

**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 August 12, 2019 at the manse. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

Elders Present: Dave Williams, Sharon Havens (on speaker phone), Judy Ives, Becky Holley, 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.....	50
Gains:.....	0
Losses:	0
Membership Roll, this report.....	50

Sacraments

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

The following **Communications** were received

Good Shepherd acknowledgement for \$100 donation in honor of Doris Ferrara

Church World Service – Acknowledgement for \$155 for Blanket Sunday (This was a PW donation.)

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.

Worship Committee, Judy Ives, chair:

- Worship in July was combined with the Bainbridge congregation and held at East Guilford at 9 am. We were delighted to host the baptism of Violet and Phil Wade's grandson on July 28. We had a combined choir that day. We also said goodbye to Jan Lafayette, who is moving to the Albany area, and who served as half of this worship committee. Communion was celebrated in Bainbridge on August 4, with Bainbridge church serving. Through August we will meet in Bainbridge at 10 AM.
- There will also be a joint worship @ Bainbridge @ 10:00 AM on 9/1 in Patty's absence. **M/S/P**

Building and Grounds, Dave Williams, chair:

- The Bilco door project is complete, a dehumidifier and pump are at work in the basement drying things out quite nicely. Water extracted from the air is pumped into the downspout drywell system so it is unnecessary to carry the water out manually. However, it is necessary to clean the filter periodically to ensure efficiency operation. In time we will determine a cleaning schedule.
- The pole light project is on hold waiting for Steve Clark to auger a hole in the ground. I have not heard from Jim Johnson who is heading up the painting and staining project nor have I seen Tim DuMond who is leading the sign maintenance work.
- It is time to solicit bids for fuel oil. **April Ray provided the amount used during this heating season. 1286.3 gallons.**

Parish Life, Sharon Havens, chair:

- No report.

Mission & Stewardship:

Nominating Committee:

- No report. The nominating committee for 2019 is: Sharon Havens (Senior Session member), Becky Holley (Junior Session Member), Kathy Schmidt, and Sandy Egli. We never found a third person.

Personnel Committee:

- No report.

Pastor's Report:

Administrative & Continuing Education

- a. Worship Planning for August/Sept
- b. Attended COM Policy Review Team Meetings – 7/11 & 7/18

Presbytery & Ecumenical

- a. Administration for Operation Merry Christmas

Days Off (Vacation)

- a. Planning 8/26 through 9/2

Worship/Events

- a. Korean Cooking Class
- b. Jan Lafayette Celebration
- c. Unmack Baptism on 7/28

Bible Study – Two Groups at East Guilford

- a. Wednesday @ 8:00 AM – Reading Minor Prophets (Zechariah)
- b. Thursday at 2:30 PM – Reading Proverbs and Revelation

Mission

- a. Stocked EG Blessing Box

Items Removed from Consent Agenda:

- Fellowship – since there was no report, Patty asked if we should be planning some fellowship events. Dave has received some communication from a woman in his mother's church in FL that has information on mission opportunities in Cuba. Dave will get additional information and we can plan for a fellowship event at that time.

Old Business:

- It was determined that there was not enough interest at this time to hold a Chicken BBQ. We will consider this in the spring.
- The letter introducing the Town Hall meetings and new period of discernment was approved at the last meeting and will be mailed out over the next couple of days.

Devotions:

Patty related an incident that happened with a local pastor who left after only two years. One person in the congregation threatened the pastor and family – physically, spiritually, professionally, and emotionally. The session refused to take action. Perhaps this is something churches need to look at if the church as we know it is ever to thrive again. Yet we believe God is still speaking and has a plan for God's people. Patty read Psalm 28:7. We must trust in God for the future, while we continue to be God's people.

New Business:

- Becky Holley agreed to be the session representative to the Personnel Committee. Patty is still waiting for an answer from Kathy Schmidt before we need to convene the Nominating Committee.
 - UPDATE: Kathy Schmidt agreed to fill Jan's term. She is not interested in coming back on session in the New Year - 2020.
- No one volunteered to attend the next Presbytery Assembly on 9/21 @ Union Endicott. We still have time to get someone.
- Patty spoke about not being able to reach the church phone. The calls trips but no one is there and the phone doesn't ring at the church.
 - UPDATE: Dave and Patty were going to test the phone on Wednesday. However, Patty found that the problem was gone.

Our next meeting of the session will be Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 6:00PM, at the church. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Becky at approximately 8:28 PM.

Submitted by: _____