

Joint Session Meeting
First Presbyterian Church of Bainbridge and United Presbyterian Church in East Guilford
Virtual on Zoom October 17, 2023

Attending: Paul Cliffe, Don Cole, Al Clune, Gordon Spreutels, Billie Jo Northrup, Paula Banks, Cheryl Nages, Mike Davidson, Bainbridge Clerk of Session Dorian Bunting-Cliffe, and Moderator Rev. Dr. Ken Simurro

Excused: none

Facilitator: Cheryl Nages

We Gather in God's Name and Present Our Offerings

- Call to Order/Declaration of Quorum and Opening Prayer at 6:45 p.m.
- Approval of minutes from joint meeting September 19, 2023 - **MSP**

Pastor's Report Highlights

- Ken was down with COVID for 2 weeks and missed some regular meetings.
- Bible study will resume October 22 on Corinthian correspondence; taking October 29th off.
- Interest in the hunger series of study will be on basis of interest and those people should make contact with Ken.

Committee Reports

- Mission Committee – Ken gave a summary of the positive aspects of the Health Fair and areas that could be improved.
- Spiritual Nurture - was received via email.
- Motion to approve all of the reports. **MSP**

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Bainbridge Congregation will hold a meeting after worship November 4th to elect a deacon and elder.
- A summary of the meeting that East Guilford session had with Greg Garis regarding moving forward was given. The next steps for East Guilford would be a discussion with all participating members and nonparticipants regarding the current lack of people to fill leadership roles and maintain the building and then to discuss the future with the Bainbridge session.
- It was MSP for East Guilford to hold their annual congregational meeting January 28, 2024.
- It was MSP for Bainbridge to hold their annual congregational meeting February 4, 2024.

Next Meeting

- The East Guilford session will meet via ZOOM October 30, 2023 at 6:00pm to discuss going forward options.
- November 21st at 6:00pm for East Guilford with Bainbridge joining at 6:45 p.m. and will be on ZOOM.
- Motion to adjourn @ 7:21 p.m. **MSP** with a closing prayer (Cheryl).

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Hager Schmidt, Clerk of Session