

**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 July 20, 2022 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at with prayer by JoAnn Aymar at 6:32pm.

**Elders Present:** Judy Ives, Don Cole, Gordon Spreutels. Sandy Egli, Al Clune, JoAnn Aymar, moderator; with a quorum being present

**Elders Excused:** Kathy Schmidt, clerk

**Elders Absent:** none

**Guests:** none

**The Clerk of Session Report:**

**Membership Roll**

Last report.....	46
Gains:.....	0
Losses: Mark Baldwin.....	1
Membership Roll.....	45

**Sacraments**

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 June session and joint session with Bainbridge.
- Receipt of treasurer's report for June.

**Items removed from agenda:**

None

**Consent agenda was moved, seconded and passed.**

- Discussion about the work done by Rob Ray on the church grounds and it was moved, seconded and approved to pay him \$494.00.

**Communications:**

None

**Actions approved via email:**

- It was moved, seconded and approved the expense of \$517 costs for technology updates.

**Worship Committee, Sandy Egli, chair:**

• Worship services were held at East Guilford Presbyterian Church, in person and over Zoom, during the month of July. The services were held jointly with Bainbridge Presbyterian Church. Windsor Presbyterian Church joined us for some Sundays.

- Worship highlights for the month include:
  - July 3, worship with communion. Guest minister, Rev. Dr. Ken Simurro led worship and served as officiant for communion.
  - July 10 and 17, worship with guest lay preacher, Marsha Muller.
  - July 24 and 31 (anticipated), worship with guest lay preacher, Marsha Muller.
- With Pastor Patty Wolff now retired, much has been done to transition the worship services with regards to technology. We have been very fortunate to have the technical assistance of Ray Taylor and Ed Gorton to set up the sanctuary for continued PowerPoint and Zoom. A new router and camera have been added and a Zoom license

was purchased to be used at both churches. Cheryl Nages has been managing the laptop each Sunday for PowerPoint and Zoom, and Cheryl and/or Karen Roszkowski have typed up the bulletins for Sunday's services. Sandy Egli has printed the bulletin copies each week. Many, many thanks go to each and every one for their invaluable help!

- At this time, we are also looking forward to welcoming Rev. Ken as our full time long term supply pastor. He will be shared with both churches and will be joining us beginning the first week of August. Rev. Ken would like to have volunteer liturgists participate in the worship services; further information will be forthcoming.

#### **Building and Grounds, Gordon Spreutels and Don Cole:**

- Our Thursday work mornings have been going well Here's the list of items we hoped to get done, I put an OK behind those that have been accomplished. We are still waiting for new shrubs to plant in front of the church.
  - New shrubs and flowers around the front deck and dining room door
  - Maintain flower beds mulching and trimming
  - Seed dead spots in the lawn
  - We need to fill dirt around the sign
  - Remove dead and dying shrubs from front of church ---OK
  - High-pressure washing of the church north side----OK
  - Moving the gazebo-----OK
  - Painting porches and doors including cellar door---OK
  - Still need to paint back porch
  - Cleaning and maintenance inside Church-----Ongoing
  - Repair bathroom or build new handicap facility
  - The Chestnut trees are removed----OK
  - Trimming of pine trees----OK
- We hired Rob Ray to do some of the harder work that we could not handle with our work crew. The total is \$494.00, His itemized bill is enclosed.

#### **Mission & Stewardship, Judy Ives, chair:**

- Our blessing box is being filled three times each week and is being used. We have kept it filled, but will need to use the \$75 a month once again to keep it well stocked. Food items are most of the contents but we also can use some personal hygiene items and some cleaning items.
- We also could begin to help the JAARS program once again to help hard-to-get-to countries receive Bibles in their native languages.

#### **Nominating Committee:**

No report

#### **Personnel Committee:**

No report.

#### **Presbytery Assembly Report:**

No report

#### **Pastor's Report:**

None

#### **Old Business:**

- April Ray, Marie Spreutels, and Elma Taylor are now approved to make transactions at NBT for the church accounts. The decision to move the accounts to SFCU is on hold.
- Don submitted a quote from S&S Landscaping for landscaping at the front, side and along dining room. After discussion, it was decided to do the front of the church to the corners of the deck at a cost of \$775. This included a commercial grade weed barrier, planting of 4 goldcone junipers and 2 little lime hydrangeas with an application of dyed mulch.

#### **Devotions:**

None

#### **New Business:**

- It was approved to resume the \$75 per month to purchase food for the Blessing Box. In addition to food items, personal hygiene items are needed.

With there being no further business, the East Guilford portion of the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Judy Ives at 6:45PM.

The next meeting of the session will be Tuesday August 16, 2022 at 6:00PM with joint meeting with Bainbridge at 6:30PM.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Katherine Hager Schmidt, Clerk of Session