



First Presbyterian
Church of Sheridan

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

August 20, 2019

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Sheridan, Wyoming convened a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Westminster Fellowship Hall. Pastor Karl Heimbuck moderated the meeting.

QUORUM

Moderator: Pastor Karl Heimbuck

Ex Officio: Dennis Heizer, Financial Manager

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

Elders absent: None

Others present: Susan Smith, Clerk of Session

WORSHIP

Pastor Karl opened with prayer.

The devotion centered on Luke 13:10-17, the account of Jesus healing a woman on the Sabbath. Pastor Karl distributed printouts of scripture. Elders took turns reading text, one verse at a time. Then while elders closed their eyes, Pastor read the text again.

What words got their attention? What stuck out? Elders shared their impressions. Next, elders circled the verbs in the text, noting the subject of each verb.

This exercise gave insights to the actions of Jesus, opening us up, and how people responded: Anger. Rejoicing. Set free from being bound. Also, what does it mean to be bound? What binds us? Fear. Traditions. Emotions.

AGENDA

The agenda was presented. A motion made, seconded, and carried to accept.

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's report and minutes of the last Session meeting were approved as corrected. The Special Congregational Meeting minutes was approved as stands. Motion was seconded and carried for both reports.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Total assets:	\$3,999,389.61
Total liabilities:	\$101,814.27
Reserves (Retained Earnings):	\$56,365.30

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

Jun-Jul Income:	\$55,245.99
Jun-Jul Expense:	\$39,000.41
Jun-Jul Net Gain:	\$16,245.58
YTD Net Gain:	\$19,071.67

We had a gain in net income during the transition. (No pastor expenses in July.) Thus, overall a net gain for June and July, as well as YTD.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Finance & Stewardship August 13, 2019

Beth Bailey presented oral and written reports.

Motion to accept financial reports as presented was made, seconded, and carried.

Credit card for Pastor Karl was approved on August 14, 2019 via email vote (16-yes; 0-no). Now the process of getting the card is in progress.

Technical and Communications August 11, 2019

Tod Windsor presented oral and written report.

No Session action was requested.

Pastor Karl mentioned Presbytery has matching funds for tech expenses, such as special mics.

Personnel August 13, 2019

Teresa Williams presented oral and written reports.

No Session action was requested.

CJ Clem was approved for 5 days of compensation for Triennium work.

Pastor Karl's time off requests were approved. SECA (Self-Employment Contributions Act) match line item was added in the budget.

Properties August 8, 2019

Doug Moore presented oral and written reports.

No Session action was requested.

Parking lot lines were redrawn allowing for more space per vehicle. The sanctuary stage is being repaired.

Fellowship August 13, 2019

Jeri Joy presented oral and written reports.

No Session action was requested.

Jeri Joy passed around signup for upcoming cooking class.

Membership and Evangelism August 14, 2019

Tina Anderson presented oral and written reports.

Session needed to sign transfer of membership for Jim and Darcie Lyon to Gillette Church.

New cards for visitors and congregants are now in pews.

Current membership count: 304.

Christian Education August 13, 2019

Judy Garber presented oral and written reports.

No Session action was requested.

Bible Study and Sunday School times will be determined when Sunday worship service schedule is settled.

Mission and Outreach August 13, 2019

Doug Beagle presented oral and written reports.

Red Cross is reviewing church building for disaster relief facilities, working with Properties as well as Mission and Outreach. When review is finished, committee requests creation of a Facility Use Agreement to be reviewed by a lawyer and signed by Doug Moore. Session motioned, seconded, and carried that action.

Other info: 15 packages of Just Coffee were bought during break.

Worship August 13, 2019

Cheryl Kelsey presented oral and written reports.

No Session action was requested.

Committee inquired about plans for December services.

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

CJ Clem had submitted a written report.

December 16, College Finals dinner: Since classes end on December 13, a new date will need to be set.

Pastor Karl's Report August 20, 2019

Pastor Karl presented a written and oral reports.

Rhythm of ministry: Monday as Pastor Karl's Sabbath. Mornings in office. Afternoons for pastoral visits and other ministries.

Installation service for newly called pastor, per Committee on Ministry (COM) handbook, is scheduled for September 22, 2019. Logistics and time (late afternoon/evening) need to be worked out. Expenses for members of the installation commission will be covered by PNC budget.

October 17 – 21, Pastor Karl will meet for study and fellowship with a small group of pastors. This is a twice a year gathering, and the next meeting is planned for April/May 2020.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Nominating Committee: Pastor Karl requested the addition of an active serving elder on the nominating committee (as there currently was none). Howie Fitzpatrick volunteered.

Jews for Jesus: They requested a presentation last Sunday in April. Session will look into this, and that it does not interfere with regularly planned services.

Sunday Morning Services: One or two services moving forward? Session received a written case for each scenario. Discussion resulted with consensus for two services. The 8:00 a.m. would be chapel. The 10:30 a.m. would be traditional. Two services would start on September 8. Session motioned, seconded, and carried that action.

With two services, Session suggested a Bible Study/Sunday School time from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and Fellowship time from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. This new schedule would allow choir members, nursery attendants, Sunday School teachers, and others more opportunities to attend worship service.

Communion: Traditional communion will be offered the first Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. For 8:00 a.m., a motion was made seconded and carried to offer communion every Sunday.

Final thought: Anything for the good of the whole.

SESSION ADJOURNED

After new business, motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and carried. Pastor Karl prayed us out. The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

ATTEST:

Susan K. Smith, Clerk of Session