

## United Presbyterian Church of East Guilford

April 26, 2020 10:30 AM

A special meeting of the East Guilford Session took place on April 26, 2020 immediately after worship celebrating Earth Day. The meeting virtual was held over ZOOM. Rev. Patty Wolff (Moderator) opened the meeting with prayer at 10:30 AM.

**Attending:** Dave Williams, Sharon Havens, Sandy Egli, Becky Holley, and Judy Ives.

**Excused:** None

Rev. Patty Wolff (Moderator) opened w/ prayer at 10:40 AM. The meeting was called to review the need for Operation Merry Christmas to have debit card for the SFCU checking account currently used to pay for Operation Merry Christmas items during the year and at the Christmas Giveaway.

1. Since K-Mart closed, buying for the program has been difficult.
  - a. Signed blank checks have failed to go through when presented for purchases.
  - b. Ginny Ireland, program director, does not own a credit card, and Patty would prefer not to get into situations where interest might be charged.
2. Cash reimbursements would put an undue stress on Ginny to pay up front.
3. Requests have already been received for special items (ex. a bed and box spring). These requests typically come up a few times a year.

Ginny needs a debit card because the local stores will not bill for the purchases in areas as K-Mart did. The intent is to have the card be used as a "DEBIT ONLY" card, so all purchases can be tracked and money cannot be spent for more than what is in the account. Sandy asked for clarification on why the Session was involved. Patty explained that Operation Merry Christmas is not its own 501c3 corporation, so the donations are received under the umbrella of the United Presbyterian Church of East Guilford.

**Motion:** Get a Debit Card for the Operation Merry Christmas account at SFCU that is to be used for DEBITS ONLY. M/S/P Motion: Patty; Second: Sandy Egli

The following Communications were also received:

- February 2020 - Thank you from Presbyterian Mission for OGHS (\$490.76) and Christmas Joy (\$443.00) Offerings received in 2019.
- January 23, 2020 – Thank you from Hope Foundation of Binghamton for donation of \$250 in January 2020. (Hemant Tandi)
- March 13, 2020 - Thank you from PMA for \$200 donation for shared mission support.
- Thank you from Carol Angelone, School Nurse at GMU, for our Christmas Support of a needy family.
- A note from Brotherhood Mutual indicating COVID-19 epidemic is not considered a covered peril unless it is a tuition loss.

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 AM. Next meeting May 21, 2020 at the Manse if possible or via ZOOM.

Respectfully Submitted, Rev. Patty Wolff (Moderator)