

**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 November 19, 2019 at the church. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

Elders Present: Dave Williams, Sharon Havens, Judy Ives, Becky Holley, Patty Wolff, moderator; with a quorum being present.

Elders Excused: Kathy Schmidt arrived late.

Elders Absent: none

Guests: none

The **Clerk of Session Report:** Kathy will be attending the records review on November 23rd after the Presbytery meeting where she is the commissioner. The google drive has been updated with this past years records and minutes as well as the flash drive kept in the firebox at church.

Membership Roll

Last report.....	50
Gains:.....	0
Losses:	0
Membership Roll, this report.....	50

Sacraments

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

The following **Communications** were received

- Website email from PCUSA: what is the fee for the web services? Is Dale Francis still paying the GoDaddy account presently used? Who is going to keep the church's Facebook page up to date?
- Kathy Schmidt and Pastor Patty will work on the Earthcare recertification online during January 1-February 15th window. Kathy Joerman has agreed to assist.
- Thank you from JAARS for our continued support.

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.

Items approved via email:

- The application for Delaware River Solar was approved.
- A joint service at East Guilford with Bainbridge will be held on November 17th with Fred Downs preaching.
- Due to snowstorm on the December 1st, communion was moved to December 8th.

Items removed from consent agenda:

- Freeze alarm: a new freeze alarm has been installed as the old one stopped working. One person will be needed as the contact person and Sharon Havens volunteered. The contact person will call one of three people to oversee why the freeze alarm has activated.
- Back to School Project: Patty reported that the Ministerium and the Sidney School administration are in favor of the proposed project. Kathy Schmidt and Kathy Joerman propose to start with coats, boots, hats and mittens for the 2020-2021 school year. A concern was that other groups are providing the same service so possible coordination should be investigated.

Worship Committee, Judy Ives, chair:

- It was moved, seconded and passed that the Christmas Joy offering will be taken. Judy, Becky and Patty will do moments for mission.
- We celebrated Reformation Sunday October 27th and added the Reformation hymn , written for the 500th anniversary two years ago, to our service for the day.
- In a joint service at 9:30 on November 3rd in East Guilford, Pastor Patty celebrated communion, It was served by Becky Holley and Lola Palmer. A coffee hour with Bainbridge followed. Then we held our second Town Hall meeting.
- Fred Downs filled the pulpit on November 17 as Pastor Patty was on study leave. This was also a joint service with Bainbridge held at 9:00 in East Guilford.
- We are working on filling the pulpit December 29 and January 5 while Patty is on vacation.

Building and Grounds, Dave Williams, chair:

- Volunteers are needed to keep the sidewalks clear of snow and ice.

Parish Life, Sharon Havens, chair:

- No report.

Mission & Stewardship:

- No report

Nominating Committee:

- Nominations for elder will be taken from the floor at the annual meeting. Judy Ives will serve another term and Sandy Egli has agreed to serve.

Personnel Committee:

Present: Sandy Egli, Becky Holley, Pastor Patty **Excused:** Kathy Williams

The Personnel Committee of the United Presbyterian Church of East Guilford met at the manse on November 7, 2019 at 6:30 PM. Pastor Patty called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM after a prayer from Elder Sandy Egli. The following was discussed :**Good Things:** Sandy – Saw the Blessing Box get used for the first time. Becky – loves the new light in the parking lot. Patty – Thankful we were able to make contact with Angie’s husband Wahlid. Hope he will be an ally in helping care for her. Pastor Patty asked that her terms of call for 2020 remain the same as they were for 2019. The committee agreed by consensus. The group then discussed many helpful suggestions for proceeding with the discernment process.

Pastor’s Report:

1. Administrative & Continuing Education
 - a. Prepared Town hall #2 Questions (For November 3)
2. Presbytery & Ecumenical
 - a. Administration for Operation Merry Christmas
 - b. Attended COM Policy Review Team Meetings (GoToMeeting) – October 17 and 24, 2019
 - c. Attended PSV Cabinet Meeting on behalf of COM
3. Days Off (Vacation)
 - a. Will take 2 remaining days from Christmas Vacation on November 27 and 29, 2019 – days around Thanksgiving for travel.

4. Worship/Events
 - a. Special Liturgy for World Communion Sunday
 - b. Participated in Roast Beef Dinner
 - c. Reformation Sunday Special Worship/Presentation
5. Bible Study – Two Groups
 - a. Wednesday @ 8:00 AM – Job
 - b. Thursday at 2:30 PM – Reading Proverbs and Matthew
6. Mission
 - a. Stocked Blessing Box

Old Business:

- None

Devotions:

Patty read from Maria Schriver's Sunday Paper on birthday musings about living with the unexpected and openness for new things.

New Business:

- Worship service will be in Bainbridge on December 29 and January 5 at 10:00 while Pastor Patty is on vacation as no one to fill the pulpit could be found.
- Now that the weather can be freezing, no cans or glass containers can be put in the Blessing Box.
- The next town hall meeting will address the challenges we face and then create a list of possibilities. A questionnaire may be developed so the congregation can prioritize concerns and/or possibilities.
- It was moved, seconded and passed that a joint service be held with Bainbridge coming to East Guilford for a 9:30 service on January 19th. The congregational meeting will be immediately after the service.

Our next meeting of the session will be Tuesday, December 15, 2019 at 6:00PM, at the manse. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Judy at 7:52PM.

Submitted by: _____
Katherine Hager Schmidt, Clerk of Session