

First Presbyterian Church
Session Minutes August 14, 2017

A Quorum was present: Meg Knight, Jenny Killian, Peter Wilson, Sue Pangie, Sue Getsch, and Eve Kenyon. Pastor Scott DeBlock, Moderator. Absent: Deb Seifert

The meeting, held at the home of Scott and Heidi DeBlock, was opened at 7:35 pm and called to order. A meal with prayer preceded the meeting.

The minutes of June 19, 2017 Session meeting were accepted and approved.

Standing Reports received

Clerk's Report

- ❖ Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated: June 4, June 18, July 2 at the Ecumenical Service, July 16, August 6
- ❖ Special Services/Activities: Village Ecumenical Service July 2, held at Episcopal Church
- ❖ Communications: none
- ❖ Baptisms, funerals, deaths: July 16, 2017 Baptisms of Ailish Stella Critchlow and Bryceson Arthur Smith

Church Calendar Review:

Armer Farm Service- August 20
Ministry and Mission- Sunday, September 17

Team Reports

Personnel (Jenny Killian, chair)- no report
Love In Action/Mission (Meg Knight, Liaison)- no report
Christian Education Team (Tom Carter, chair, Sue Pangie, Liaison)- no report
Stewardship and Finance Team (Debbie Seifert, chair)- financial reports ending 7/31/17
Buildings and Grounds Team (Sue Getsch, chair)-minutes 8/6/17
Worship (Bonnie Unser, Eve Kenyon, Liaison)- no report
Deacons (Ken Killian, chair; Sue Getsch, Liaison)- minutes 7/16/17

Housekeeping Items

The next Presbytery meeting is Sept 30. Sue Getsch will go to the meeting as our delegate. We are hosting the Sept 12 special Presbytery meeting, on the subject of Presbytery staffing. The meeting will be in the sanctuary at 6:30 pm, and we need to provide coffee/tea/cookies.

New Business

Care and Communication Network - Scott shared this new concept with the Deacons yesterday. They affirmed the concept. The network will email or call their "people" if they aren't seen for a period of time, so people don't fall through the cracks. Scott will come up with a letter to go out to the congregation to introduce this. It will start in mid to late September. These groups might feed into transition team in-home meetings. *A motion made to accept the Care and Communication Network, seconded, and passed.*

Care and Compassion Coordinator - The Deacons would like to present a recommendation to session to create a position of "Care and Compassion Coordinator" and nominate Jimmy Getsch to fill the role. The main responsibility would include sending cards (thinking of you, sympathy, get well soon, happy birthday, etc.) to the members of the church. These cards could be pre-existing where he would just sign his name, or un-printed cards where he would get assistance writing them from Ken Getsch. *Session seconded and accepted this recommendation from Deacons.*

New stoves – The Buildings and Grounds team is respectfully asking for approval to purchase two new stoves, at a cost of approximately \$1,000. As well, Session should consider if the church wants to purchase service contracts on these stoves, which would add another \$500 for three years of service. A donation has been received

to cover the cost of the stoves. The motion, to purchase the stoves (and forgo the service contract) was seconded and approved.

Transition Team – The team is meeting every 2 weeks. The team purchased a full demographic report on a 15-mile radius. In the next 5-10 years, there are going to be a lot of retirees and younger families with small kids; ages between will be flat. The area around our church has more people who are spiritual but not affiliated with a church than in the rest of the state. For the church to survive and fulfill its mission, a new pastor will have to walk down the middle, and the church might not be able to be as conservative. We will need to be relational.

Bookkeeping support - Justina will be taking a bookkeeping course at SCCC. Scott asked if Session would contribute to the cost. The Personnel Team should consider continuing education in the 2018 budget. *A motion was made to contribute \$500 towards the course for Justina, seconded and approved.*

Old Business

The next Session meetings will be September 18, October 16, and November 20, all at 6:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Jenny Killian, Clerk of Session

Elder on Call Schedule: 2017 – Deb; February – Jenny; March – Sue Getsch; April – Peter; May- Meg; June – Sue Pangie; July- Eve; August – Jenny; September- Sue Getsch