

**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 July 10, 2018 at the church. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

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

Elders Excused: Dave Williams

Elders Absent: none

Guests: none

The Clerk of Session Report:

The lawn sale was very successful with beautiful weather. There were several people who assisted with sorting the donations in the back room as well as moving and displaying them in the dining room during the weeks before the sale. On the day of the sale, we had lots of help and had everything outside before 8am. We had steady customers all morning. We started packing things up a bit before 1:00. One truck load of leftovers taken to Nex to New, one trailer load for the dump, several boxes for the library and one more truck load for Nex to New to be delivered this week. Most of the free furniture and things were taken as of Monday.

Membership Roll

Last report.....	52
Gains:.....	0
Losses: Vera Sergio DOD 22June 2018.....	0
Membership Roll, this report.....	51

Sacraments

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

The following **Communications** were received:

- JAARS newsletter, which has been posted in the narthex
- Jan noted that the clerk of session has set up a folder in the back-office filing cabinet for any communications that should be kept. PCUSA rule is that important church communications should be kept for 3 years.

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

Consent agenda was moved and passed including the following:

- Acceptance of Sharon Haven's request to retire as secretary at the end of July.

Other consent agenda discussion:

- Removed paving of parking lot from the consent agenda
- Finances
 - April had question on Board of Pensions payments
 - April will discuss Jess Howes bills with Dave Williams
 - Discussed \$ in mission expense. Most mission donations are a pass through account
 - April will look into how other churches account for benevolence
 - Mission money for third Sunday breakfasts will be accounted for and distributed by financial secretary.
 - If it does not take too much time, April will begin to provide a report of mission giving.

Worship Committee, Judy Ives and Jan Lafayette, chairs:

- Pastor Patty led communion on 6/3 with Jan Lafayette and Sandy Dumond assisting.
- Wyva Hasselblad played the organ in Judy's absence on June 10.
- Jan talked to Elma Taylor and Marie Spreutels about the stains on the white paramount. They decided to try to get the stains out with a stain remover. Jan tried it, and they are gone!

Building and Grounds, Dave Williams, chair:

- The shed is under construction. Gordon, Oscar and Skip have assisted.
- Skip and I repaired a severely clogged and detached downspout.
- We received a bid of \$1564 from Webster Paving to repair and seal the parking lot. The other contractors have not responded to the messages I left on their answering machines.

Parish Life, Sharon Havens, chair:

- No report

Mission & Stewardship, Jan Lafayette, chair:

- \$119 collected at the third Sunday breakfast is being used to help keep the Blessings Box full.
- Dave and Oscar Williams and Gordon Spreutels are working on the new Blessing Box. Kathy Schmidt will be helping with signs.
- Loose offering of \$18.36 on June 24th collection plates was earmarked for the Buckhorn Children and Family Services in Kentucky. Kathy Williams presented a Moment for Mission on the project and the UPW will add enough to the offerings to total a \$500 donation.

Nominating Committee:

- No report.

Personnel Committee, Jan Lafayette, chair:

- The personnel committee met on June 28, 2018 and the minutes of the meeting was provided.

Presbytery Report:

- No report.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor Patty attended the personnel committee and Ministerium meetings, administered Operation Merry Christmas, conducted graveside services for Tom Salak and Vera Sergio. She continues to lead a morning and afternoon Bible Study.

Old Business:

- Discussed progress of Blessing Box. Needs sign and door. Jan to look for wood for sign and ask for Kathy Schmidt's assistance in making it.
- Approved benevolent gift of \$200 for the relative of a congregation member who has cancer.
- Approved that any loose money in collection plate through Labor Day be used for the UPW Buckhorn Children and Family Service's donation.
- Discussed using back rooms for Operation Merry Christmas, which needs to move out of the Presbytery building in Bainbridge. Since the group is likely to get a place at The Hospital in Sidney, decided to hold off on approval for now.

Devotions: 1 Corinthians 10:23-31 – Patty requested that we read it at our leisure.

New Business:

- Approved change to Session meeting schedule to the third Tuesday of each month at 6 PM with our next meeting on August 21.
- Discussed whether we are asking too much of people for mission. Decided the answer is no. Our church has a strong reputation of giving and ministering to people. We will continue to remind people that we should only give when we feel called to do so. Judy is going to check on the status of the Mt. Upton Food Bank.
- Discussed filling secretary position. General feeling is that position should be filled by someone outside or inside the church. A person outside the church would not know as much about announcements, prayer concerns, etc. Some concern about finding skills within church. Discussed a few potential candidates and preliminary next steps.

Our next meeting of the session will be Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 6:00PM, at the church. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Jan Lafayette at approximately 7:40 PM.

Submitted by:

Jan Lafayette, Ruling Elder