

**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 October 15, 2019 at the church. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

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

Elders Excused: Becky Holley

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

Email from Scott Kindig regarding how the Presbytery could resource our church.

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.

- October 26th meeting with Dave Leidy regarding solar energy.
- Contracts with Clark Construction and Blueox.

Worship Committee, Judy Ives, chair:

- We met for a joint worship service with Bainbridge at our church on September 22. This was followed by a short coffee hour and then by a town hall meeting of the East Guilford congregation to gather information about our community and ourselves as we look to the future of our church. On October 6, we observed World-Wide Communion with Pastor Patty officiating and served by Elma Taylor and Sandy Egli. We had a special liturgy for communion which emphasized our union with Christian believers around the world. This was followed by a coffee hour to send off Jim and Audrey Bartlett with our blessings.. Our scripture lessons have been from the Old Testament , including Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy, and Ruth, as w begin a new lectionary year.

Building and Grounds, Dave Williams, chair:

- I have signed a contract with Clark Construction for snow removal for \$25 per visit with additional \$25 if salting is requested. This is the same rate as last year. This was approved via email vote and confirmed.
- A contract with Blueox for fuel oil and burner plan was signed for \$2.799 per gallon that also includes burner service. This was approved via email and confirmed.
- Blueox replaced a defective air separator under warranty and replaced a leaking back flow preventer which was not under warranty and will cost approximately \$250.
- Thanks to Tim, Jim and Gordon the light pole is up. Gordon has ordered and installed an energy efficient LED outdoor light fixture. The purchase of the light fixture was approved via email and confirmed.
- I've been in contact with Dave Leidy regarding a solar presentation with a tentative date of October 26 at 7 pm. We might be wise to back that up to 6 or 6:30 if that works better. Once we have firmed up the date and time we should make a concerted effort to bring in as many of our members as well as other churches. If we have an overflow crowd we could seat people in the fellowship hall where they can listen in.
- I have built a wall shelf unit for the phone, router, freeze alarm unit, phone book, and all.
- I finished painting Sunday School windows and exterior basement door.

Parish Life, Sharon Havens, chair:

- No report.

Mission & Stewardship:

- No report

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. Will announce that we are seeking 2 members from the congregation.

Personnel Committee:

- No report.

Pastor's Report:

1. Administrative & Continuing Education
 - a. Took required Sexual Harassment Training – Certificate to Kathy Schmidt
 - b. Compiled Town Hall 1 Results from September 22, 2019 and e-mailed to Congregation
 - c. Planning 2nd CE week from November 11 through 18
2. Presbytery & Ecumenical
 - a. Administration for Operation Merry Christmas
 - b. Attended COM Policy Review Team Meetings – September 19 and 26
3. Days Off (Vacation)
 - a. Took August 26 through September 2 as vacation
 - b. Planning December 19 through January 6 for vacation (12 Days – will take other two between now and the end of the year) Need coverage for 12/29/2019 and 1/5/2020
4. Worship/Events
 - a. Facilitated TownHall 1 on September 22, 2019
 - b. Joint Worship w/ Bainbridge on September 22
5. Bible Study – Two Groups
 - a. Wednesday @ 8:00 AM – Finished Minor Prophets – Next Up: Job
 - b. Thursday at 2:30 PM – Reading Proverbs and Revelation

6. Mission
a. Stocked Blessing Box

Items Removed from Consent Agenda:

None

Old Business:

- Next town hall meeting November 3rd right after church. Patty will try to coordinate a joint worship with Bainbridge here at 9:30am. M/S/P

Devotions:

Patty read from Maria Schriver's Sunday Paper on acceptance of others who are different from us and to heal our divide.

New Business:

- Patty will announce that we need a congregation member to join the nominating committee. Nominating committee will meet soon. Congregational meeting to elect 2 new members from the congregation to the nominating committee will be held on November 3rd.
- Commissioner for Assembly on November 23rd in Walton is needed. Kathy Schmidt volunteered.
- Christmas Eve service 5:00pm service M/S/P.
- Earth Care Kathy Schmidt and ask Kathy Joerman.
- Judy will be off on the 29th of December.
- M/S/P that Line Dance Class be allowed to use the fellowship hall on Nov 11, Dec 23, 30, Jan 20, Feb 17, Apr 6, 13, May 25 and June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.

Our next meeting of the session will be Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 6:00PM, at the church. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Kathy at 7:01PM.

Submitted by: _____