



First Presbyterian
Church of Sheridan

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Minutes of Regular Session Meeting

March 19, 2019

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Sheridan, Wyoming convened a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 7:00 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: Jeri Joy, Tod Windsor, Doug Moore, Carol Davis, Beth Bailey, Linnet McGoodwin, Teresa Williams, Jean Morgen, Judy Garber, Brett Burtis, Jerilea Phillips, Shelley Cundiff, Cheryl Kelsey, Jim Lyon, Chris Smith, Doug Beagle, Kathy Lundberg, and Kim Wells

Elders absent: Tina Anderson, Beth Lenz, Howie Fitzpatrick

Others present: Susan Smith, Clerk of Session

WORSHIP

Pastor Paul opened the meeting with prayer, followed by a devotion on Lent.

The Scripture focused on Jesus' temptation in Luke 4. In particular, "Jesus...was led by the Spirit into the wilderness." And this was tied to our struggles as noted in I John 2:15-17: "the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life."

Thus, temptation is an opportune time to get our eyes off the will of God. And as Easter approaches, may we heed the call for a spiritual discipline to be led in the power of the Spirit.

AGENDA

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

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk read Jim Lyon's letter of resignation, due to accepting a position in Gillette, Wyoming. The session moved, seconded, and carried approval of resignation, effective at the conclusion of the meeting. Teresa William's led in a prayer for Jim and his wife Darcie.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Total assets:	\$3,969,568.61
Total liabilities:	100,461.81
Reserves (Retained Earnings):	56,365.30

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

February Income:	16,026.02
February Expense:	25,380.90
February Net Loss:	- 9,354.94
YTD Net Loss:	- 9,396.87

Dennis clarified that online giving through the website is reported in the following month.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Finance & Stewardship March 12, 2019

Beth Bailey presented oral and written reports.

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

Mechanism for tracking warrantees was discussed. Paul suggested Session direct the administrative assistant to track warrantee information.

Fellowship March 13, 2019

Jeri Joy presented oral and written reports.

No Session action was requested.

Date of bowling party was corrected from March 31 to March 30.

Worship March 12, 2019

Linnet McGoodwin presented oral and written reports.

Session action was requested for pulpit supply. CJ Clem was approved for April 28. May 26 was to be determined.

CCLI (music license) was requested to be increased to \$150 to cover display of melody lines on screen. Also considered was an upgrade at \$194 to expand license privileges to download music.

With the resignation of Jim Lyon, Linnet requested a replacement usher in April. Chris Smith agreed to fill the vacancy.

Mission and Outreach March 12, 2019

Jerilea Phillips presented oral and written reports.

The following session action was requested: A motion was made, seconded, and carried for a Compassion International Sunday presentation. Date in May to be determined.

Concerning those requesting assistance, food bags will replace vouchers to reduce abuse of the system.

Christian Education March 5, 2019

Judy Garber presented oral and written reports.

No Session action was requested.

CE committee has asked CJ to create a written procedure for future Christian Education members in order for those members to understand the Triennium fundraising procedures and expectations.

Darcie Lyon resigned as Sunday School Superintendent, effective May 31.

Personnel March 12, 2019

Teresa Williams presented oral and written reports.

No Session action was requested.

Motion made, seconded, and approved: PNC will be given guidelines on base minimum and high end for pastor salary to negotiate new contract. Upper limit is given in 2019 budget. Membership ultimately votes on the package.

Technical and Communications March 12, 2019

Tod Windsor presented oral and written reports.

No Session action was requested.

Training will be setup for sound and video capability.

Website statistics were requested to track traffic. Also suggested for website were members' personal stories related to the church.

Properties March 7, 2019

Doug Moore presented oral and written reports.

No Session action was requested.

Pat Gallagher was thanked for filling in for maintenance until the position is filled.

Scoops have been placed in sand buckets outside. This enables sand to be spread on pathways to increase traction when needed.

Membership and Evangelism March 6, 2019

Jean Morgen presented oral and written reports.

The following Session action was requested: Committee motioned to remove Art Elkins (2/20/2019) from the church rolls, as he has entered the Church Triumphant.

Concerning church website, Tod Windsor uploads Session meeting notes. Updates for PW events and ABC sales can be sent to website administrators, such as Tod Windsor, Paul Hayden, or CJ Clem.

Pastor Paul's Report February 19th through March 18th

Pastor Paul presented an oral and written report.

A memorial service for Berneice Jennings will be held on March 30.

C.J. Clem, Coordinator of Family and Youth Programs February/March 2019

CJ Clem had submitted a written report.

REFLECTION and WORSHIP

Session members broke into focus groups to brainstorm on *The Four of the Biggest Blind Spots* concerning our guests and visitors:

1. Not friendly enough
2. Lack of follow up
3. Lack of age diversity
4. Not well known in the community

Session shared their reflections in the sanctuary.

SESSION ADJOURNED

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and carried. Paul prayed us out. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

ATTEST:

Susan K. Smith, Clerk of Session