

**The United Presbyterian Church of East Guilford  
Regular Session Meeting**

A regular monthly meeting of the Session of the United Presbyterian Church of East Guilford was held June 13, 2017 at the church. The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

**Elders Present:** Jan Lafayette, Judy Ives, Sharon Havens, Gordon Spreutels, April Geiger, Patty Wolff, moderator; with a quorum being present.

**Elders Excused:** none

**Elders Absent:** none

**Guests:** none

The **Clerk of Session Report:**

**Membership Roll**

Last report.....	53
Gains:.....	0
Losses: .....	0
Membership Roll, this report.....	53

**Sacraments**

Communion.....	1
Infant Baptism.....	0
Adult Baptism.....	0
Weddings.....	0
Funerals.....	0

The following **Communications** were received:

- Received money from Smith Foundation for the kitchen remodeling.
- Received request from Presbyterian Historical Society. Authorization to renew \$50 associate membership for the year moved and passed.

**Consent Agenda:**

- Reviewed and set agenda for meeting.
- Approval of May minutes.
- Approval of standing committee reports.
- Approval of Clerk of Session report.
- Approval of Pastor's report and mileage
- Receipt of treasurer's report for May

- Discussed Pastor Patty's reports: distance to Cooperstown. We will now be paying ½ mileage for Presbytery meetings. A positive note: there were many more pastoral visits.

**Consent agenda was moved and passed.**

**Worship Committee, Judy Ives and Jan Lafayette, chairs:**

Communion was served on June 4<sup>th</sup> Dave Williams and Elma Taylor with Pastor Patty officiating.

Judy Ives will not be playing at the worship service on August 6 and 13. Wyva Hasselblad was asked to substitute with mileage.

Anna Eglis' high school graduation will be recognized on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Building and Grounds, Gordon Spreutels, chair:**

No report.

**Parish Life, Sharon Havens, chair:**

No report.

**Mission & Stewardship:**

The Blessing Box seems to be used regularly. The Pennysaver is running a personal ad for 10 weeks as of May 23. It reads: "In need? Be Blessed! Free food available @ Presbyterian Church in East Guilford's Blessing Box. Route 8, north of Sidney. 607-563-1083." Jan wrote a second Tri-Town News article and sent pictures. She will be getting in touch with WCDO for public service announcement.

**Nominating Committee:**

No report

**Personnel Committee, Jan Lafayette, chair:**

No report

**Presbytery Report:**

Sharon Havens attended the May 20 Presbytery Assembly meeting.

**Pastor's Report:**

Pastor Patty has continued her work with the Operation Merry Christmas and the TriTown Consortium. She is starting work on the 2017-2018 fuel bid for the consortium. Pastor Patty attended the Presbytery Assembly meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>. The Blessing Box was dedicated on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Morning and Afternoon Bible Study meets regularly.

**Old Business:**

- Received information of child we are sponsoring in India thru Orissa. Discussed how this can be celebrated. Sharon will make colored copies of information for the bulletins, and it will be announced this Sunday. Sharon will email Hemant Tandi for more information including a short biography and an explanation of how our donation is used. We will celebrate more once this is received.
- Kitchen project: Ordered all equipment, and it is all on truck awaiting delivery except the stove. Received \$400 credit for extra flooring that was not used.

**Devotions:** None

### **New Business:**

- Use of hall by line dancing group: It was moved and passed that we would allow use of the building thru the summer and when Oxford Schools are closed. We will ask that attendees stay out of the kitchen for now. We will accept a donation for use of the building, \$ to be determined by the group. For August, we request that Kathy Schmidt give her key to the leaders along with a name of someone who can be contacted if they have any issues or questions. Sharon will send a building use form to Kathy with the \$ crossed out to be filled out by the leaders. We will announce these events to the congregation.
- Moved and passed that we will allow Guilford Days group to borrow tables.
- Discussed memorial for Rev. Dr. Ruth Fiscella, former pastor (DOD May 20, 2017). Moved and passed that we will provide \$500 to Mikalia Bean in Ruth's memory to be used for Mikalea's education. Patty and April will discuss with Mikalea.
- Operation Merry Christmas: Rumor is that Kmart may close. Moved and passed approval to allow Patty to set up accounts with Ginny Ireland at Dollar General and Norwich Walmart.
- Recognition of Anna Egli's high school graduation. Moved and passed that this will occur on 7/16 or 7/23 – whichever is most convenient for the Egli family. Jan will purchase a copy of The Message as a gift from the church.
- Moved and passed the baptism of Mikalea Bean and acceptance into church membership. This is dependent on successful completion of the class Patty will lead which will be scheduled soon (Thursday or Saturday). Worship service date to be determined.
- Moved and passed that we will send \$80 to Carolyn Winfrey Gillette for recent use of two of her hymns. Requested Patty to ask if we can make a one-time donation for use of all her hymns.
- Discussed possible outdoor worship for the last Sunday in July. Will request feedback from the congregation.

Our next meeting of the session will be July 11, 2017 at 6:00PM at the church. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Sharon Havens at 7:32 PM.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Jan Lafayette, Ruling Elder