

**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 January 18, 2022 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 6:59PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

Elders Present: via Zoom: Judy Ives, Sandy Egli, Becky Holley, Don Cole, Patty Wolff, moderator; with a quorum being present. Kathy Schmidt, clerk

Elders Excused: Gordon Spreutels

Elders Absent: none

Guests: none

The **Clerk of Session Report:** data and forms that need to be submitted to PCUSA and Susquehanna Valley Presbytery.

Membership Roll

Last report.....	47
Gains:.....	0
Losses:	0
Membership Roll, this report.....	47

Sacraments

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

Consent Agenda:

- Reviewed and set agenda for meeting.
- Approval of last month's minutes.
- Approval of standing committee reports.
- Approval of clerk's report.
- Approval of Pastor's report and mileage.
- Receipt of treasurer's report.

Consent agenda was moved, seconded and passed.

Actions approved via email:

- The budget for 2022.
- An additional statement was moved and approved to be added to the Pastor's 2022 terms of call: A one-time \$1500 - \$2000 Reimbursable for a new laptop with a processor capable of video conferencing and playback. This item is only reimbursed to the pastor to the extent it is spent.
- The Presbyterian Women's group will write a check to April Ray as a token of appreciation and the \$550 will be reimbursed from the general fund.

Transition Discussion:

- The session will meet monthly on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00PM via ZOOM until it is safe for in-person meetings given the COVID pandemic. The quorum for a session meeting is a moderator and 3 ruling elders.
- The annual congregational and corporation meeting will be held the 3rd Sunday of January. The quorum for the annual meeting is 6 eligible voting members.

Items removed from consent agenda:

- The anonymous donor of food and goods to the blessing box was discussed so that people might recognize that person in the future.
- Pastor Patty will be on one week study leave May 9 through the 15, 2022 via ZOOM.
- The clerk of session presented the statistical report to PCUSA. The statistical report was reviewed and corrections were made. It will be submitted to PCUSA.

- The clerk of session will submit the church information form to the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery.
- The Presbytery mission pledge was discussed and it was approved to submit \$1200 for that line. Pastor Patty will submit the form.
- The Pastor Compensation form was received and Pastor Patty will forward it to April for her to fill out and submit to Presbytery.
- Pastor Patty has put the 2022 Per Capita amount of \$42 in the bulletin.

Communications were received:

- None

Worship Committee, Sandy Egli and Becky Holley, chairs:

- Worship services were held at East Guilford Presbyterian Church, in person and over Zoom, during the month of January. The services were held jointly with Bainbridge Presbyterian Church. Windsor Presbyterian Church joined us on some Sundays.
- Worship highlights for the month include:
 - January 2, with Pastor Patty on vacation, Marsha Muller filled in as supply pastor.
 - January 2, communion was held with Marsha Muller as the officiant.
 - January 9, due to icy road conditions, service was held via Zoom, only.
 - January 16, with the Annual Meeting being held directly after worship and the requirement given that it be held either in person or via Zoom (but not both), regular service was held via Zoom, only. The Annual Meeting was held on Zoom, directly after worship.
- As of this time, masks are still required to be worn at all times during services at the church.
- The congregation will gather for regular 2022 worship service on Sundays at 10:00AM in person or via ZOOM as necessary due to the COVID pandemic. Once it is possible and safe to return to in-person worship, the service will be held in the sanctuary or fellowship hall, coordinating with the Bainbridge Presbyterian church. Worship will be led by Pastor Patricia Wolff each Sunday except for designated vacation days or study leaves until her retirement in June 2022.
- The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated the first Sunday of each month and other special dates as approved by the session.
- The session approved the use of the following hymnals: The Worshipping Church, Hymns of Praise, Glory to God and The Presbyterian Hymnal.
- The session approved the following versions of the Bible: RSV, NRSV and The Message.

Building and Grounds, Gordon Spreutels and Don Cole:

- Rob Ray replaced the batteries in all three of the church thermostats with fresh batteries. This will be on our schedule to do every fall from now on.

Mission & Stewardship, Judy Ives, chair:

- This month we have been blessed in the blessing box by a donor who has made our box her mission. She has supplied us with many and various items, mostly food, that will supply us for the next few months. I have expressed our gratitude to her, but she wishes no recognition.
- Our second item to report is the donation the session voted to give to David Havens. He is in serious condition in the hospital with family and medical bills and no current income. The session voted to contribute \$5000 to pay rent, electricity, etc, and immediate family needs. It was gratefully received.
- Information on the One Great Hour of Sharing should be arriving in the next months.

Nominating Committee:

No report

Personnel Committee:

No report.

Presbytery Assembly Report:

No report

Pastor's Report:

1. Administrative & Continuing Education

Secured coverage for East Guilford and Bainbridge for December 26 and January 2, 2022 – Marsha Muller

2. Presbytery & Ecumenical

Participated in Operation Merry Christmas Giveaway on December 11th

Work on Operation Merry Christmas books/purchases for Giveaway – Served over 400 children in over 100 families

3. Days Off (Vacation)

Took vacation December 25, 2021 through January 7, 2022

Day off is still Monday

Asking for one week of study leave for CREDO Sabbath Retreat (Virtual) through BOP May 9, 2022 through May 15, 2022. No Cost but must commit to being on all ZOOM sessions and workshops you sign up for.

4. Worship/Events

Joint worship in person and over ZOOM on December 12, 19, and 24 (Christmas Eve).

Added Windsor December 12, 2021

Special lessons & carols for Christmas Eve

Sending bulletins to Colleen Lewis (each Sunday) who does printing and mailing

Sending Thoughts for the Day as needed

Recording worship and sharing virtual link with anyone who asks or wasn't in church. List has 12 East Guilford folks.

Update prayer list weekly

5. Bible Study – Continuing

Wednesdays at 9:00 AM in East Guilford

Almost finished w/ Living in Faith: Women Who Trusted God by LifeWay

Thursdays at 2:00 PM in the Manse

Completed Romans: In the Grip of Grace by Max Lucado

Next Topic You Were Made for This Moment: The Story of Esther by Max Lucado

6. Mission

Windsor Presbyterian – staying in contact. They will join us over ZOOM when needed

Filled blessing box on Fridays

Operation Merry Christmas provided \$575 for one application for Afghani Refugees

Old Business:

- The statistical report was reviewed and average attendance at weekly worship was raised from 23 to 25.
- An accessible bathroom was discussed briefly and will be revisited in the spring.

Devotions:

Pastor Patty read some scripture readings on membership and the meaning of being the Body of Christ.

New Business:

- It was moved and approved to pay the church treasurer, April Ray, \$300 a month.
- A draft of a letter to the congregation was presented by Pastor Patty and will be reviewed at the next session meeting.
- The sound system to aid hearing as being researched by Ray Taylor has been tabled awaiting an estimate.
- Setting up a time for discussion with the Bainbridge session was tabled.
- The next Presbytery Assembly will be February 5th viz ZOOM and Judy Ives will be commissioner.
- It was moved and approved to purchase \$1000 in gift cards for Bill Ohl to use when needed to fly to AZ.

The next meeting of the session will be Tuesday February 15, 2022 at 4:00PM via Zoom. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by at 7:59PM by Judy Ives.

Submitted by: _____
Katherine Hager Schmidt, Clerk of Session