

**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 September 18, 2018 at the church.

The meeting was called to order at 6 PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

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

Elders Excused: April Ray

Elders Absent: none

Guests: Kathy Schmidt, Clerk of Session; Kathy Joerman

The Clerk of Session Report:

Membership Roll

Last report.....	51
Gains:.....	0
Losses:	0
Membership Roll, this report.....	51

Sacraments

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

Special Presentation: Back to School program

- Kathy Joerman presented her idea to begin a back-to-school program in the area. She has participated in similar program in Connecticut.
- It would be for elementary school children selected by school social workers or guidance counsellors
- Children are given coats, sneakers, gloves, hats, school supplies, a school outfit, underwear, socks, etc.
- Parents stay and have opportunity to learn about help and services from area organizations
- Program can start small and build into something bigger.
- Would like to start in 2020.
- Kathy J. is asking for direction, monetary help, and volunteers.
- Patty asked that Kathy attend the Sidney Ministerium on October 11 and to present information to the Bainbridge Council of Churches.

The following **Communications** were received:

- Church support workshop, Small Church 102, October 6th, 9:00 – 2:00 at Oneonta First Presbyterian
- Share the Bounty is considering a once-a-month Saturday morning breakfast. Prayerfully consider whether we should offer our space
- Flowers left from the yard sale decorated the Chenango county fair.

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

Consent agenda was moved and passed including the following:

- The line dancing group use of the church fellowship hall on Mondays that the Oxford School is closed during the school year. It would be the same as last year, 5:00 - 8:15pm. The dates are: October 8, November 12 & 19, January 21, February 18, April 15.
- Pastor's CE week for November 19 – 25, 2018 for reading and possibly a retreat.

Items removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion

- Third Sunday breakfasts discussion
- Blessing Box issues were reviewed
- \$43 should be sent to Buckhorn from loose offering in July and August, as agreed at prior meeting.
- Aimee has not been paid because Patty is awaiting W9.

Worship Committee, Judy Ives and Jan Lafayette, chairs:

- Pastor Patty conducted communion on Sept 2, 2018. It was served by Elma Taylor and Jan Lafayette. We held a "Golden Oldies" hymn service on Sept 2, using favorite hymns chosen by the congregation.
- Patty was on vacation on Sept. 9, and the service was led by the Rev. Dr. Barbara Renton. We began using a new Gloria response.
- We have scheduled the Rev. Hemant Tandi to preach in Patty's absence on Oct. 14.

Building and Grounds, Dave Williams, chair:

- Steve Clark will provide snow removal at the same rate as last year.

Parish Life, Sharon Havens, chair:

- Discussed breakfast series and blessing box issues.

Mission & Stewardship, Jan Lafayette, chair:

- Lusi Digal received our donation for college tuition.
- The sign for the Blessing Box is made and will be painted and installed soon.
- We collected about \$116 for the Blessing Box at September's breakfast.

Nominating Committee:

- No report.

Personnel Committee, Jan Lafayette, chair:

- No report

Presbytery Report:

- Sharon Havens will be the commissioner to the September 29th Presbytery Assembly.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor Patty attended the Personnel Committee meetings, worked with Operation Merry Christmas and its new location and twice weekly Bible studies at our church. She is requesting a week in November for her 2nd week of continuing education. The sermon series on 1 John has finished. Patty held pre-marital counseling with Todd Straka and Tanya Burk.

Old Business:

- None

Devotions:

Mark 2:18 Sabbath laws; what is right and not right; Jesus turned everything on its ear. Rules made so man will be all right. Is organized religion missing the boat?

New Business:

- Sharon Haven volunteered to serve as Commissioner for Presbytery Assembly on September 29 in Unadilla

- Approved use of sanctuary on October 2 at 7:00 PM for First Presbyterian Church of Bainbridge Session Meeting.
- Dave Williams made a motion and Session approved use of Mirabito's for fuel oil this coming winter.

Our next meeting of the session will be Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 6:00PM, location to be determined. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by at approximately 7:55 PM.

Submitted by:

Jan Lafayette, Ruling Elder