



First Presbyterian
Church of Sheridan

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Minutes of Regular Session Meeting

January 15, 2019

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Sheridan, Wyoming convened a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 7:02 p.m. in the Westminster Fellowship Hall. Pastor Hayden, Interim Pastor, moderated the meeting.

QUORUM

Moderator: Pastor Paul Hayden

Ex Officio: Dennis Heizer, Financial Manager

Elders present: Doug Beagle, Jeri Joy, Tod Windsor, Doug Moore, Carol Davis, Beth Bailey, Linnet McGoodwin, Teresa Williams, Jean Morgan, Judy Garber, Tina Anderson, Brett Burtis, Beth Lenz, Howie Fitzpatrick, Jerilea Phillips, Shelley Cundiff, Chris Smith, and Kim Wells

Elders absent: Jim Lyon, Kathy Lundberg,

WORSHIP

Pastor Paul opened the meeting with prayer. He told us of some pamphlets he had come across recently which belonged to his father. He spoke of these pamphlets in honor of his father. He shared the topics printed on them. He asked us to share which of the topics were interesting to us and why, and how the topic related to our faith. A second prayer was offered by Pastor Paul after discussion.

INTRODUCTION

New Session members were introduced. Pastor Paul asked that we introduce ourselves, and tell how and in what ways we serve the church and our Lord.

AGENDA

The agenda was presented and accepted. A motion and a second was made and it carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's report and minutes of the last Session meeting were approved as corrected. A motion was made and carried to accept them.

It was announced that Beth Lenz has agreed to join session and will take the place of Lauren McMahon, who decided against serving. A motion was made and seconded to approve this change, and carried.

A letter of resignation from session was received from Gareth Dixon. The Nominating Committee will work to fill the position.

In summary, the following is a listing of new session members this year:

Brett Burtis -1 year term

Shelley Cundiff – 3 year term

Howie Fitzpatrick – 3 year term

Jerilea Phillips – 3 year term

Chris Smith – 3 year term

Kim Wells - 3 year term

Beth Lenz – 3 year term

Teresa Williams – 3 year term (she is not new, but renewed her term)

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Total assets:	\$3,354,400.51
Total liabilities:	98,733.69
Reserves (Retained Earnings):	37,708.29

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

December Income:	49,771.08
December Expense:	27,773.24
December Net Gain:	21,997.84
YTD Net Gain:	18,572.11

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Finance & Stewardship January 8, 2019

Oral and written reports were presented by Beth Bailey. Beth noted a special gift of \$10,000 received from a church family member in the month of December, making a notable positive impact on year-end figures. Beth also explained the Endowment Fund distribution which may be taken. An update on the building evaluation will be needed, as well as the value of investments for determining the correct ratio of 10% to allow distribution. If a distribution is taken, it will be split between Properties and Mission Committees. Dennis Heizer is working to

get an acceptable slate of nominees for corporate trustees. The following session action was requested:

1. Committee motion to accept financial reports as presented. The motion carried and the reports were accepted.

Personnel January 8, 2019

Teresa Williams reported with an oral and written report. No Session action was requested.

Teresa spoke about the fact we no longer have a maintenance man, and referred back to the discussion in the Properties report. She reported on staff vacations which are coming up in the spring months.

Technical and Communications January 7, 2019

Tod Windsor presented an oral and written report. No Session action was requested. Tod noted there is Wi-Fi throughout the church in every room now. He reported that giving online is now active and working. He reported the video conferencing is working well for the Pastor Nominating Committee. He reported that his committee recommended to Worship they purchase the basic package of CCLI SongSelect for music. The committee is working on consolidating some church software for cost savings and efficiency.

Fellowship January 8, 2019

Jeri Joy reported. No Session action was requested. Please refer to the written committee report for detail on activities. Jeri reported on upcoming registration for FEAST, as the deadline is coming up in early February. There will be a distribution of Valentines from God at both services on Feb. 10th.

