

**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 on January 9, 2018 at the home of Sharon Havens. The meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

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

**Elders Excused:** Gordon Spreutels

**Elders Absent:** none

**Guests:** none

The **Clerk of Session Report:** Announcement of the annual meeting should be made at worship service on January 14 and 21 for the annual meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00pm.

**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:

Acknowledgement of recent donations to PCUSA, including Presbyterian Mission and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Christmas card from Buckhorn Children and Family Services.

Request for donation form Good Shepherd Communities. Motion made and approved to send \$100.

Special Offering Action Kit from PCUSA. Not reviewed because it was for 2016.

**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 December, 2017. Noted that report on New Covenant funds interest and value is not received until January, so it is not part of the December financial reports.

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

- Email approval for the line dancing group to use the church on January 2, 5 – 8:15 PM. Received \$20 donation from the group.
- Approval to recertify as an Earth Care Congregation
- Approval to hold lawn sale on July 7, 2018.

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

Communion was held on \_\_\_\_\_ with Pastor Patty officiating and \_\_\_\_\_ serving.

**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, chair:**

A report of the last meeting of the Personnel Committee was given by Jan Lafayette.

**Presbytery Report:**

Jan Lafayette was commissioner to the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Presbytery in Cincinnati and reported to the session on the meeting.

**Pastor's Report:**

Pastor Patty attended Personnel Committee meetings. She is working with Makalia Bean on ministry discernment. Patty attended the December meeting of the Ministerium, COM small church even in Windsor, Operation Merry Christmas giveaway and wrote an article for Pastor's Pen in the Tri Town News. Her final week of vacation was December 25-January 1. Special worship services performed were Lessons and Carols for Christmas Eve morning and Christmas Eve service. Patty attended the fellowship dinner on December 10 and delivered 2 poinsettias to shut ins.

**Old Business:**

Financial review for 2015, 2016 and 2017 – April contacted Roy Straka. He had just returned home from a trip and told April he would be in touch soon.

**Devotions:** Psalm 1 – Describes how walking in the way of the Lord is like a tree planted near river. The tree prospers because of the water. The Lord is the source of life and goodness. Discussed personal examples of this.

**New Business:**

- Budget for 2018 – changed continuing education line from \$100 to \$500. Decided to split memorial and miscellaneous income lines. Motion made and approved to accept budget with stated changes.
- Motion made and approved to accept annual report.
- Set February 11<sup>th</sup> as tentative date for installation of new elders
- Patty will mention the need for another elder at church this Sunday
- Discussed 2018 Presbytery Assembly dates:
  - o 2/24 @ Bainbridge. Judy Ives will be delegate.
  - o 5/5 @ Waverly
  - o 9/29 @ Unadilla
  - o 11/17 @ First Delhi
- Discussed request from Ernie Varga of St. Luke's Lutheran Church to share Ash Wednesday service. Motion made and approved. Patty will invite them to have worship in East Guilford. May also have fellowship event during Lent.
- Motion made and passed to provide congregation with devotional booklets for Lent. Patty will purchase them
- Patty will provide refreshments for annual meeting.

Our next meeting of the session will be Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 6:00PM at the home of Judy Ives. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Jan Lafayette at 7:43 PM.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Jan Lafayette, ruling elder