



First Presbyterian
Church of Sheridan

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Minutes of Regular Session Meeting

April 16, 2019

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Sheridan, Wyoming convened a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Westminster Fellowship Hall. Pastor Hayden, Interim Pastor, moderated the meeting.

QUORUM

Moderator: Pastor Paul Hayden

Elders present: Jeri Joy, Doug Moore, Carol Davis, Beth Bailey, Linnet McGoodwin, Teresa Williams, Jean Morgen, Brett Burtis, Jerilea Phillips, Shelley Cundiff, Cheryl Kelsey, Chris Smith, Doug Beagle, Kathy Lundberg, Howie Fitzpatrick, and Kim Wells

Elders absent: Tina Anderson, Beth Lenz, Tod Windsor, Judy Garber

Others present: Phyllis Wilhelm and Susan Smith, Clerk of Session

WORSHIP

Pastor Paul opened the meeting with prayer, lifting up the needs in the community at home as well as abroad, such as the Notre Dame fire in France.

The devotion asked us: How is Holy Spirit moving during Communion? Many shared their past experiences: Maundy Thursday services. Foot washing. Extended communion to shut-ins. Humor. Holy Land trip. Lesson that man does not live by bread alone.

Paul shared Scripture from the Gospel of Luke. During the Last Supper facing the cross, Jesus emphasized the heart of servanthood over his disciples seeking power and glory for themselves.

AGENDA

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

CLERK'S REPORT

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

In Dennis Heizer's stead, Beth Bailey presented the financial reports and explained them. The March Balance Sheet reflects the following:

Total assets:	\$3,997,943.71
Total liabilities:	119,655.85
Reserves (Retained Earnings):	56,365.30

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

March Income:	35,209.04
March Expense:	26,027.98
March Net Gain:	9, 181.06
YTD Net Loss:	- 215.81

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Finance & Stewardship April 9, 2019

Beth Bailey presented oral and written reports.

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

Deferred Contribution, line item 2105.13, was added to the Balance Sheet. Going forward, budgets will prorate monthly income, such as from gifts of large lump sums, reflected in this line item. Therefore, as March's balance is \$18,000.00, the treasurer will report an additional \$2,000 income for each of the remaining nine months of this year.

Mission and Outreach April 9, 2019

Doug Beagle presented oral and written reports.

No Session action was requested.

Compassion Sunday will be scheduled for June 2.

Mission is exploring a possible trip to Nebraska to assist in their recovery from flooding.

Membership and Evangelism April 3, 2019

Jean Morgen presented oral and written reports.

Session motioned, seconded, and carried to add new members to the church rolls: Tomomi Browne, Kurt Smith, Shirley Harper, Lisa Lunbeck, and Doug Hall.

Personnel April 9, 2019

Teresa Williams presented oral and written reports.

Session motioned, seconded, and carried to include Dental & Vision in the Health Insurance package offered to the new pastor.

Previously, Pastors Doug and Paul had reimbursed the church for this extra coverage. Followed was a discussion of the inconsistencies of this practice as it had not been reported in the budget.

Speaking for the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), Doug Moore updated that they may make an offer for a new pastor as early as May 15th.

A lively discussion followed concerning the transition of the PNC into the Pastor Nurturing Committee. Its mission would be to support the new pastor. A nonbinding vote was motioned, seconded, and carried by most of the elders. Personnel would further this discussion.

Properties April 4, 2019

Doug Moore presented oral and written reports.

No Session action was requested.

An interview of a candidate for maintenance is scheduled the end of the week. Hence, the position is expected to be filled soon.

The following reminder was given as bids for window repairs and replacements are considered. Properties also needs to assess the window conditions in the entry and in CJ's and Pastor's offices.

Also discussed, as teaching aids, such as easels and flat screens, were added to the parlor, removing unessential furniture and equipment would make more room for people.

Technical and Communications April 9, 2019

Chris Smith presented oral and written reports for Tod Windsor.

The committee looked to Session for direction about posting staff and members' photos on our public website. Discussion ensued, including a need for release forms and for privacy.

Tod Windsor will be the single point of contact to request Video and Audio for special services.

Ted Knapp and Chris Smith will produce a plan for the church network servers and PCs.

Fellowship April 9, 2019

Jeri Joy presented oral and written reports.

No Session action was requested.

They engaged in many fun activities and fellowship.

Christian Education April 2, 2019

Shelley Cundiff presented oral and written reports.

No Session action was requested.

The committee gave Darcie Lyon a sendoff, thanking her for all her work as Sunday School superintendent.

Good Friday *walk to the cross* family event was cancelled.

Meet the Confirmands

Session members met with the confirmation class, between the presentation of the Christian Education and Worship committee reports.

Pastor Paul introduced the confirmands: Eli Clem, Avery Quarterman, Zachary Thurow, Maggie Turpin, Jenna Wilson, Jesse Wilson, Vivian Tarver, Stevie Baxter

Session members and guests broke into 4 groups with one or two confirmands. This gave an intimate venue to ask each other questions and get know something about each other.

Then Pastor Paul asked them following questions:

1. Is Jesus Christ your Savior and Lord?
2. Do you trust in him?
3. Is it your intent to continue being his disciple, learning his ways and showing his love?
4. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, giving of yourself in any way possible, and will you seek out the people of God wherever you might go?

Session voted to accept confirmands as church members. It was seconded and carried.

May 5 will be Confirmation Sunday. Confirmands will affirm their faith before congregation. Also, they will assist in serving communion by intinction. (Checking off one of Worship's action items for Session.)

Worship April 9, 2019

Linnet McGoodwin presented oral and written reports.

Worship recommended one church service for Sunday beginning on June 2, 2019 at 9 a.m. Session motioned, seconded, and carried it. One Sunday service was approved for summer.

Worship recommended one church service for Sunday to continue in the fall. Discussion ensued concerning falling attendance and input from new pastor. Motion made to table recommendation. It was seconded and carried.

Issues discussed: There's no budget for needed organ maintenance. Means of tracking warrantees are still unanswered. Better practices are needed to correct church's blind spots and to communicate them to the congregation.

Pastor Paul's Report March 19th through April 15th

Pastor Paul presented a written report.

Included were memorial services for Berneice Jennings on March 30 and Art Elkins on April 15.

C.J. Clem, Coordinator of Family and Youth Programs April 2019

CJ Clem had submitted a written report.

SESSION ADJOURNED

After finishing with the committee reports, motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and carried. Paul prayed us out. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

ATTEST:

Susan K. Smith, Clerk of Session