



First Presbyterian
Church of Sheridan

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Minutes of Regular Session Meeting

May 21, 2019

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Sheridan, Wyoming convened a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 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: Tina Anderson, Beth Bailey, Doug Beagle, Shelley Cundiff, Carol Davis, Howie Fitzpatrick, Judy Garber, Jeri Joy, Cheryl Kelsey, Kathy Lundberg, Linnet McGoodwin, Doug Moore, Jean Morgen, Jerilea Phillips, Chris Smith, and Teresa Williams

Elders absent: Brett Burtis, Beth Lenz, Kim Wells, Tod Windsor

Others present: Susan Smith, Clerk of Session

WORSHIP

Pastor Paul opened the devotion, reading Chris Hendricks' blog.

Transitions: *Space where faith is tested and fear creeps in.*

Trust grows our faith...Trust God to see us through.

Pastor Paul closed with prayer and Scripture:

Proverbs 3:5-6:

Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.

AGENDA

Added to agenda, the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) would give their presentation after committee reports.

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

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

Total assets:	\$4,001,548.27
Total liabilities:	119,759.68
Reserves (Retained Earnings):	56,365.30

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

April Income:	29,454.54
April Expense:	25,953.81
April Net Gain:	3,500.73
YTD Net Gain:	3,284.92

Though we fell short of estimated April budget for income, expenses were less than expected. Thus, a net surplus for April.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Finance & Stewardship May 14, 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.

Mission and Outreach May 14, 2019

Doug Beagle presented oral and written reports.

No Session action was requested.

Mission continues to explore a trip to Nebraska in the September/October timeframe to assist in their recovery from flooding.

Fellowship May 14, 2019

Jeri Joy presented oral and written reports.

No Session action was requested.

Activities focus on a time to connect with others.

Christian Education May 14, 2019

Judy Garber presented oral and written reports.

No Session action was requested.

Camp Story received many sign ups. Confirmation Sunday successfully concluded CJ's confirmation classes, which started in October 2018. And five graduating seniors were recognized and honored in May.

CE reached out to students during College Week with a spaghetti dinner. They plan to follow up in September. Week of June 3rd, the committee will support VBS at the First Methodist Church and provide one day of snacks.

Worship May 14, 2019

Linnet McGoodwin presented oral and written reports.

One church service at 9 a.m. for Sundays will begin on June 2nd.

Pulpit supply is needed for the entire month of July. (Pastor Paul will have retired at the end of June. And the new pastor is not scheduled to be begin until the first week of August.)

It was suggested to change the name of Music Appreciation Sunday to Music Fest.

Kim Wells and Jerilea Phillips are scheduled to be ushers in June. And during the 3rd Sunday of June, ushers will offer solutions to overcome a church blind spot.

Membership and Evangelism May 8, 2019

Tina Anderson presented oral and written reports.

Current membership count: 301

Session motioned, seconded, and carried to add confirmands to the church rolls: Stevie Baxter, Eli Clem, Avery Quarterman, Vivian Tarver, Zachary Thurow, Maggie Turpin, Jenna Wilson, and Jesse Wilson.

Session motioned, seconded, and carried to removed Larry Alden from the church rolls, as he passed away, joining the Church Triumphant.

Church business cards were passed out to the elders and others present.

A special meeting is planned at 8:45 a.m. before the church service on June 2nd to receive Ron and Bobbi Spahn into membership.

Properties May 2, 2019

Doug Moore presented oral and written reports.

No Session action was requested.

New maintenance person was hired. Parking lot fixed. Google docs will be used to access relevant information.

Technical and Communications May 14, 2019

Chris Smith presented oral report.

There was a discussion about control of church computers: tracking and computer administrator needed for hardware and software purchases, installation, and upgrades.

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

CJ Clem had submitted a written report.

On May 5th, Confirmation Sunday recognized Stevie Baxter, Eli Clem, Avery Quarterman, Vivian Tarver, Zachary Thurow, Maggie Turpin, Jenna Wilson, and Jesse Wilson.

On May 19th, Senior Sunday recognized five graduating seniors: Brenden Clem, Isaac Grimes, Jacob St. Pierre, Carter Wells, and Bailee Wilson.

Pastor Paul's Report April 16th through May 19th

Pastor Paul presented a written report.

Motion was made, seconded and carried that there would be no Session meeting in July.

It was suggested that committees meet to pre-plan for August/September issues.

Pastor Nominating Committee(PNC)

After the committees wrapped up their reports at 8:00 p.m., PNC members, who were not sitting elders, joined Session meeting: Jim Blaha, Kim Kozel, Carole Maloy, and Carla White.

Co-chair of PNC, Doug Moore, distributed hand-outs of the PNC report, which included a final draft of the introduction and additional terms of call items. Doug discussed the process and the committee evolution.

PNC presented the final candidate, Reverend Karl Heimbeck, with a short biography. Letter will be sent the congregational members for review per by-laws. Session reviewed Terms of Call including salary and benefits.

Suggested schedule: Informal meet and greet of Rev. Heimbeck and family, Saturday evening of June 8th. Rev. Heimbeck will be presented and lead worship at 9 a.m. Sunday, June 9th. A Congregational Meeting will follow the service for a vote and approval of the package. Contingent on approval of all parties, new pastor will begin employment on August 1st.

Pastor Paul asked members of the PNC to share the "God Winks" during this process and received the following feedback:

Prayers for opening/closing doors. A diverse committee with a heart for God, experiencing the presence of God. Guidance for light in their path. Phenomenal members to work with.

SESSION ADJOURNED

After finishing with the committee and PNC reports, motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and carried. Paul prayed us out. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Susan K. Smith, Clerk of Session