

First Presbyterian Church
Session Minutes
September 10, 2018

A Quorum was present: Jenny Killian, Maureen O'Conner, Jeanise Richards, Meg Knight, Eve Kenyon, Marty Davis, and Sue Pangie. Peter Wilson arrived 7:15. Absent: none Pastor Scott DeBlock, Moderator, Judy Toelle, Clerk of Session.

The meeting, held in the church parlor, was opened at 6:38 pm with prayer and called to order. The minutes of the August 20, 2018 Session meeting were approved and the agenda was accepted.

Clerk's Report

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated: July 8, July 15, August 5, August 19, September 2

Special Services/Activities: Ecumenical service July 8, Armer Farm August 12, Congregational meeting

August 26

Communications: MIF was sent and received by PC-USA

Baptisms, funerals, deaths: none

Church Calendar Review: Ministry and Mission Sunday, September 16
Baptism of Colden and Evie Rathay on Sept. 16

Team Reports

Personnel (Jenny Killian, chair)- minutes from July 25

Love In Action/Mission (Meg Knight, liaison)- minutes from August 19

Meg pointed out that they are considering talking to CAPTAIN

Christian Education Team (Tom Carter, chair, Sue Pangie, liaison)- no report

Stewardship & Finance Team (Debbie Seifert, chair; Eve Kenyon, liaison)- minutes from July 16 and financial reports ending 6/30 and 7/31.

Buildings and Grounds Team (Peter Wilson, liaison) - minutes from August 27

Worship (Eve Kenyon, liaison)- minutes from August 23

Deacons (Ken Killian, chair; Marty Davis, liaison)- minutes from June 24 and July 15

Pastor's Report – see attached. Scott has been working on Personnel Report for Presbytery meeting. New member's class will likely be in November and bible study in October. Walter Martinez and Bonnie Stofer are members already due to transfer of membership. Meg and Eve brought up that the Bath Street entrance isn't well lit. B and Grounds can address it. *A motion was made to approve the baptism of Evie Rathay on Sunday. The motion carried.*

Housekeeping Items

Next Presbytery Meeting: Saturday, September 15, 1-5pm at Brunswick Church; Meg will be the delegate from here forward.

Session meetings will be October 8 (note not 3rd Monday), and November 19 at 6:30 pm

New Business

New Member Class- will be in November.

In home gatherings – Discussed and it seems that the care and communication list isn't getting attention. Groups are a bit awkward.

Facility Usage request- Girl Scout leaders to meet 3rd Sunday 2:30-5:00 pm. Waive the fee. Want to start this Sunday. *A motion was made to approve this usage request. Motion carried.*

Old Business

Backstretch wrap up- Lisette and Carleigh were in church yesterday, to be thanked for their service. Lisette is getting the final receipts together. Multiple churches made contributions towards the program. Justina will have the notes from this year for next year. A free lance reporter is doing a story about this vital ministry which has grown from so little.

Mission Statement – *Session affirmed that the new mission statement was approved over the summer by email vote.*

TSL / Fire alarm installation- Good news- income \$3000; bad news- concerns about use of building. Not going to be starting the after school program until 2019, due to enrollment and licensing. Fire alarm system isn't needed yet therefore. Communication was a bit lacking. The lawn needs to be reseeded, and TSL will be billed. If we continue this relationship, the church needs to have a liaison to TSL. Sue Pangie and Scott will write down what is needed for the relationship to continue, and send it to Tom Styles.

Congregation Check-In- Sharon Sommers will go to Sunnyview for rehabilitation for her leg.

2018 Nominating Committee – Scott put the flyer in the bulletin to solicit suggestions for Elders and Deacons. Maureen and Scott will plan a meeting for the committee.

Clerk Position- Judy Toelle was welcomed as the new Clerk of Session.

PNC update- Eve reported that there are multiple applicants who are generally matched with us. The committee is reading PIFs and reviewing, rating. Next meeting is next week.

Fund usage update – The Vanguard Wellington Fund has a balance of \$185,505.30, as of 9/10/18. Of this amount, \$80,000.00 is designated for the manse and \$105,505.30 is endowment. Scott will seek Presbytery approval to withdraw some of the manse funds as needed for new pastor expenses.

It was agreed that the Clerk of Session position should have a 3-year renewable term limit. An amendment to the Bylaws stating this will be presented at the annual meeting in January.

Prayer and Adjournment at 8:00.

Elder on Call Schedule: September-Jeanise; October-Eve; November- Peter; December- Jenny

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Toelle,. Stated Clerk