

**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 September 8, 2015 in the fellowship hall of the church. The meeting was called to order at 7:02PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

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

Elders Excused: none

Elders Absent: none

Guests: Lisa Mays. COM liaison

The **Clerk of Session Report:**

Membership Roll

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

Sacraments

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

The following **Communications** were received: Stephan Ministries.

Consent Agenda:

- Reviewed and set agenda for meeting.
- Approval of last month's minutes with correction of date of Stories.
- Approval of standing committee reports.
- Approval of Clerk of Session report.
- Approval of Pastor's report and mileage for August.
- Receipt of treasurer's report for August.

Consent agenda was moved and passed included:

- \$200 to be sent to Torres Strait project from JAARS collection jar.
- Approval to post session minutes on church website and post hard copy on bulletin board.
- Approval for September 26 fellowship dinner beginning at 4:30pm.

Worship Committee:

No report.

Christian Education and Technology, Jan Lafayette, chair:

Jan reported that there were over 100 Windows updates that accumulated on the church PC over the summer and she has updated it. Jan started a one page instruction sheet for worship service computer operators.

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

No report.

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

No report.

Mission Support & Stewardship, Dave Williams, chair:

Dave reported \$16,253 still needed to fund the Coweambah (vessel for the Torres Strait). We have \$200 ready to send and it was approved that treasurer to sent it.

Nominating Committee:

No report.

Presbytery Report:

No report

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Patty continues to work with the Executive Team of the Presbytery and attend cabinet meetings. She chaired the CoLP meeting and worked to provide dinner for the COM on August 4th. This past month Patty planned a Stories Coffee House for August 26 and a hymn sign for worship service on August 30th and morning Bible study.

Old Business:

- The session discussed the topics brought forth from town hall meeting. These focus areas chosen by the session include (1) providing transportation and helping with jobs around the house for elderly (2) teaching gardening and preservation/cooking classes. Session members will present to the congregation an overview of these areas as a moment for mission.
- Elma has agreed to update the outdoor sign as needed.
- Youth for Christ leaders were given our contact information and we await further details about developing the program in our area.
- Sharon Havens will be the commissioner to the September Presbytery meeting.

Devotions:

Pastor Patty read from A Door Set Open by Peter Steinke.

New Business:

Patty will request additional information from Stephan Ministries to discover if it will be helpful in our mission work.

Our next meeting of the session will be October 13, 2015 at 7:00PM at the church in the fellowship hall. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Jan Lafayette at 8:48PM.

Submitted by:

Katherine Hager Schmidt, Ruling Elder and Clerk of Session