

**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 February 18, 2020 at the manse. The meeting was called to order at 10:03AM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

Elders Present: Sharon Havens via phone, Sandy Egli, Judy Ives, Patty Wolff, moderator; with a quorum being present.

Elders Excused: Becky Holley, Dave Williams

Elders Absent: none

Guests: Kathy Schmidt, clerk

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:

Kathy will follow up with our reply to Scott Kindig.

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.

- Approval for lasagna dinner on April 24th.
- Change of dates for Patty's vacation to March 27 – May 3, 2020.
- Pastor Patty CE week March 8 – 15th.
- Chicken bbq dinner plans

Items approved via email:

None

Items removed from consent agenda:

The financial reports were discussed and it is noted that it is important to make sure that salaries get booked to the appropriate year.

Worship Committee, Sandy Egli and Becky Holley, chairs:

Elders Sandy Egli and Sharon Havens were installed on January 26th. Communion was served by Paula Epply at a joint service in Bainbridge on January 5th..

Building and Grounds, Dave Williams, chair:

- No report

Parish Life, Sharon Havens, chair:

- On January 26th we had a breakfast after church. The donations were used to buy food for the blessing box.

Mission & Stewardship, Judy Ives, chair:

No report.

Nominating Committee:

No report

Personnel Committee:

No report.

Presbytery Assembly Report:

No report

Pastor's Report:

1. Administrative & Continuing Education
 - a. Requesting first CE week from March 9th through March 15th 2020.
 - i. **Request** to Attend SBL (Society of Biblical Literature) Conference in Princeton NJ
 - ii. Mileage, Registration, Housing and Conference Costs split between both churches
 - b. Annual Congregational Meeting
 - c. Town Hall #2
 - d. Jeanne Harris agreed to be second Sexual Harassment Contact – I gave her training videos and web site for NYC training course. We can update our policy to include her as a contact for complaints
 - e. Spoke with Betsy Davidson about the banners – she gave them to Diane Bunting who gave them to Bainbridge. Most are too long for our sanctuary unless we want to hang them from the balcony?
 - f. Earth Care recertification – Wrote verbiage for Kathy Schmidt to send
2. Presbytery & Ecumenical
 - a. Administration for Operation Merry Christmas
 - b. Attended COM Policy Review Team Meeting (GoToMeeting)
 - c. Attended COM Meeting
 - d. Attended Sidney Ministerium Meeting @ Sidney United Methodist
3. Days Off (Vacation)
 - a. Took vacation from December 25, 2019 through January 5, 2020
 - b. Requesting March 27 through May 3, 2020 for first week of vacation
4. Worship/Events
 - a. Installation of Elders – Judy Ives and Sandy Egli
5. Bible Study – Two Groups
 - a. Wednesday 8:00 AM – Job
 - b. Thursday at 2:30 PM – Reading Proverbs and Matthew
 - c. Will be starting third group – 6 people interested (1-EG; 5-Bainbridge)
6. Mission
 - a. Stocked Blessing Box

Old Business:

- Chuck and Vicki Ostrander are considering membership at two churches and will assist with the EG activities including the chicken bbq.
- Membership review is tabled.
- Cuba mission is tabled.
- A recognition event to acknowledge Lola's years of service as church financial secretary during worship service.
- Town hall results were reviewed in order to identify our future direction. MSP that each elder prayerfully consider choices and send them to the session their ideas for the next session. The list will include their top

3 viable options for the future of our church, ideas for data to be collected to assist with decision making and a timeline for this process.

Devotions:

None

New Business:

- The signs to encourage people to take only what is needed for one day were designed by Patty and presented. The shorter version with “today” added was approved for placement in the Blessing Box.
- MSP to hold joint worship with Bainbridge for Maundy Thursday at East Guilford at 7PM on April 9th.
- MSP to join Bainbridge on May 3rd 10:00 with communion by Sheryl Nages.
- Commissioner for February 22nd Presbytery Assembly will be Sharon Havens.
- April is working to get auto pay setup at NBT for Pastor Patty’s salary.
- The church’s website eastguilfordpc.org on GoDaddy ownership was discussed. Ray has changed the domain to eastguilford.org. MSP to reimburse Ray Taylor \$35 for that and to pay \$142.50 per year instead of having Dale Francis pay it and be the administrator as this makes it difficult for Ray to maintain and update the website.
- Carillon tapes from UCC Sidney were offered to us. Patty will talk to Dick about this but thinks our system is electronic.
- It was MSP to assist the mission work of Ministry in India through Hemant Tendi for \$200.

The next meeting of the session will be Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 3:00PM, at Patty’s house. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Pastor Patty at 11:51AM.

Submitted by:

 Katherine Hager Schmidt, Clerk of Session