

**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 March 14, 2017 via teleconference. The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:05 PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

Elders Present: Jan Lafayette, Judy Ives, April Geiger, Sharon Havens, Gordon Spreutels, Patty Wolff, moderator; with a quorum being present.

Elders Excused: none

Elders Absent: none

Guests: none

The **Clerk of Session Report:**

Membership Roll

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| Last report..... | 53 |
| Gains:..... | 0 |
| Losses: | 0 |
| Membership Roll, this report..... | 53 |

Sacraments

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

The following **Communications** were received: none

Consent Agenda:

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

Consent agenda was moved and passed included:

- Earth Day Worship will be held April 23th.
- Flower Fund will be used to supplement cost of Easter lilies at a cost of \$.25 for each lily.
- Approved the appointment of Sandy Egli to the Personnel Committee.

Worship Committee, Judy Ives and Jan Lafayette, chairs:

Communion was served on March 5th with Jan Lafayette and Sandy Egli serving and Rev. Patty Wolff officiating.

The palms for Palm Sunday have been ordered and lily prices have been set and order forms will be available.

Building and Grounds, Gordon Spreutels, chair:

No report.

Parish Life, Sharon Havens, chair:

No report.

Mission & Stewardship:

No report.

Nominating Committee:

No report

Personnel Committee:

Jan Lafayette from the session and Sandy Egli from the congregation will serve on the personnel committee this year. They will meet in April with Lisa Mays and Pastor Patty.

Presbytery Report:

Jan Lafayette will be the commissioner for the March 18th Presbytery Assembly.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Patty has attended the Presbytery Executive Team/Cabinet meetings and met with George Budine regarding changes to Book of Order that is on the docket for March's Presbytery assembly. She worked on issues at the Mission Center building and met with the Nineveh interim pastor.

Patty will be on vacation from March 20 through April 2nd and Rev Hemant Tandi will be the pulpit supply. Pastor Patty lead Ash Wednesday service and held the installation of elders on February 26th. She continues to lead Bible study for the afternoon group and the morning group is suspended for now.

She published an article in Pastor's Pen column in local newspaper. Patty processes payments for Operation Merry Christmas.

Old Business:

Pop-up food bank: Discussed positive feedback and some concerns. Approved starting in May. Will revisit decision a couple of months after it starts to decide if we will continue. Jan will research types of food that are appropriate.

Bulletin format: Jan provided feedback from 2 people that they bring the bulletin home sometimes and that they do not feel that the order of worship needs to be included. Sharon will cut back the number of copies to 15, as there have been several left after services.

Patty will work on Labors of Love pamphlet with Dave and Kathy Williams.

Kitchen remodeling: April reported we can use money in savings but would need to send the Smith foundation a letter. Gordon reported that we will probably need about

\$10K more. Agreed to pursue fundraiser. Approved use of Taylor New Covenant Fund for any remainder after fundraiser and use of building fund.

Approved name change in financials from Taylor Music Fund to Taylor New Covenant Fund.

Buildings and grounds: Smell may be dead mice in mouse traps in crawl space. No one is designated to do snow removal on walks so Patty will call Dave Williams about it.

Judy Ives will check on date Price Chopper needs Easter lilies order.

Devotions:

Words from a hymn, "Deep in the Shadows of the past" by Brian Wren. Discussed God's covenant and keeping faith in God's promises.

New Business:

New printer to replace the copier: Since this an arrangement we made with the Presbytery, Patty will get in touch with Christine Rogalski to see what they think.

Patty has penciled in marriage of Erica Marble and Samuel Blackman at the church on July 15th. We have not received form for request to use church.

Approved move of worship to sanctuary for Sunday April 9.

Maundy Thursday service will be 7 PM, April 13, with communion.

Discussed offer to purchase \$20 computer from Oxford schools. Jan agreed to contact Kathy and make final decision.

Approved One Great Hour of Sharing offering. April will set up materials. Judy will help.

Our next meeting of the session will be April 11, 2017 at 6:00PM at Sharon Haven's home. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer at approximately 7:50 PM.

Submitted by:

Jan Lafayette, Ruling Elder