

**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 February 18, 2016 at the home of Sharon Havens. The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

Elders Present: Kathy Schmidt, Sharon Havens, Patty Wolff, moderator; with a quorum being present.

Elders Excused: Gordon Spreutels

Elders Absent: none

Guests: April Geiger, given voice and vote by consensus.

The **Clerk of Session Report:** The fireproof file box has been purchased and filled with significant files and microfilms of the historical documents held by the Presbyterian Preservation Society. There are two keys, one in clerk's mailbox and the other in the clerk's file drawer.

Membership Roll

Last report.....	55
Gains:.....	0
Losses:	0
Membership Roll, this report.....	56

Sacraments

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

The following **Communications** were received: Youth for Christ group coordinator Kris Berggren and Patty will follow up with him.

Consent Agenda:

- Reviewed and set agenda for meeting.
- Approval of January minutes.
- Approval of standing committee reports.
- Approval of Clerk of Session report.
- Approval of Pastor's report and mileage for January.
- Receipt of treasurer's report for January.
- Receipt of Presbytery Assembly February 13, 2016 meeting report.

Consent agenda was moved and passed included:

The annual church yard sale will be held July 30th with collections of saleable goods to begin now.

Pastor Patty requested and was granted remainder of one week vacation to be taken during March.

Worship Committee, April Geigers, chair:

Communion was served on January 3rd by Roy and Sally Straka.

Building and Grounds, Gordon Spreutels, chair:

No report.

Parish Life, Sharon Havens, chair:

Approval was given for Palm Sunday ham dinner to be held on March 20th.

Mission & Stewardship, Kathy Schmidt, chair:

A thank you letter and donation of \$100 was sent to the Northern Tioga Neighbors Network for their recent workshop for volunteer training held at our church on January 24th.

It was approved to send a \$100 donation to the Earth Day Sunday 2016: Care for God's Creatures that provides worship resources for the Earth Care congregations.

One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be taken during Lent and dedicated on Easter Sunday.

Nominating Committee:

Becky Holley and Judy Ives from the congregation with Sharon Havens and April Geiger from the session will serve on the 2016 nominating committee, with Sharon as chair.

Presbytery Report:

Sandy DuMond provided a report of the February 13, 2016 Presbytery Assembly meeting.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Patty moderated the annual congregational meeting in January. She continues to work with the Executive Team of the Presbytery and attend cabinet meetings as well as finance committee. Patty worked on the sale of Guilford Center building, Operation Merry Christmas finances and the Tri-Town Ministerium. She meets with the morning and afternoon Bible studies.

Old Business:

-By consensus the session approved to pledge to the Presbytery Mission and Ministry Pledge \$1500 to be split 20% for GA, 5% for Synod and 75% Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley.

-Annual financial review will be scheduled soon with Roy and April.

-April will fill out the Pastor's compensation forms for the Presbytery reporting.

Devotions:

Pastor Patty read "The Prayer of Love" by Mark Hanby and Roger Roth, Sr.

New Business:

-Brainstormed jobs that are needed for the church, noting the people who have been doing them in the past, as an effort to involve more congregation members.

-The session reviewed the session's committee structure and reorganized it to four committees: Worship, Stewardship & Mission, Building & Grounds and Parish Life with elders taking chair positions.

-The ordination and installation of new ruling elder April Geiger will take place on February 28, 2016 during worship service.

-Insurance for 1-800 James mission project was discussed and will be researched further.

Our next meeting of the session will be March 8, 2016 at 7:00PM at Pastor Patty's home. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer at 9:04PM.

Submitted by:

Katherine Hager Schmidt, Ruling Elder and Clerk of Session