



First Presbyterian
Church of Sheridan

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

October 15, 2019

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Sheridan, Wyoming convened a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 7:07 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, Shelley Cundiff, Carol Davis, Judy Garber, Jeri Joy, Cheryl Kelsey, Jean Morgen, Doug Moore, Jerilea Phillips, Chris Smith, Kim Wells, and Tod Windsor

Elders absent: Doug Beagle, Brett Burtis, Howie Fitzpatrick, Beth Lenz, Kathy Lundberg, Linnet McGoodwin, Teresa Williams

Others present: Dick Birkholtz and Susan Smith, Clerk of Session

WORSHIP

Pastor Karl asked each member to call a person in the group. The one called upon would share their highs and lows for the week. Then each would take turns and pray for the person on the left.

AGENDA

The agenda was presented. A motion made to amend the agenda to include the Presbytery Report. It was seconded and carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's report and minutes of the last Session meeting were approved as corrected.

PRESBYTERY REPORT

Dick Birkholtz presented a written and oral report of the Wyoming Presbytery meeting.

On Friday, September 27, 2019, the meeting was held at United Presbyterian Church in Guernsey. On Saturday, September 28, 2019, at Community Presbyterian Church in Ft. Laramie.

Dick gave a briefing on the high points of events within the meeting:

On Friday, Pastor Karl Heinbuck attended a boundary training session for pastors and elders.

Jason Moore conducted a workshop: "5 things Your Visitors Are Thinking but Won't Ask"

The Rule of Life with five practices: (1) Reading and Engaging Scripture, (2) Prayer, (3) Creative and Innovative Worship, (4) Service, (5) Generosity

Camp Story: to extend the lease 5 years until September 30, 2025

The Honorable retirement of Paul Hayden: approved, effective June 30, 2019

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ushers/counters were urged to check all four collection plates. During a 10 a.m. service, one plate had been missed.

Dennis Heizer presented the financial reports and explained them. The September Balance Sheet reflected the following:

Total assets:	\$3,996,877.20
Total liabilities:	\$94,180.67
Reserves (Retained Earnings):	\$56,365.30

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

September Income:	\$30,742.00
September Expense:	\$31,422.12
September Net Loss:	- \$680.12
YTD Net Gain:	\$24,192.86

Budgets for 2020:

Budgets from committees will be coming next month.

Tod Windsor and Chris Smith asked to have accrual accounts set up for tech committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Finance & Stewardship October 8, 2019

Beth Bailey presented oral and written reports.

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

Mission and Outreach October 8, 2019

Jerilea Phillips presented oral and written reports.

Session was requested to allow Annie Smith, area director of Young Life to present a minute for mission to explain her work at the Girls School, with an accompanying article in the newsletter. Also, after the service, give a meet-and-greet and use opportunity to recruit 5 or 6 Young Life Leaders from Sheridan to assist in her Girls School Ministry.

Session motioned to accept request, seconded, and carried.

Christian Education October 8, 2019

Judy Garber presented oral and written reports.

Account action was requested to move money for CJ's continuing education from CE to Personnel for Budget 2020:

#5530.03, leadership, development – delete CE account

#5030.07, Minister to Y and C Education – increase Personnel account to \$1000

Fund raising: Dee Davis won fishing rod raffle

Sunday School: About 50 adults attended for 2 classes

Membership and Evangelism October 9, 2019

Tina Anderson presented oral and written reports.

No Session action was requested.

Rolls:

Current membership count: 297.

Started roll cleansing with consideration of active giving units

Working on transfer of 5 memberships

Personnel September 30 and October 6, 2019

Shelley Cundiff presented oral and written reports.

New personnel:

Conducting interviews with cleaning firm

Took out ads for Nursery Supervisor and attendant

Interviewing for Administrative Secretary

Employee Handbook:

Revised and presented to Session to review and approve in November.

No Session action was requested.

Properties October 3, 2019

Doug Moore presented oral and written reports.

Habitat for Humanity used the Fellowship Hall.

No Session action was requested.

Technical and Communications October 6, 2019

Tod Windsor presented oral and written report.

Tech Budget 2020:

Consolidate into 3 line items

Routine equipment expenditures moved to operations

Add accrual line item for periodic equipment replacement

Worship

Cheryl Kelsey presented oral report.

No Session action was requested.

Pulpit Supply:

October 20: Beth Kelsey

October 27: Shayla Graham of Pine Ridge Ministries in Moorcroft

Children:

Need children sermon volunteers

Music:

Louise Semino offering a Bell Ringer class

Pastor Karl mentioned a new Presbyterian hymnal, also in digital form, coming in January

Fellowship October 2019

Jeri Joy presented oral and written reports.

No Session action was requested.

Entertainment:

October 26, 2019: 42 seats will be reserved for FPC for the WYO production, Catch Me If You Can musical

Halloween:

October 31st: Truck or Treat planned with the LDS Church

Christmas Tree:

Friday, November 29: Annual Christmas tree cutting at Dick Birkholtz cabin

Saturday: Tree set up in sanctuary after the Blaha wedding

Outside tree lighting:

Many issues to be worked out with repairs, MDU, ladders, and conflicts

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

CJ Clem had submitted a written report.

No Session action was requested.

Pastor Karl's Report October 15, 2019

Pastor Karl presented a written and oral reports.

No Session action was requested.

Plans:

Building a Master Events calendar.

Columbarium:

Not enough room for two in the same spot, unless using containers that fit

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

None

SESSION ADJOURNED

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and carried.

Prayers:

New hires, elder search, family, ABC sale, transition, safe travel

Pastor Karl prayed us out.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

ATTEST:

Susan K. Smith, Clerk of Session