

**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 October 16, 2018 at the church. The meeting was called to order at 6 PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

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

Elders Excused: Sharon Havens

Elders Absent: none

Guests: none

The Clerk of Session Report:

The clerk will be attending the Presbytery's records review session in November.

Membership Roll

Last report.....	51
Gains:.....	0
Losses:	0
Membership Roll, this report.....	51

Sacraments

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

The following **Communications** were received:

- Email from Hemant Tandi regarding mission trip to India
- Presbyterian Heritage magazine
- Mission Crossroads magazine
- JAARS newsletter
- Nex-to-New poster and letter

Consent Agenda:

- Reviewed and set agenda for meeting.
- Approval of last month's minutes with 2 changes from email incorporated.
- 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:

- Permission was given to Kathy Schmidt to borrow a couple tables and some chairs for Saturday November 24th.

Items removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion

- Microfilm reader - request has been made to house this at church for the Sidney Historical Society. Motion made and approved to table the request and ask Kathy Schmidt to provide us with more information.
- Reviewed some financial questions:
 - Blue Ox delivered some oil – Price was high. Dave W. will review this with them, as we will be getting oil this year from Mirabito's.
 - April needs to give Lola Palmer a receipt for goods purchased for roast beef supper
 - Christian video licensing bill needs to be paid.
 - April is almost out of checks. Motion made and approved for her to buy new recommended checks and register.

Worship Committee, Judy Ives and Jan Lafayette, chairs:

- Communion was celebrated on September 2, 2018 with Pastor Patty officiating and Elma Taylor and Jan Lafayette serving. It was celebrated October 7, 2018, with Pastor Patty officiating and Elma Taylor and Sandy DuMond serving.
- We have secured lay preachers for Patty's time away. Lynn Reeves will fill the pulpit on November 25 and Terri Barnhart will supply us on December 30.

Building and Grounds, Dave Williams, chair:

- I have not received the fuel agreement with Mirabito although I requested that they send one. If someone else has it I am in favor of signing it.
- Blue Ox furnace repairs were more complicated and extensive than expected. We will receive a bill with greater expenses than planned.
- As you recall, I signed a contract with Clark Construction to plow the parking lot as necessary at the cost of \$25 per event. If we consider it necessary to apply salt we must call and request that service--also \$25 per pop.
- We should recognize Gordon and Jerry for their work in keeping the grounds mowed all season.

Parish Life, Sharon Havens, chair:

- No report.

Mission & Stewardship, Jan Lafayette, chair:

- No report.

Nominating Committee:

- No report.

Personnel Committee, Jan Lafayette, chair:

- No report.

Presbytery Report:

- No report.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor Patty continues to work with Operation Merry Christmas, attended Sidney Ministerium and the Presbytery Assembly in Unadilla. Patty took a week of vacation in September and a

Continuing Education week is scheduled for October. She has been helping to fill the Blessing Box. Pastor Patty has the preaching schedule finished through November and performed Straka and Burk wedding. She continues to lead the Wednesday and Thursday Bible studies.

Old Business:

- Discussed contacting Frontier (phone) to see if we could get a better internet rate based on marketing Jan received at home. Decided it was not much better than our current rate, so tabled the idea.

Devotions:

Part of Matthew 9 - Discussed that Jesus was willing to go to hurting people, and that he may have been demonstrating to Pharisees what they should be doing.

New Business:

- Judy Ives will convene the Nominating Committee of Judy Ives, Sharon Havens, Kathy Schmidt and Kathy Williams in the near future.
- Jan Lafayette will be the commissioner for the November 17 Presbytery Assembly at Delhi First Presbyterian Church.
- Discussed membership list and tabled it.
- Discussed that we will approve the sponsor of a GMU family for Christmas if UPW also approves it.
- Session will sponsor a coffee hour on October 28 to thank Gordon Spreutels and Jerry Harris for mowing the lawn this summer. November 11th the Spreutels family is hosting a coffee hour in recognition of Gordon's 80th birthday.
- Decided that we will use one communion server and one offering usher this winter when we worship in the fellowship hall.

Our next meeting of the session will be Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 6:00PM, at the church. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by April Ray at approximately 7:30 PM.

Submitted by: _____
Jan Lafayette, Clerk ProTem