

**The United Presbyterian Church of East Guilford
Regular Session Meeting**

A regular monthly meeting of the Session of the United Presbyterian Church in East Guilford was held on, January 17, 2023 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Ken Simurro at 6:11pm.

Elders Present: Don Cole, Al Clune, Gordon Spreutels, Kathy Schmidt, clerk, and Rev. Simurro, moderator; with a quorum being present

Elders Excused: none

Elders Absent: none

Guests: none

The Clerk of Session Report:

Membership Roll:

Last report.....42
Gains:..... 0
Losses: Katie Spillett.....1
Membership Roll; this report:.....41

Sacraments:

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

Don Cole acted as meeting facilitator.

Consent Agenda:

- Reviewed and set agenda for meeting
- Approval of clerk's report
- Approval of Pastor's report and mileage
- Approval of minutes for December session meeting
- Receipt of treasurer's report for December

Items removed from agenda:

None

Consent agenda was moved, seconded and passed.:

Communications:

- Acknowledgement of \$225 for OGHS receipt.
- New COM chairs are Doug Horne and Pat Raube via comchair@susvalpresby.org
- IRS mileage rate for 2023 is 65.5 cents.

Actions approved via email:

- Approved the update of the worship committee document.

Worship Committee:

No report

Building and Grounds:

No report

Mission & Stewardship:

No report

Nominating Committee:

No report

Personnel Committee:

No report

Presbytery Assembly Report:

No report

Pastor's Report:

Pastoral Acts:

Conducted 4 services
Made pastoral phone calls
Made 1 visit (Binghamton)
Attended Presbyterian Women's meeting, East Guilford
Attended Missions Committee meeting
Input into Sunday's liturgies
Conducting Ordination and Installations

Pastoral Work:

Taught 2 Bible Studies
Preparation for moderating Annual Meetings

Parish Concerns:

Christian Education forms and delivery (in-person/zoom) (update)
Sound quality issues on Facebook live, electronic equipment issues
Plans for Lenten midweeks/Ash Wednesday

Mileage information:

Commutation in December 7 round trips --840 miles
Miles around town, visitation 1 trip -- 6 miles

Old Business:

- The discussion of use of the memorial donation from Jim Bartlett is tabled.
- The financial review will take place in April 2023 by Roy Straka and Marie Spreutels.

Devotions:

Devotions were held during the joint meeting with Bainbridge.

New Business:

- The church/session information form was reviewed and updated and will be sent to the Presbytery.
- The GA statistical report was reviewed and approved.
- The unified mission pledge for 2023 is \$1000 with 20% to GA, 5% to Synod and 75% to Susquehanna Valley Presbytery.
- Kathy will submit the Earth Care recertification documents.
- The personnel committee will be asked to create a time sheet/ task completed for the cleaner to fill out each week and submit to the treasurer monthly.
- The committee appointments are: Nominating committee Al Clune chair and Gordon Spreutels ruling elder. Personnel committee: Al Clune chair, Marie Spreutels and Diane Bradshaw. Financial Review: Roy Straka and Marie Spreutels. Sexual Misconduct contacts: Roy Straka and Jeanne Harris.
- The committee chairs are as follows: Don Cole worship, Gordon building and grounds and Al Stewardship and Mission.
- The session will meet monthly on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00PM via ZOOM unless it is decided to meet in person. A joint meeting with the Bainbridge Presbyterian church will be held monthly usually following the regular session meeting.
- The quorum for a session meeting is a moderator and 3 ruling elders.
- The annual congregational and corporation meeting will be held the 3rd Sunday of January. The quorum for the annual meeting is 6 eligible voting members.

- Worship services will be held at the East Guilford Presbyterian Church or the First Presbyterian Church in Bainbridge, in person and/or via ZOOM and Facebook Live. Worship will be led by Pastor Ken Simurro each Sunday except for designated vacation days or study leaves.
 - The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated the first Sunday of each month and other special dates as approved by the session.
 - The session approved the use of the following hymnals: The Worshipping Church, Hymns of Praise, Glory to God and The Presbyterian Hymnal.
 - The session approved the following versions of the Bible: RSV, NRSV and The Message.
- Don Cole will attend the January 21st Presbytery Assembly meeting via ZOOM.

With there being no further business, the East Guilford portion of the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Don Cole at 6:47PM. The next meeting of the session will be at 6:00PM via ZOOM with a joint meeting with Bainbridge at 6:45PM on February 21, 2023.

Submitted by:

Katherine Hager Schmidt, Clerk of Session