

**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 June 21, 2022 in person and via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 6:11PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

Elders Present: Judy Ives, Don Cole, Gordon Spreutels. Sandy Egli, Al Clune, Kathy Schmidt, clerk (via ZOOM), Patty Wolff, moderator; with a quorum being present

Elders Excused: none

Elders Absent: none

Guests: none

The Clerk of Session Report:

Membership Roll

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| Last report..... | 46 |
| Gains:..... | 0 |
| Losses: | 0 |
| Membership Roll..... | 46 |

Sacraments

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

Consent Agenda:

- Reviewed and set agenda for meeting.
- Approval of standing committee reports.
- Approval of clerk's report.
- Approval of minutes for May meeting and June joint meeting with Ken Simurro.
- Approval of Pastor's report and mileage for May.
- Receipt of treasurer's report for May.
- Receipt of minutes from Presbytery Assembly.

Items removed from agenda:

Letter or minutes showing approval of April, Marie and Elma as signatories on the NBT accounts.

Consent agenda was moved, seconded and passed.

Approval for square dance event to be held in the church parking lot on August 7th 6:00 – 9:00PM. It will be an official church fundraiser; \$8 per person with live music and refreshments. To be canceled in the event of downpour.

Removal of Mark Baldwin from membership at his request.

Approval of a week of vacation for Pastor Patty to be taken during June.

Communications: One response to letters sent to some of the congregation members who haven't been in church in the last years. Mark Baldwin has requested that his name be removed from membership.

Actions approved via email:

- none

Worship Committee, Sandy Egli, chair:

- Worship services were held at Bainbridge Presbyterian Church, in person and over Zoom, during the month of June. The services were held jointly with East Guilford Presbyterian Church. Windsor Presbyterian Church joined us for some Sundays.
- Worship highlights for the month include:
 - June 5, worship with communion, with Pastor Patty as officiant.
 - June 12, worship.
 - June 19, worship with prayers for fathers and recognition of Juneteenth. A delicious luncheon was served after

worship in honor of Pastor Patty's approaching retirement.

- June 26, worship (anticipated). This will be Pastor Patty's final worship service with our congregations.

- Work continues on the transition to a new long term pastor; the terms of service would begin the first week of August 2022. In anticipation of this, technical equipment will be needed for the EG sanctuary. For now, the church will need to invest in a new microphone, a camera with tripod and Zoom license. In the long term, the need for an updated sound system is in order and will need to be discussed.

Building and Grounds, Gordon Spreutels and Don Cole:

- Our Thursday morning work days have been very successful. The front porch and handicapped ramp and the side porch have been high-pressure washed and are ready for paint. I installed a frost-proof water hydrant in the church wall, we now have a water source outside the church. The shrubs at the front of the church have been removed and we are waiting for a quote from a nursery.
- The gazebo has been moved to its new location, a big thank you to five men from our church and Rodney Schultes who donated his time and equipment to move the gazebo. The original electric line has been installed in the gazebo and a second electric line donated by Rob Ray was also run giving us two electric circuits in the gazebo.
- The two diseased American Chestnut trees have been removed and the lawn repaired where they stood.
- Last year in August we had a very successful round and square dance in the church parking lot, I suggest we make this an annual social and fundraising event sponsored by the church. I have checked with a band and they are available August 7th.

Mission & Stewardship, Judy Ives, chair:

- Our main mission at East Guilford continues to be the blessing box. It is filled three times a week by Elma, Pastor Patty and Judy. We have donations from our generous friend which continue to help us feed others. Bainbridge contributes regularly and we have a few random donations. We always can use contributions of pasta and spaghetti sauce and cereal.
- We dedicated \$225.00 to One Great Hour of Sharing on June 5th.
- We also have a mission with JAARS (Jungle Air and Radio Service) which translates the Bible into languages which may not have a translation available to them. These Bibles are often delivered by air or ship in remote areas. In the past we contributed to the JAARS jar with our extra change and sent it on when we reached a certain amount. This dropped off when covid hit.
- Several in the congregation have sent funds to help in the Ukrainians.

Nominating Committee:

No report

Personnel Committee:

No report.

Presbytery Assembly Report:

A report was received from Sandy Egli, commissioner.

