

**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 March 15, 2022 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 6:01PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

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

Elders Excused: none

Elders Absent: none

Guests: Al Clune, who was given voice and vote.

The Clerk of Session Report:

Membership Roll

Last report.....	47
Gains:.....	0
Losses:	0
Membership Roll, this report.....	47

Sacraments

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

Consent Agenda:

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

Consent agenda was moved, seconded and passed.

- Maundy Thursday worship will be held April 14th at 7:00PM. At the Bainbridge Church.
- Pastor Patty will be on vacation March 28 through April 3, 2022.

Communications: The Earth Care certificate for our 11th year has been received. Thank yous were received from Pastor Patty for the gift of laptop computer and from American Civic Association for donation of \$575 to assist Afghani refugee.

Actions approved via email:

- None

Transition Discussion:

- None

Items removed from consent agenda:

- None

Worship Committee, Sandy Egli, chair:

- Worship Services were held at East Guilford Presbyterian Church, in person and over Zoom. The services were held jointly with Bainbridge Presbyterian Church. Windsor Presbyterian Church joined us on some Sundays.
- Worship highlights for the month include:
 - Paraments were changed to purple for the Lenten season.
 - March 2, Ash Wednesday service was held. For those who planned to attend over Zoom, ashes were made available for take-home, during the previous Sunday worship service.
 - March 6, service with communion was held, with Pastor Patty as the officiant.
 - March 13, service was held via Zoom only, due to weather conditions.

- March 20 and 27 services are anticipated to be held both in person and via Zoom.
- A special thanks to Judy Ives for helping with worship related details this month!

Building and Grounds, Gordon Spreutels and Don Cole:

- No report

Mission & Stewardship, Judy Ives, chair:

- No report

Nominating Committee:

No report

Personnel Committee:

No report.

Presbytery Assembly Report:

None

Pastor's Report:

1. Administrative & Continuing Education
 - a. Annual meeting in compliance over ZOOM with NYS and PCUSA requirements
 - b. Sent request for debt assistance from BOP – approved March 10
 - c. Discussion with Al Clune about vacant session seat
2. Presbytery & Ecumenical
 - a. Ministerium - planning Ecumenical Good Friday service in Sidney and prayer vigil for Ukraine
 - b. Attended Presbytery Assembly on February 5 and prepared report with Judy Ives.
3. Days Off (Vacation)
 - a. Asking for March 28 through April 3 for 1 week vacation. Marsha Muller available to cover.
4. Worship/Events
 - a. Joint Worship in person and/or over ZOOM on February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2022. Added Windsor February 13 and 27, 2022.
 - b. Sending bulletins to Colleen Lewis (Each Sunday) who does printing and mailing.
 - c. Sending Thoughts for the Day as needed.
 - d. Recording worship and sharing virtual link with anyone who asks or wasn't in church. List has 10 East Guilford folks.
 - e. Update prayer list weekly in announcement bulletin.
 - f. Attended Prayer Service for Ukraine online on at FPUC Owego.
5. Bible Study – Continuing
 - a. Wednesdays 9:00 AM at the manse.
Finished Living in Faith: Women Who Trusted God by LifeWay
Chose new study: You Were Made for This Moment: The Story of Esther
 - b. Thursdays 2:00 PM at the manse
Finished You Were Made for This Moment: The Story of Esther by Max Lucado
Chose New Study: Leap of Faith, starring Steve Martin (4 Sessions)
 - c. Lenten Study: Leap of Faith to Start in March
6. Mission
 - a. Windsor Presbyterian – staying in contact. They will join us over ZOOM when needed.
 - b. Coordinate donations for Havens Family.
 - c. Responded to other non-monetary requests for assistance.
 - d. Fill Blessing Box on Fridays

Old Business:

- It was moved and approved to have Blue Ox order the necessary furnace part and then install it.
- It was moved and carried to table further discussion and decision on the sound system.
- The letter to 13 inactive members was reviewed and Pastor Patty will condense the drafts. It will be sent out after session approval.
- A joint session meeting with the Bainbridge elders will be held on March 27th at 1:00 at the East Guilford church and via ZOOM. John Helgeson will be the moderator.

- It was moved, seconded and approved to present Al Clune as a ruling elder to fill the vacant seat on session. A congregational meeting will be held March 27th after worship.

Devotions:

Pastor Patty started a prayer and provided opportunity for elders to add to the prayer.

New Business:

- It was moved, seconded and approved to ask the congregation for contributions for Ukrainian aid via Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. The session would add to the amount collected.
- It was moved, seconded and passed to begin One Great Hour of Sharing at Easter and dedicate it on Mother's Day.
- It was decided to celebrate Earth Care on May 22nd. A press release announcing our recertification as an Earth Care congregation will be submitted to local newspapers.

The next meeting of the session will be Tuesday April 19, 2022 at 4:00PM. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Sandy Egli at 7:31PM.

Submitted by: _____

Katherine Hager Schmidt, Clerk of Session