

**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 on April 10, 2018 at the church. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

Elders Present: Jan Lafayette, Sharon Havens, Judy Ives, Dave Williams, April Ray, 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.....	54
Gains:.....	0
Losses: by transfer Kathleen Burnet.....	1
Membership Roll, this report.....	53

Sacraments

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

The following **Communications** were received:

Pastor Patty received communication from PCUSA thanking church for our support of Presbyterian missions.

Consent Agenda:

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

Meeting agenda and Consent agenda was moved and passed including the following:

Discussed financial reports:

- \$250 check for missions last month represented our quarterly payment for missions to the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery.
- April Ray noted that we are behind in offerings/income compared to the budget.
- April has set up an online account with NBT for bill-paying.

Worship Committee, Judy Ives and Jan Lafayette, chairs:

- Communion was led by Pastor Patty on March 4 and served by Frank and Becky Holley.

- Palms and Lilies were secured for Palm and Easter Sundays with dedications in honor and memory of loved ones.
- On March 25, Palm Sunday was celebrated with palms waving as the choir entered on the processional hymn.
- Maundy Thursday was celebrated with communion and officiated by Patty, served by Jan Lafayette and all the participants as they sat in the pews and served one another.
- Pastor Patty decided on her vacation time and we were able to schedule JoAnn Aymar for May 6 and Rev. Barbara Renton for May 13.
- We are enlisting volunteers to participate and make suggestions for Earth Day service on April 22.

Building and Grounds, Dave Williams, chair:

- Dave spoke with Gordon Spreutels about mowing the lawn and the blessing box shed. Jan, Gordon and Dave will meet to consider building a shed to house the snowblower and the blessing box.

Parish Life, Sharon Havens, chair:

- No report

Mission & Stewardship, Jan Lafayette, chair:

- We had 3 Moment for Missions to talk about One Great Hour of Sharing, and collected over \$480 for this worthy cause. The fellowship committee and the Presbyterian Women's group sponsored a breakfast after church on 4/8, and the free will offering from this breakfast will also go to OGHS.
- Kathy Schmidt completed the new Earth Care Bulletin Board, and I have continued to plan for this special offering, which will be part of our Earth Day celebration this year.

Nominating Committee:

- No report.

Personnel Committee, Jan Lafayette, chair:

- No report

Presbytery Report:

- No report

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor Patty attended the March meeting of the TriTown Ministerium and continues to administer the Operation Merry Christmas funds. A Lenten program of Sunday afternoon movies and food were lead by Patty on March 4th and 11th. Patty lead Maundy Thursday worship service and participated in the Ecumenical Good Friday service in Sidney.
- Pastor Patty requested and was granted vacation time April 30 through May 13 for 2 weeks with 2 Sundays.
- Pastor Patty continues to lead Bible Studies on Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons.

Old Business:

- Blessing Box cabinet is in planning phases.
- Communion ware repair: Jan inquired twice, but has not received an estimate from T.H. Stemper Co. Wax was removed from candlesticks and offering plates using a hair dryer. Brasso was used to remove some of the green tarnish from the candlesticks. Discussed trying jewelry cloths if they will not harm the metal. Jan received additional feedback that this is not that important to some church members. Decided to table this activity for now.

- Motion made and passed to hold lasagna dinner fund raiser on April 27th.
- Approved monthly third Sunday breakfasts after church starting June 17. Proceeds will be used for mission. Collected \$162 for One Great Hour of Sharing at April 8 breakfast and 23 people attended.
- Orissa: Patty contacted Hemant Tandi, and learned that the request for funds the church received recently was a general request from Orissa, and not for our sponsorship of Lusi. Decided to table request for donation now, but want to continue to support Lusi.

Devotions:

Discussed new Star Wars movie, and the idea of whether the “nobodies” will be the ones that will lead us out of darkness.

New Business:

- Patty received positive feedback on the April 8 sermon about hymns, so she will continue the series.
- Discussed plans for Earth Day worship on April 22. Patty would like to put together a slide show of other forms of power, and will request pictures from church members on Sunday. Robin Lafayette, Jan Lafayette (Maji Solar Project), Judy Ives (butterfly devotion) and Sandy Dumond (poems) have volunteered to speak. Kathy Schmidt would like to read.
- Discussed status of Blessing Box. Anyone who stops by the church can fill it with any food set aside in the church for it. Jan will ask cleaners to check it.

Our next meeting of the session will be Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 6:00PM at the church. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Dave Williams at approximately 7:25 PM.

Submitted by: _____
Jan Lafayette, Ruling Elder