

**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 August 11, 2015 in the fellowship hall of the church. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

**Elders Present:** Kathy Schmidt, Dave Williams, Jan Lafayette, Gordon Spreutels, Patty Wolff, moderator; with a quorum being present.

**Elders Excused:** Kathy Burnett, Sharon Havens

**Elders Absent:** none

**Guests:** none

The **Clerk of Session Report:**

**Membership Roll**

Last report.....	55
Gains:.....	0
Losses: .....	0
Membership Roll, this report.....	55

**Sacraments**

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

The following **Communications** were received: propane and fuel oil bids received.

**Consent Agenda:**

Reviewed and set agenda for meeting.

Approval of last month's minutes with the addition of approval of Anna Egli as sexton beginning when Emma leaves for college on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August.

Approval of standing committee reports.

Approval of Clerk of Session report.

Approval of Pastor's report and mileage for July.

Receipt of treasurer's report for July.

**Worship Committee, Kathy Burnett, chair:**

No report.

**Christian Education and Technology, Jan Lafayette, chair:**

Patty, Sharon and Jan boxed up tapes and DVD's from the Mission Center and Jan delivered them to ACCO so that they can be recycled.

Jan has cleaned up the church library and removed about 20% of the older books. They went into the yard sale and some got sold. There are a lot of donated Bibles of all different kinds and we should encourage people to give them to family and friends that might be in need of one.

**Corporate & Administration, Building and Grounds, Gordon Spreutels, chair:**

Gordon reported that he high-pressure washed the church last week and that the lawn care is going fine. The lawn sale profit was \$849.89 with 600# of leftover items taken to the landfill, household goods and clothing donated to Episcopal Church mission and books, puzzles and games given to the Sidney Library.

**Nurturing, Membership, & Parish Life, Sharon Havens, chair:**

No report.

**Mission Support & Stewardship, Dave Williams, chair:**

No report.

**Nominating Committee:**

No report.

**Presbytery Report:**

No report

**Pastor's Report:**

Pastor Patty requests and was granted one week for continuing education December 7-13, 2015 for Nadia Boltz-Weber class, one week of vacation November 9-15, 2015 and final week of vacation December 25-31, 2015. She continues to be active with the Presbytery Cabinet/Executive Team and Committee on Lay Preaching. The next Stories Coffee House will be held August 26<sup>th</sup>. She continues working with the Morning Bible Study group with the Evening group suspended for the summer.

**Old Business:**

- Approval was given for Sharon Havens and Pastor Patty to act as financial officer and treasurer for Operation Merry Christmas with accounts set up using our tax exempt status.
- 10% of the lawn sale monies will be tithed to a mission project, to be chosen later, with the remainder monies to be deposited in the building fund. This was approved by session.

**Devotions:**

Pastor Patty read a daily meditation from Listening to Your Life by Frederick Beuchner.

**New Business:**

Kathy Burnett's letter of resignation as ruling elder was accepted effective as of this date. The Nominating Committee will be convened in September to start looking to fill the vacant seat on session as well as upcoming vacancies on session.

Gluten free bread for communion was discussed and will be tested by the session. Commissioner for September Presbytery Assembly on Saturday September 19 at Binghamton United will be sought from all elders.

The bid for heating fuel oil \$1.999 and propane \$1.439 from Blueox was accepted by the session and same price is available to our church members.

Mission discernment results were discussed and the session members will reflect on the issues and bring top 5 issues to the table for further discussion.

Our next meeting of the session will be September 8, 2015 at 7:00PM at the church in the fellowship hall. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Dave Williams at 8:25PM.

Submitted by:

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Katherine Hager Schmidt, Ruling Elder and Clerk of Session