



First Presbyterian Church of Sheridan, Wyoming  
Minutes of Regular Session Meeting

October 16, 2018

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The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Sheridan, Wyoming convened a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 7:02 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:** Doug Beagle, Jeri Joy, Judy Garber, Loren Ruttinger, Tod Windsor, Kim Kozel, Doug Moore, Carla White, Carol Davis, Beth Bailey, Janis DeVore, Linnet McGoodwin and Jim Lyon, Gareth Dixon, David Motsick, Ted Knapp, Teresa Williams

**Elders absent:** Judy Garber, Jean Morgan, Tina Anderson, Peggy Blaha, Kathy Lundberg

#### WORSHIP

Pastor Paul opened the meeting with prayer.

#### INTRODUCTION

Pastor Paul led a discussion on Ten Commandments for life, and session members shared their thoughts. Paul also passed around thank you letters for session members to sign. The letters will be sent to the ladies who baked breads for World Communion Sunday. This was a very unique communion and fellowship, as the breads represented countries throughout the world.

#### CAMP STORY REPORT

No report was given.

#### AGENDA

The agenda was presented and approved with a motion, a second and it carried. One correction was noted on the agenda. The title of CJ Clem should be changed to reflect her current one, that is, Coordinator of Family and Student Programs.

#### CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's report and minutes of the last session meeting were approved as corrected. A motion and second was made and carried.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

Total assets:	\$3,849,573.23
Total liabilities:	90,635.18
Reserves (Retained Earnings):	37,707.61

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

September Income:	29,080.92
September Expense:	27,553.21
September Net Gain:	1,527.71
YTD Net Gain:	1.076.48

The financial reports were approved during the Budget and Finance Committee report below. An annual draft stewardship letter is being reviewed by the Budget and Finance Committee. Discussion also included the possibility of a Special Stewardship Campaign (designated for a certain purpose) and in the event we would need to replenish Reserves. It was concluded a new pastor should address this, if deemed necessary and appropriate.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Budget Finance & Stewardship** October 9, 2018

Oral and written reports were presented by Beth Bailey. Session action requested:

1. Accept financial reports as presented. The motion carried and the reports were accepted.

### **Personnel** October 9, 2018

Teresa Williams reported with an oral and written report. No session action was requested. She reported the committee will be working on staff evaluations and self-evaluations. They have also worked on a pastor job description to assist the Pastor Nominating Committee.

### **Technical and Communications** October 9, 2018

Ted Knapp presented an oral and written report. The following session action was requested:

1. Request to allow for the purchase of a Yamaha TF3 Digital Soundboard with an approximate cost of \$2,500.00.
2. Request to allow for the purchase of a Juice Goose SQ Power Sequencer at an approximate cost of \$219.00. The committee motions carried.

**Fellowship** October 11, 2018

Kim Kozel reported. No session action was requested. Please refer to the written committee report for detail on activities. She reported there will be a Pancake Feed on Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> as a fundraiser for Triennium, along with many other activities in the next couple of months.

**Properties** October 4, 2018

Doug Moore gave an oral and written report. No session action was requested.

Committee discussions have included snow removal bids for the upcoming year.

**Membership and Evangelism** October 9, 2018

Pastor Paul reported in the absence of Tina Anderson and Jean Morgan. The following session action was requested:

1. Request to move Julie Bugher from inactive to active status on the church rolls. The motion carried.

Paul also reported a review of the church rolls has recently begun.

**Mission and Outreach** October 9, 2018

Doug Beagle reported and referred to the written report. No session action was requested. He reported recent donations made to Kids Life (\$200), and to The Food Group ((\$1200). He reported the committee will experiment with making up food bags in lieu of cash cards for walk in traffic seeking assistance. The committee is also researching ways to assist small struggling congregations in Wyoming. Doug reported the committee will work to make the congregation more aware of the value of missions.

**Worship** October 9, 2018

Loren Ruttinger reported. The following session action was requested:

1. Request session to approve the hanging of Christmas lights for outside by Pat Weber. The motion carried.

Loren reported the Worship committee work is going well with much activity in the future months.

**Christian Education** September 4, 2018

No written or oral report was presented by the committee.

**Presbyterian Women** September 2018

No report was presented.

**C.J. Clem, Coordinator of Family and Youth Programs** May/June 2018

A written report was submitted by CJ. She reported \$955 was raised by the vinyl mesh bag fundraiser recently. The Triennium Youth will be holding a Pancake Feed in November as

another fundraiser for Triennium. In January, a Chili Cook Off and Silent Auction will be held. Confirmation will be held in January also.

A written report was presented from C.J. The report outlines upcoming activities including the start of LOGOS, Pool Party, a Pancake Feed in November, a Senior High Retreat in Casper, Youth Christmas Program, and Confirmation training activities.

**Pastor Paul's Report** September 18<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>

Pastor Paul presented an oral and written report. His report reflects a month full of activities, events and visits. He also spoke of the spiritual care initiative at Sheridan College for students. He said it is slowly taking off, and the office/rep is available 2-3 days weekly. There is no agenda by pastors who assist, they simply "meet students where they are." There is no intention to "convert" students, but simply offer spiritual care. The program will continue next semester as well, then will be evaluated.

**Other Business**

Tod Windsor presented information on upcoming First Aid and CPR Training. He reported he will make reservations for training to be held Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>. The cost will be \$50 per person.

The business meeting adjourned at 8:15 and session members convened into the sanctuary for a time of discussion and worship.

**REFLECTION and WORSHIP**

Pastor Paul directed discussion as to how we have been doing the past couple of months. He spoke about the Lord's Prayer with us and asked us to pray for all church members. He asked that we think of everyone with love, compassion, acceptance, a sense of belonging, forgiveness and prayer. He reminded us to love one another. Pastor Paul asked "what are the things in Heaven we would like to see in our church right now"? Session members responded with answers of forgiveness, inclusion, energy, fellowship, more Logos kids, being warmly loved by people who are already here, and adults doing work.

Pastor Paul closed with prayer in the sanctuary.

**SESSION ADJOURNED**

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:01.

**ATTEST:**



Carla J. White, Clerk of Session