

First Presbyterian Church
Session Minutes
September 18, 2017

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

The meeting, held in the church parlor, was opened at 6:35 pm with prayer and called to order. The minutes of August 14, 2017 were approved.

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: 8/20, 9/3 and 9/17
- ❖ Special Services/Activities: Armer Farm Service 8/20; Ministry and Mission Sunday, 9/17
- ❖ Communications: Thank you note received from Justina Danison
- ❖ Baptisms, funerals, deaths: none

Church Calendar Review:

New Member Classes- October 2017

Community Resource Fair, November 11- 10 am-2 pm

Consecration Sunday, November 12

Village Christmas Cantata at First Baptist Church, Dec. 10 5:00 hors d'oeuvres, 6:00 presentation

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

Buildings and Grounds Team (Sue Getsch, chair)- no report

Stewardship & Finance Team (Debbie Seifert, chair)- financial reports ending 8/31, minutes from 9/11

Worship (Bonnie Unser, chair; Eve Kenyon, Liaison)- minutes from 9/7

Deacons (Ken Killian, chair; Sue Getsch, Liaison)- minutes from 8/13 and 9/10

Pastor's Report - Scott requested that the Nominating Team (Tom Carter, Dennis Little, Bev Davis, Eve Kenyon and Ken Killian) get started on its work. Session terms for Peter, Eve, Sue Getsch, and Deb are ending. Scott will investigate whether one needs to be a member for a year before becoming a leader. Scott will send an email to the congregation about what Deacons and Elders do, and ask for suggestions of those to be considered for nomination. Eve, the chair, will schedule a team meeting. This nominating team might be the one to select the Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC).

Housekeeping Items

- Next Presbytery meeting- September 30, in Amsterdam, 9-4 pm; Sue Getsch is delegate. Peter Wilson is going to the author presentation. The special Presbytery meeting last week was a discussion of the hierarchy of staff for Presbytery- how to staff the Presbytery so that business and issues can be addressed. Presbytery is working with the Synod of the Northeast. Sue Getsch agreed to be the ongoing delegate to Presbytery.
- Elder of the Month for October 2017-February 2018 decided (see end of minutes)

New Business

In Home Gatherings for Transition Team Work - Scott is planning 6 meetings of members, hosted by an elder and/or deacon, to meet with the transition team. Scott shared a draft document that will go out in advance of the meetings.

Facilities Usage Request – Received usage request from Odyssey of the Mind, coached by Justina Danison. *A motion was made to approve the request with a waiver of fee, and passed.*

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Jenny Killian, Clerk of Session

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

Elder on Call Schedule: April – Peter; May- Meg; June – Sue Pangie; July- Eve; August – Jenny; September- Sue Getsch; October- Peter; November – Deb; December – Meg; January 2018 – Sue Pangie; February 2018 - Jenny