related issue, the Session also unanimously approved the TPS Board motion to discontinue the preschool yard sale due to the closing of the preschool. Contents of the box car will be distributed to the Black Mountain Home for Children and Families for their thrift store (excluding the items already earmarked for Thrive's homeless initiative). Any goods not needed by the Black Mountain Home would go to other local agencies. The current balance in the Yard Sale Fund and future Books for Good sales will be redirected to the Global Mission Ministry to be used in Guatemala. Oversight of the funds will be handled by the Guatemala Committee.