

**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 February 14, 2017 at Sharon Haven's residence. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

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

**Elders Excused:** Gordon Spreutels

**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: Good Shepherd thank you; Book of Order amendments to be sent to Session; and a letter about the grant application from RC Smith Foundation.

**Consent Agenda:**

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

**Consent agenda was moved and passed included:**

The earth care recertification documentation was submitted and confirmation of receipt has been received.

The annual church yard sale will be held July 29<sup>th</sup> with collections of saleable goods to begin now.

Pastor Patty was granted vacation of 2 weeks for March 20 through April 2, 2017.

**Worship Committee, April Geiger, chair:**

Communion was served on January 8<sup>th</sup> by Frank and Becky Holley with Rev. Patty Wolff officiating.

The congregation will gather for regular 2017 Sunday worship at 9:00AM in the sanctuary for the months of April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December and in the fellowship hall for January, February and March. Worship will be led by Pastor Patty Wolff preaching each Sunday except for designated vacation days or study leaves.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated the first Sunday of each month and other special dates as approved by the session.

The session approves the use of the The Worshipping Church, Hymns of Praise and The Presbyterian hymnals and the Revised Standard Version of The Bible as well as the NRSV Bible and The Message.

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

No report.

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

No report.

**Mission & Stewardship:**

No report.

**Nominating Committee:**

No report.

**Presbytery Report:**

No report.

**Pastor's Report:**

Pastor Patty led a special worship service about Inspirational Women on January 29<sup>th</sup>. She processed payments for Operation Merry Christmas, moderated the East Guilford annual meeting in January, attended COM meeting, led the Executive Team of the Presbytery, attended cabinet meetings and Tri Town Ministerium. Pastor Patty continues to lead Afternoon Bible Study as the morning study is suspended until March.

**Old Business:**

- The installation of new ruling elders Jan Lafayette and Judy Ives will take place on February 26, 2017 during worship service.
- Patty will draft a Labors of Love pamphlet to be distributed to church members.
- Patty will contact Roy Straka regarding the financial review for 2015 and 2016.
- Bulletin format was discussed and further input will be sought from the congregation. Sharon will cut back the number of copies made from 25 to 20.
- Received communication from RC Smith Foundation regarding kitchen remodeling. They are willing to give us \$10,000 provided we can raise the

additional \$12,000 within 2 years. Session will ask Kitchen Committee to organize a capital campaign.

- April and Sharon reported that there is still a mouse smell in the church.

**Devotions:**

Had a discussion on how God will provide for our church's needs. We should trust God and help other members see this.

**New Business:**

- The monthly meetings of the session will be the second Tuesday at 6PM. Through the winter, they will be at the home of Sharon Havens and in the warmer months will be held in the church fellowship hall. If weather is bad, we plan to use GoToMeeting.
- The session reviewed the session's committee structure and reorganized as follows:
  - Worship Committee: Judy and Jan will share responsibilities. Patty and Sharon will work on getting pastors for Patty's requested vacation.
  - Mission Committee: open.
  - Building and Grounds: Gordon Spreutels
  - Parish Life: Sharon Havens
- The session approved Gordon Spreutels and April Geiger as chair to serve a one year term on the 2017 nominating committee.
- The session approved Jan Lafayette to serve on the personnel committee. Jan will make an announcement at church that we are looking for congregation member.
- We will continue to maintain internet service at the church.
- Discussion on replacing the copier with a new printer tabled for next meeting.
- Discussion of a pop-up food bank. Motion passed to continue pursuing this. Jan will request help from congregation on next steps.
- Jan Lafayette will serve as Commissioner to Presbytery, March 18th in Oneonta.
- Discussed and approved sending \$240 to musician who provided music for Women's Sunday worship.
- Approval was given via email for Christina Rogalski to use the fellowship hall on March 18<sup>th</sup> 1:00 for a baby shower and we will ask for a donation in lieu of regular fees.

Our next meeting of the session will be March 14, 2017 at 6:00PM at Sharon Haven's home. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer at approximately 9:10 PM.

Submitted by:

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Jan Lafayette, Ruling Elder

