

First Presbyterian Church

Session Minutes

October 8, 2018

A Quorum was present: Maureen O'Conner,, Marty Davis, Sue Pangie, Meg Knight, Scott DeBlock, Peter Wilson, Jenny Killian, Jeanise Richards, and Judy Toelle, Clerk. Absent: Eve Kenyon.

The meeting, held in the church parlor, was opened at 6:35 pm with prayer and called to order. The minutes of the September 10, 2018 Session meeting were approved and the agenda was accepted.

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

Clerk's Report

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated: September 16, October 7

Special Services/Activities: Ministry and Mission Sunday, September 23

Communications: a letter from Elkins Park Presbyterian Church, Elkins, PA, was received, recommending that we receive Betty and Norman Young into membership in our church. Meg Knight moved to receive this transfer and Jenny seconded the motion.

Baptisms, funerals, deaths: Evie June and Colden William Rathay were baptized on September 16

Church Calendar Review: Consecration Sunday October 28

Election Day BBQ November 6

Team Reports

Personnel (Jenny Killian, chair)-will meet the end of October/Early Nov. Milt Hall has resigned from committee.

Love In Action/Mission (Meg Knight, liaison)-next meeting is scheduled for Oct 14th

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

Stewardship & Finance Team (Debbie Seifert, chair; Eve Kenyon, liaison)-finance report ending August 31, next meeting October 11.

Backstretch Program report - money was held in reserve from last year. Although more was spent this year than last year, we are still ahead.

Buildings and Grounds Team (Peter Wilson, liaison)- minutes from October 4, fall clean will be Nov 3.

Handicapped Accessibility - Scott met with Mark Besse from Brunswick Church regarding handicapped accessibility. A four station lift in the corner near the sanctuary and fellowship hall has an estimated cost of \$100,000. An anonymous gift of \$20,000 has been offered that is designated for handicapped accessibility.

Sanctuary Carpet - Estimate from Ballston Carpet for new carpet in the sanctuary is \$6,400. This estimate includes removal of the first two pews in the front of the sanctuary.

Worship (Eve Kenyon, liaison)- next meeting is Nov 8

Deacons (Ken Killian, chair; Marty Davis, liaison)- no report

Pastor's Report – see end of minutes

Housekeeping Items

Next Presbytery Meeting: Tuesday, November 13, 6:30 pm at Westminster Presbyterian

Session meetings will be November 12 and December 17 at 6:30 pm

Annual meeting will be January 27, 2019

New Business

18 month interim pastor evaluation was discussed. It was agreed that he is doing a commendable job.

Old Business

Congregation Check-In –Sharon Sommers is home now. The Deacons are keeping in touch.

The first rehearsal of the Community Christmas choir was held last Wednesday night with lots of singers.

New Member Class –Derick Pascascio, Gary Miltner, Nick and Sarah Rathay, and Susan Brewer will be attending.

2018 Nominating Committee – Maureen reported the following:

Elders – Meg and Marty agreed to a 2nd term, Chris Hunter agreed to a 3-year term

Deacons – losing 3 by the end of the year, Liz Holub and Rick Daltilio agreed to serve 2nd term

PNC update – progressing; they are meeting again next week

Fund usage update – Manse utilization, supposed to meet before next Presbytery meeting

2019 Budget Finance meeting on Thursday, October 11

Prayer and Adjournment at 7:30.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Toelle,. Stated Clerk