Properties January 3, 2019

Doug Moore gave an oral and written report. No Session action was requested. Doug described to session that we will have a snow removal and possibly a lawn care contract. We currently have no maintenance man, but will contract out for services needed.

Membership and Evangelism January 10, 2019

Tina Anderson reported. The following Session action was requested:

1. Committee motion to remove the following names from the church rolls, as each member has entered the Church Triumphant:
 - Dorothy Shrum
 - Esther McKenzie

Paul mentioned the many contributions of these wonderful women to FPC and their community.

Tina also reported on a greeter list for 2019, funeral coordination efforts, and an accurate member count. She also discussed the challenge of new membership in 2019.

Mission and Outreach January 8, 2019

Doug Beagle reported and referred to the written report. No Session action was requested. Doug reported committee activity including obtaining bus passes for church members, changing out the bulletin board, participating in the Chili Cook Off, and evaluating the food card program.

Worship January 8, 2019

Linnett McGoodwin reported. No Session action was requested:

The Children's Christmas program went very well, as well as the Cantata. Both were well received. Tom Sauer has tuned the piano in the practice room recently. Don Cherni tuned the sanctuary piano before the Cantata. The report reflects Ted Knapp is working with Miriam Nance to show her the CCLI website, which could provide the church with many additional music options for worship. A new keyboard is currently being sought, and with funds to be provided by an anonymous donor. Worship is exploring organization of a Christmas Decorating committee for church decoration in December.

Christian Education January 8, 2019

Judy Garber reported for the committee. No Session action was requested. She reported about their participation in the Chili Cook Off. Judy reported ten youth and three adults will be attending Triennium. Logos has restarted, as well as confirmation classes. Some Sunday School classes are being combined due to lack of attendance. Darcie Lyon is creating a "Children's Bulletin" and lectionary centered worksheet to hand out as needed. A church wide Lenten study, "From Membership to Discipleship: From the Club to the Cross", will begin March 3rd and end April 7th.

Presbyterian Women December 2019

No report was presented.

C.J. Clem, Coordinator of Family and Youth Programs December 2018/January 2019

A written report was submitted by CJ. Confirmation Sunday is May 7th. Confirmands are Stevie Baxter, Eli Clem, Vivian Tarver, Zachary Thurow, Maggie Turpin, Jenna Wilson, Jesse Wilson and Avery Quarterman.

Senior Sunday will be May 19th, and we will be honoring seniors Brenden Clem, Jacob St. Pierre, Carter Wells and Bailee Wilson.

The report indicated there are 14 kids in Logos this semester, as opposed to 24 in the fall.

Pastor Paul's Report December 18th to January 15th

Pastor Paul presented an oral and written report. Paul reported the college ministry will start again soon and be reassessed. Ten students have participated to date. His written report reflected a very busy month with many calls, classes, counseling sessions, and three funeral/memorial services. They were for members (Dede Shrum, Esther McKenzie and Karen Warren) who passed during the months of December and January.

He passed around a sheet with committee assignments for 2019 for each elder. The assignments of elders to committees are as follows:

BF&S- Beth Bailey, Carol Davis, Kim Wells

CE- Judy Garber, Shelley Cundiff

Mission- Doug Beagle, Jerilea Phillips

Membership- Tina Anderson, Jean Morgen

Fellowship- Jeri Joy, Kathy Lundberg

Personnel- Teresa Williams, Jim Lyon, Beth Lenz

Properties- Doug Moore, Howie Fitzpatrick, Brett Burtis

Worship- Linnet McGoodwin, Cheryl Kelsey

Tech- Tod Windsor, Chris Smith

Other Business

Linnett McGoodwin reported there will be an upcoming usher training she will coordinate. She asked for the usher sign-up sheet to be returned.

REFLECTION and WORSHIP

Pastor Paul closed with prayer, and asked for guidance and wisdom for the Pastor Nominating Committee as they continue work to hire a permanent pastor. The session meeting adjourned and members went into the sanctuary for a worship and inspirational time of discussion.

SESSION ADJOURNED

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carla J. White".

Carla J. White, Clerk of Session