

**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 October 10, 2017 at the church. The meeting was called to order at 7PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

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

**Elders Excused:** April Ray

**Elders Absent:** none

**Guests:** none

The **Clerk of Session Report:**

**Membership Roll**

Last report.....	54
Gains:.....	0
Losses: .....	0
Membership Roll, this report.....	54

**Sacraments**

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

The following **Communications** were received:

- Patty received a call from a new person in Rockdale who would like to attend Bible study but needs transportation and she gave that information to Dave Williams.
- Jan received email from Michele Pellette of Orchard Park Presbyterian Church near Buffalo. Michelle requested that Jan call her to discuss the Blessing Box, so Jan will follow up.

**Consent Agenda:**

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

**Consent agenda was moved and passed including the following:**

Approval given for

- Contract for snow removal
- Special Joint Service with Communion at St. Luke's Church in Sidney on Sunday, October 29 to celebrate 500 years of Reformation with worship at 1:30 PM, covered dish at 2:30 PM, and followed by movie about Luther.
- \$40 to purchase new emergency lights needed as a result of fire inspection.
- Purchase of tempering valves for hot water with the water for dishwasher remaining hot. Approved recommend that we get a couple of pairs of insulated rubber gloves to have around.

**Worship Committee, Judy Ives and Jan Lafayette, chairs:**

Communion was held on October 1, 2017 with Pastor Patty officiating and Lola and Dick Palmer serving. Communion servers have been found for the remainder of the year.

Terri Barnhart will preach on November 12, 2017 while Patty is on study leave.

**Building and Grounds, Gordon Spreutels, chair:**

Contract for snow plowing and salting this winter with Clark Construction will be the same as last year at \$25 per visit.

Inspection for fire and building code was held and everything passed except tow emergency lights which are not working. Replacement lights have been ordered for about \$40.

Tempering valves have been installed in the kitchen sinks to reduce the hot water temperature by Gordon and Dave.

**Parish Life, Sharon Havens, chair:**

No report.

**Mission & Stewardship:**

No report.

**Nominating Committee:**

No report.

**Personnel Committee, Jan Lafayette, chair:**

Next personnel committee meeting is scheduled for November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Presbytery Report:**

The next Presbytery Assembly is November 18<sup>th</sup> in Cincinnati and a commissioner is needed.

**Pastor's Report:**

Pastor Patty continues to serve as treasurer for Operation Merry Christmas. She has scheduled a Boundary Awareness Class for October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Patty will be gone for the week including Sunday Nov 12<sup>th</sup> for her final week of CE and her last week of vacation will be taken at the end of December. She worked with Ernie Varga to set up a special service for Reformation Sunday on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Patty continues to lead Bible study for 2 groups weekly.

**Old Business:**

- Approved the Labors of Love pamphlet as written with color printing.
- Approved the use of one of our TV's for the service and movie on October 29 at St. Luke's church.
- Approved purchase of a new printer/copier. Gordon will lead the selection. Current copier belongs to the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery and they will move it when we receive our new copier.

**Devotions:** Selected verses of 1 Corinthians 14, regarding speaking in tongues vs prophesying.

**New Business:**

- Discussed whether we are ready to expand Labors of Love Program with a consensus that we probably are ready. Patty will follow up with Kathy and Dave Williams.
- Approval was given for the continuation of Blessing Box for winter months. It will be announced that we are looking for foods that will not freeze (no liquids or cans). Jan will make an announcement and do some more advertising.
- Approved the purchase of small stick vacuum cleaner which is handy for cleaning the sanctuary. Jan will follow up with Sandy Egli for the purchase of it.
- A delegate is needed for the November Presbytery Assembly in Cincinnati.
- Patty discussed concerns regarding the Sidney Ministerium as it is not doing well.

Our next meeting of the session will be November 14, 2017 at 6:00PM at the church. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Gordon Spreutels at 7:45 PM.

Submitted by:

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Jan Lafayette, Ruling Elder

