

**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 March 19, 2019 at Patty Wolff's home. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff. Elders Present: Jan Lafayette, Judy Ives, Dave Williams, Sharon Havens, Becky Holley, Patty Wolff, moderator; with a quorum being present.

Elders Excused: none

Elders Absent: none

The Clerk of Session Report:

Membership Roll

Last report.....	51
Gains:.....	0
Losses: .....Beulah Lodovice DOD 2019-02-15.....	1
Membership Roll, this report.....	50
Sacraments	
Communion.....	1
Infant Baptism.....	0
Adult Baptism.....	0
Weddings.....	0
Funerals.....	0

The following Communications were received: None

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:

- Jan reported that the date for carpet cleaning has been changed to March 25th.
- Motion made and passed to accept changes to the agenda.

Removed from consent agenda for discussion:

- Back to School letter
  - Discussed that Operation Merry Christmas may need more volunteers this year. Patty is going to bring this up with the Sidney Ministerium.
  - Approved sending the back to school letter but would like Kathy J. to also meet with groups (like Sidney Ministerium) for discussion. Patty will discuss this with Kathy Joerman and Kathy Schmidt.
- Need to replace fridge/freezer – Dave will check into it further.
- Continuing education and budget discussion
  - Patty noted that the continuing ed. Budget monies were low
  - Jan noted that Office Supplies and Cleaning are also low
  - Upon review, motion made and passed to change the value of following budget categories:

- Continuing education: to \$500
- Office Supplies: to \$200
- Cleaning: to \$150

Worship Committee, Judy Ives and Jan Lafayette, chairs:

- Fred Downs was our guest lay preacher on March 3 in Patty's absence. This was a combined East Guilford and Bainbridge service held at 9 AM in East Guilford. Paula Epply, commissioned ruling elder, officiated at communion. Elements were served by Jan Lafayette and Kathy Schmidt. The combined choirs performed a beautiful communion anthem. The service was followed by a coffee hour.
- March 10 services were canceled due to severe ice conditions at the church.
- On March 17, Becky Holley was installed as a ruling elder on session. This service was followed by a make-your-own-sundae event for a coffee hour.
- Orders for Easter lilies have to be in by April 7. Palms have been ordered for Palm Sunday, April 14.

Building and Grounds, Dave Williams, chair:

- Clocks and thermostats have been adjusted to the glorious DST.
- I replaced a non functioning smoke detector in the CE wing.
- I diagnosed the CE toilet issue and determined that the toilet base and tank are ok: no cracks or leaks. We knew the flapper was broken so I replaced it only to learn that the valve/float assembly is compromised. I will replace it as soon as I can use both hands. I can call on Dave Schmidt if I'm not soon able to do it myself.
- I checked out the Bilco door and discovered that the doors are not meeting each other correctly because frost has heaved the wall, causing door unit distortion. We will need to wait for genuine spring weather to address this issue.
- I fixed the threshold between the fellowship hall and the office.

Parish Life, Sharon Havens, chair:

- No report

Mission & Stewardship, Jan Lafayette, chair:

- We have been recertified by PCUSA for 2019 as an Earth Care Congregation. I also have requested ideas for the Earth Day Worship on April 28.
- I wrote a Blessing Box article for the new online newspaper, Chen-Del-O.
- We recently removed over \$100 from the JAARS jar.
- I have received materials for One Great Hour of Sharing and will be starting related Moments for Mission soon.

Nominating Committee:

- No report

Personnel Committee, Jan Lafayette, chair:

- FloorFool needed to reschedule the carpet cleaning. It will now be on Monday, March 25.
- The committee will be meeting on March 28 to discuss the secretary position. In the meantime, Patty has been putting together the worship materials each Sunday and Jan has been printing and getting the computer ready.

Presbytery Report:

- No report

Pastor's Report:

- Administrative & Continuing Education
  - Continuing Ed – Feb 28 to Mar 3 – SBL Conference
  - Moderated Annual Meeting Feb 3
  - Personnel Meeting on Feb 2

- Presbytery & Ecumenical
  - Administration of Operation Merry Christmas – all charges paid up to date
  - Presbytery Assembly on Feb 9
  - Sidney Ministerium Meeting on Feb 14 at the UCC Church – Plan Ecumenical Good Friday Service
- Days Off (Vacation)
  - Planning April 29 through May 13 – 2 weeks vacation
- Worship/Events
  - Joint worship w/ Bainbridge during Pipe Event
  - Coordinate Joint Worship on May 3 with Bainbridge
- Mission
  - Filled Blessing Box
- Bible Study
  - Wednesday Morning – Minor Prophets
  - Thursday Afternoon - Proverbs & Revelation

Old Business:

- Patty has started draft of letter to church members about the Town Hall Meeting

Devotions:

- Used daily devotion from 2019 Lenten Devotional, Awakening to God's Beauty. Discussed the wonder of who we are, and that we need to celebrate that.

New Business:

- Committee assignments and reorganization for 2019
    - Corporation and Administration: Dave Williams
    - Nurture: Sharon Havens and Becky Holley
    - Worship: Judy Ives, with assistance from Jan Lafayette and Becky Holley
    - Mission: Jan Lafayette, with assistance from all Session members
  - Discussion of dates and procedures for Town Hall meeting – tabled
  - Discussed Facebook Group set up by Paula Eppley. Patty will resend email. If we decide to participate, Jan volunteered to enter information (dates, etc.) on new page as she does for our existing Facebook page.
  - Motion made and passed to allow Kathy Schmidt to purchase yard sale signs for approximately \$150.
- Our next meeting of the session will be Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 6:00PM, location to be determined. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Dave Williams at approximately 7:30 PM.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Jan Lafayette, Ruling Elder and Pro tem clerk