

**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 September 21, 2021 via ZOOM.. The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

Elders Present: Judy Ives, Don Cole, Gordon Spreutels, Becky Holley, Sandy Egli, Patty Wolff, moderator; with a quorum being present and Kathy Schmidt, clerk.

Elders Excused: none

Elders Absent: none

Guests: none

Clerk's Report:

Lawn Sale: The total income from the bake sale, chicken bbq and lawn sale was \$3006.66 without including the early sales. The lawn sale was held on Saturday July 10th, Friday July 23rd and free day Saturday July 31st. There is leftover bbq chicken in the freezer which will be given away to the congregation on October 3rd.

Membership Roll

Last report.....	49
Gains:.....	0
Losses:	0
Membership Roll, this report.....	49

Sacraments

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

Consent Agenda:

- Reviewed and set agenda for meeting.
- Approval of last month's minutes.
- Approval of standing committee reports.
- Approval of clerk's report.
- Approval of Pastor's report and mileage.
- Receipt of Presbytery report.
- Receipt of treasurer's report.

Consent agenda was moved, seconded and passed.

Action via email:

- August 29th would be a paid day off for our organist.
- Summer meetings were all cancelled.

Items removed from consent agenda:

- The furnace has had issues with the control for hot water and heat and has been diagnosed and parts are ordered.
- A contract for snow removal from the parking lot was received from Steve Clark and is the same as last year and salt could be added for \$25 a time on request. Gordon will talk with Steve and report back at the next meeting. Don and Gordon will research finding someone to shovel the sidewalks when the snow is over a few inches deep.
- Bathrooms in the narthex have some leaks and have been repaired as best as possible.
- Remodeling narthex bathrooms into one handicap accessible bathroom for unisex use or a new bathroom in the office/nursery area was discussed. It was moved and approved for estimates to be obtained for both bathroom projects.

- Foundation UMC has not been responding to messages left by Pastor Patty. Further contact will be made in the future when appropriate.

Communications were received:

Thank you from Mission Engagement and Support for the offerings sent in for Shared Mission Support and One Great Hour of Sharing.

Worship, Sandy Egli and Becky Holley, chairs:

- Worship services were held in person and over Zoom throughout the summer, alternating each month between the East Guilford and Bainbridge churches. Windsor Presbyterian Church joined in on some Sundays.
- June (held in EG) 6 - Communion Sunday, 13, 20 - no church as Patty was sick, 27 - special service celebrating Dave and Kathy Williams with luncheon following
- July (held in Bainbridge) 4 - Communion Sunday, 11, 18, 25.
- August (held in EG) 1 - Communion Sunday, 8 - Patty on vacation. Service led by Rev. Janet Abel (EG only), 15 - Patty on vacation. Hymn Sing with service led by Sandra Egli (EG only), 22, 29
- September (held in Bainbridge) 5 - Communion Sunday, 12, 19

Building and Grounds, Gordon Spreutels, chair:

No report.

Mission & Stewardship, Judy Ives, chair:

The main local mission of our church remains the blessing box. The \$75 each month has enabled us to keep it filled. We have witnessed more than one person using it. Elma, Judy, and Patty fill it on a regular basis. We are also happy with the good results of our yard sale on July 10 and 23, which benefits both church and community.

Nominating Committee:

No report

Personnel Committee:

No report.

Presbytery Assembly Report:

Presbytery Assembly will be held virtually October 9th.

Pastor's Report:

Administrative & Continuing Education

- Continued "in-person" worship in September at Bainbridge; October at East Guilford
- Training being planned
- Visitation schedule being made based on how people feel about "in-person" visits

Presbytery & Ecumenical

- Operation Merry Christmas books and outreach
- Published article in The Living Pulpit, an online resource for preachers
- Taught 2 seminars at Hartwick Theological Seminary (July 26 and 28)
- Attended Richard Tosh installation at Nineveh on August 29
- Never received response from Foundation UMC. It might be more effective if someone from East Guilford goes to church there one Sunday.

Days Off (Vacation) Requesting

- Took first two weeks in August 2 through 15
- Day off – Still Monday

Worship/Events

- Joint Worship in person and over ZOOM on June 6, 13, 27, July 4, 11, 18, 25, August 1, 22, and 29.
 - Added Windsor four times through June and July
 - August 8 and 15 provided bulletins for Rev. Janet Abel and Hymn Sing
- Sending bulletins to Colleen Lewis (Each Sunday) who does printing and mailing
- Sending Thoughts for the Day as needed

Old Business:

- A Mission Study will be lead by Pastor Patty in the coming months and the Going Forward study will be conducted with an interim pastor once Patty has retired.

Devotions:

Pastor Patty shared a book, Christianity for the Rest of Us by Diana Butler Bass, that she is reading. Some questions that arise are: What is East Guilford Church's place in our community? What are people looking for in church today?

New Business

- PW will not be doing a roast beef dinner this year but will consider a dinner at some time with a less labor intensive menu.
- Commissioner for Oct 9th Presbytery Assembly will be Becky Holley, if all works out for her to do so.
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance receives donations for areas dealing with earthquakes, flooding, hurricanes. It was moved and passed to give \$300 for Hurricane Ida and Haiti earthquake through PDA.
- Help is needed for a local Afghan family who are applying for asylum for their extended family still in Afghanistan. No action was taken on this request.
- Approval was given for the line dance group to use the fellowship hall as they have in the past. Kathy Schmidt will be present.
- It was moved and approved to hold the next session meeting at 4pm.

The next meeting of the session will be Tuesday October 19, 2021 at 4:00PM at the church. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Gordon Spreutels at 7:50PM.

Submitted by: _____

Katherine Hager Schmidt, Clerk of Session