

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Sheridan, Wyoming convened a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Westminster Fellowship Hall. Pastor Hayden, Transition/Interim Pastor, moderated the meeting.

QUORUM

Moderator: Pastor Paul Hayden

Ex Officio: Dennis Heizer, Financial Manager

Elders present: Jeri Joy, Judy Garber, Loren Ruttinger, Tod Windsor, Teresa Williams, Kim Kozel, Jean Morgan, Jim Lyon, Tina Anderson, Peggy Blaha, Kathy Lundberg, Linnet McGoodwin, Ted Knapp, Carol Davis, Janis DeVore

Elders absent: Dave Motsick, Gareth Dixon, Doug Beagle, Beth Bailey, Doug Moore, and Carla White

INTRODUCTION

Alicia Ford provided an update on Camp Story. To date, there are 68 registrations (20 more than last year at this time), 12 camps all summer, 4 staff hired (Haven Windsor and 3 Canadians, pending visa approval), and 8 rentals.

She shared the Capital Improvements that have been done and those that are planned for the Fall.

She asked for prayers for more counselors and that the Canadians visas will be approved in a timely manner, as well as for the staff of Camp Story.

WORSHIP

Pastor Paul and the session members present laid hands on and prayed over Alicia.

AGENDA

The agenda was presented and approved with a motion, a second and carried. The session voted on and elected Teresa Williams as Clerk of Session, pro tem.

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's report and minutes of the last session meeting were approved as presented. A motion was made, with a second by Jeri Joy and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dennis Heizer, financial manager, presented the financial reports and explained them. The March Balance Sheet reflects the following:

Total assets:	\$3,849,424.89
Total liabilities:	\$57,458.35
Reserves (Retained Earnings):	\$62,707.61

The Treasurer's Monthly Report was also received and reflected the following:

April Income:	\$29,802.24
April Expense:	\$26,676.02

April Net Gain: \$3,126.22
YTD Net Gain: \$9,104.57

Dennis noted that committees need to spend out of their budgets before using special funds.

Dennis presented a graph of charts showing the budget, excluding Gold Sale. Discussion and questions were presented to Dennis on how to keep the congregation informed on the state of the churches finances.

The financial reports were approved during the Budget and Finance Committee report below.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Properties Committee May 3, 2018

Pastor Paul presented the Properties Committee report since neither Doug, Dave nor Gareth were in attendance. Pastor Paul reported that the maintenance person, Pat Weber, was hired and is working very well. He is very proactive and self-motivated.

Christian Education May 8, 2018

Janice reported that they authorized CJ to create a nursery Sunday School curriculum for children and purchase supplied as needed, keeping within the CE budget line item. She also reminded everyone to please sign the notebooks for the Seniors that would be given to them on Sunday, along with a blanket.

Mission and Outreach May 8, 2018

Peggy reported that they are selling lots of JUST Coffee. Jeremiah and Katana Pate will be here in July and fill the pulpit when Pastor Paul is gone.

Budget and Finance May 8, 2018

Carol reported that they asked Dennis to move some line items. Financial Reports were unanimously approved.

Membership and Evangelism May 9, 2018

Tina reported that they are looking at creating a fostering program, Fellowship Friends, for new members to assist them in getting involved.

Personnel May 8, 2018

Jim Lyon piggybacked on Pastor Paul's report of the hiring of Pat Weber, the Maintenance personnel and beginning a process of doing a background check on all new employees. He reported that we have revised the Coordinator of Children, Youth and Student Programs job description and have sent it to CE to look over. Once it is finalized by CE & Personnel, we will be meeting with CJ to review expectations. We will continue to work on all other job descriptions, but started with the Maintenance/Groundkeeper and Coordinator of Children, Youth and Student Programs due to the immediate changes.

Technology May 8, 2018

Ted referred the session to the written committee report. They are working toward a donation button on the website through the Presbyterian Foundation.

Worship Committee May 8, 2018

Pastor Paul will be on vacation and absent for 3 Sundays in July. The following recommendations were unanimously approved by session:

Recommendation that Pastor Bob Miller, former Congregational Minister, fill the pulpit on July 15th.

Recommendation that Jeremiah & Katana Pate fill the pulpit on July 22nd.

Recommendation that CJ and the youth who participate in VBS in Encampment fill the pulpit on July 29th.

Loren asked that the committees give him any volunteer opportunities they have that can be shared with the congregation as opportunities to become involved.

Fellowship

Kim reminded the session of the upcoming events and encouraged participation:

Folk dancing lessons by Pam Moore Friday, May 18th from 6:30-8:00

Dessert and film "St John in Exile" Sunday, May 20th from starting at 6:00

Kendrick Golf event Tuesday, May 29th at 5:30

Pastor Paul and CJ – no reports

Pastor Paul and Kathy updated the session on the work of the Mission Study Team. This will be presented to the session next month. It will then go to the Committee on Ministry for approval. A Pastor Nominating Committee will then be formed. Mission Information Form to be posted late September, early October. PNC work will then begin with a goal of Summer 2019 to present a Pastor to the Congregation.

Session convened to the sanctuary to discuss church safety at 8:15 pm. Tod Windsor will spearhead a comprehensive plan for the safety of our congregants and staff.

REFLECTION

WORSHIP

Pastor Paul closed with prayer.

SESSION ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 9:00.

ATTEST:



Clerk of Session, pro tem