

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 December 8, 2015 in the fellowship hall of the church. The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

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

Elders Excused: 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: Two copies of the Book of Order have been ordered for our church.

Consent Agenda:

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

Consent agenda was moved and passed included:

Approval to move the \$1000 given by the Presbyterian Women's group from the Memorial Fund to the general budget.

Pastor Patty requested and was granted a week's vacation to be taken after Christmas 2015.

Items removed from the consent agenda for discussion:

The annual meeting will be held on January 17, 2016 in the church fellowship hall at 2:00 with a 1:00 dish to pass lunch preceding it.

The storage of digital records of the church was discussed and the records will be stored on the church's google drive account as well as on multiple thumb drives.

The session meeting location for February and March will be at Pastor Patty's apartment in Sidney.

Worship Committee:

Sharon reported that communion was held on November 1st with Dave Williams and Becky Holley serving. Marsha Mueller filled the pulpit for Pastor Patty on November 15th.

Christian Education and Technology, Jan Lafayette, chair:

Jan reported that she has begun working on the Earth Care Congregation recertification which needs to be done in January.

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

Gordon reported that the weather stripping will be installed on the front doors soon.

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

No report.

Mission Support & Stewardship, Dave Williams, chair:

Dave reported that another \$200 will be sent to the Core Mission Fund of JAARS as our last donation for the year. He will be doing moments for mission talks to promote the Christmas Joy Offering.

Nominating Committee:

The nominating committee has met and has been unable to find candidates for the slate of ruling elders for the annual meeting in January.

Presbytery Report:

Jan Lafayette provided a report of the November Presbytery Assembly meeting.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Patty continues to work with the Executive Team of the Presbytery and attend cabinet meetings. She was installed as Moderator of the Presbytery Assembly on November 22nd. This past month Patty participated in Presbytery Finance committee meetings, worked on the sale of the Guilford Center church, participated in the Share the Bounty meal and processing of payments/deposits for Operation Merry Christmas. She also participated in the Ecumenical Thanksgiving service in Sidney on November 22nd. Patty continued to meet with the morning and evening weekly Bible study groups.

Old Business:

-The Nominating committee has started to draft a letter to the membership outlining the difficulty in finding people willing to serve as elders.

-The new members class was held and April Geiger was accepted and approved for membership by reaffirmation of faith on December 20th.

Devotions:

Pastor Patty the words from the hymn "Now the Heavens Start to Whisper" by Marie Bringle.

New Business:

-The budget for 2016 was prepared.

Our next meeting of the session will be January 12, 2015 at 7:00PM at the home of Dave Williams. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer at 8:49PM.

Submitted by: _____

Katherine Hager Schmidt, Ruling Elder and Clerk of Session