

First Presbyterian Church
Session Minutes
June 25, 2018

A Quorum was present: Jenny Killian, Maureen O'Conner, Jeanise Richards, Meg Knight, Eve Kenyon, Marty Davis, Peter Wilson arrived 7:30, Sue Pangie at 7:40. Absent: none Pastor Scott DeBlock, Moderator.

The meeting, held in the church parlor, was opened at 6:37 pm with prayer and called to order. The minutes of the May 21, 2018 Session meeting were approved and the agenda was accepted.

The Standing Reports received via the Consent Agenda were approved and are as follows:

Clerk's Report

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated: June 3, June 17

Special Services/Activities: Father's/Children's Day

Communications: Denial letter from Synod of the NE regarding our Reforming & Renewing application for a 2018 Synod Innovation Grant

Baptisms, funerals, deaths: Death of Donna Herrington (memorial service date TBD)

Church Calendar Review: Village Ecumenical worship service here on July 8
Armer Farm Service August 12

Team Reports

Personnel (Jenny Killian, chair)- minutes from June 10

Love In Action/Mission (Meg Knight, liaison)- no meeting, no report

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

Stewardship & Finance Team (Debbie Seifert, chair; Eve Kenyon, liaison)- no meeting, financial reports ending 5/31

Buildings and Grounds Team (Sue Getsch, chair; Peter Wilson, liaison)- no meeting, no report

Worship (Eve Kenyon, liaison)- no meeting, no report

Deacons (Ken Killian, chair; Marty Davis, liaison)- minutes from May 20

Pastor's Report – see end of minutes

Housekeeping Items

Next Presbytery Meeting: Saturday, September 15, 1-5pm at Brunswick Church

Session meetings will be Monday, August 20 at 6:00 pm (Session Picnic), September 17 at 6:30 pm

New Business

Approval of baptism of Colden Rathay

A motion was made to approve the baptism of Colden Rathay on a date still to be determined, and accepted.

Summer Worship at Armer Farm August 12

Deacons are providing food and arranging to transport materials needed

Building and Grounds Team

Sue Getsch has stepped down from leadership due to her new job.

Backstretch Program

Twenty-five kids are signed up; staff will be Lisette Wachtel and her daughter. Churches are volunteering to help- Scott is assigning Saturdays. Between our church and other churches that are contributing, the funds seem adequate to run the program.

Old Business

Albany Presbytery statistical report concern

General Assembly is considering the subjectivity of the statistical reporting of members. In the future, the reporting may be done differently.

Team Mission Action Plans

Scott provided a summary of the MAPS that he has collected to date from the teams.

Innovation Grant Application

The Mission Working Group and the Synod Commission were not without enthusiasm for the work our congregation is doing, but did not feel our application fit the grant criteria at this time. We were encouraged to apply again once a new pastor is in place. Scott is still waiting for an answer from Presbytery on whether we can use manse funds towards supplementing the salary of the new pastor for the first two years.

Mission and/or Vision Statement

The ad-hoc team suggests the following as our new mission statement: **(We are/First Presbyterian Church) a church family that worships God, grows in Christ and serves through the Spirit.** Session discussed this suggestion, and is generally in favor of adopting it. Session decided to share it with the congregation, receive input or thoughts (which might increase ownership of the statement by the congregation). Scott will start that process. Session will vote at the August Session meeting.

TSL / Fire alarm installation

TSL summer camp started today. There are 20 kids this week, three adults. The side yard is being used. They will clean what they use in the building. The fire alarm installation is yet to be scheduled.

Care and Communication Network Teams/Congregation Check-In

Scott talked to the Deacons about getting small groups together in fall, and perhaps presenting an update on the search process

2018 Nominating Committee completion

The Deacon's representative is Ken Killian. One more at-large member is needed. Scott has a prospect in mind.

Clerk Position

No volunteers yet, need to be more purposeful in recruiting. Scott and Jenny will work on this.

PNC update

The PNC is working on the Ministry Information Form still. There are many in-depth narrative questions to answer/draft. Eve shared the MIF with Session so we better understand the process the PNC is going through. The MIF has to be approved by Session, then the Committee on Ministers and Congregations at Presbytery before being posted. PNC will provide an update to the congregation. Session really appreciates the PNC's work, and asked Eve to share that thanks at their next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Jenny Killian, Clerk of Session

Elder on Call Schedule: July-Marty; August-Jeanise; September-Maureen; October-Eve; November- Peter; December- Jenny