Pastor's Report:

1. Administrative & Continuing Education
 - a. Attended CREDO Class – May 8 through 12 – CE
 - b. Provided salary Information for next contract with Interim
 - c. Installed AI Clune to active session on June 19
2. Presbytery & Ecumenical
 - a. Attended Presbytery Assembly on June 11
3. Days Off (Vacation)
 - a. Remaining days will be taken throughout June.
4. Worship/Events
 - a. Joint Worship in person and/or over ZOOM on May 1, 8, 22, 29, June 5, 12, 19, 26
 - b. Prepare worship and announcement bulletins
 - i. Added Windsor various times
 - c. Sending bulletins to Colleen Lewis (Each Sunday) who does printing and mailing
 - d. Sending Thoughts for the Day as needed
 - e. Update Prayer List weekly in announcement bulletin
 - f. Celebrated Earth Day with Special Worship on May 22

- g. Participated in Lawn Sale
- 5. Bible Study – Continuing
 - a. Wednesdays/Thursdays at 9:00 AM at the Manse
 - i. Completed You Were Made for This Moment: The Story of Esther by Max Lucado on 6/16
 - b. Thursdays at 2:00 PM at the Manse/ZOOM
 - i. Will be completed June 30, 2022
- 6. Mission
 - a. Participated in Catholic Charities Give Away May 24
 - b. Continue filling Blessing Box on Friday or Saturday

Old Business:

- Al Clune will be the junior session member on the nominating committee and an additional congregational member is needed. Members are needed for financial review and personnel committees.
- Church equipment needs will be reviewed by Ed Gorton, Ray Taylor and Sandy Egli regarding an updated microphone, tripod camera and sound system. It was approved that once quotes are obtained, a vote will be taken over email.

Devotions:

None

New Business:

- It was moved, seconded that the treasurer April Ray investigate Community Bank and SFCU to see about moving the church accounts.
- Al Clune shared his sense of call to lay ministry. The session endorsed Al in his quest to become a lay preacher, MSP.

With there being no further business, the East Guilford portion of the meeting was adjourned at 6:48PM.

Joint Session Meeting with Bainbridge Session

This portion of the meeting was opened by prayer by Pastor Patty at 6:50PM and joining the meeting were Paula Banks, Paul Cliffe, Billy Jo Northrup, Cheryl Nages and Dorian Bunting-Cliffe from Bainbridge session and Rev. Dr. Ken Simurro potential interim pastor.

Minutes from the May joint session meeting were approved.

Transition Discussion:

- Pastor Patty presented documents about possible salary as interim pastor with a contract August 1, 2022 through the end of 2022. Dorian, Sandy, Patty and Ken met as personnel for discussion of Ken serving both churches.
- At this point in the meeting, Pastor Patty and Rev. Ken excused themselves and Dorian Bunting-Cliffe was the moderator.
- Highlights of this discussion included:
 - To compensate Ken for mileage to Bainbridge and East Guilford several times a week, it was suggested that the salary be increased by an additional \$2928 per church.
 - Ken's health insurance will be provided through other sources.
 - Future contracts could acknowledge Ken's experience and education.
 - Ken will submit mileage for commuting and activities within the parish and to/from Synod and Presbytery functions.
- On a motion from the joint personnel committees, it was seconded and passed to offer Rev. Dr. Ken Simurro approximately \$39,118 per church for a year's contract to be prorated for August -Dec 2022.
- Pastor Patty and Rev. Ken Simurro returned to the meeting at this point.
- Equipment for each church to carry on in person and ZOOM services was discussed. East Guilford has a computer. The East Guilford session empowered Sandy Egli to get equipment as needed.
- There will be one ZOOM account which is linked to one email account at \$14.99 per month. A new email account was established: BGEGpres@gmail.com with password 13733+13838.
- July 3rd worship service may not have ZOOM availability but will have a powerpoint. Cheryl will do the bulletins in July. Announcements will need to be done separately.
- East Guilford will need to have someone do the bulletins for the months service is in EG. Pastor Patty emailed a possible calendar for monthly exchange of worship services between Bainbridge and East Guilford.
- Sidney Ministerium and Catholic Charities: Pastor Patty's contact is Penny McKnight and someone will need to take that responsibility.

- Operation Merry Christmas is going to be a 501c3, so at that point EG will not be the pass through organization.
- JoAnn Aymar will moderate the next session meeting, which will be same format of this one. 6:00 EG and 6:30 joint with 7:00 Bainbridge sessions.
- If we need to contact Doug Horne for COM info, it is best to call him.

The next meeting of the session will be Tuesday July 19, 2022 at 6:00PM. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Pastpr Patty at 8:06PM.

Submitted by: _____

Katherine Hager Schmidt, Clerk of Session