

Joint Session Meeting
First Presbyterian Church of Bainbridge and United Presbyterian Church in East Guilford
Virtual on Zoom 9/19/2023

Attending: Paul Cliffe, Don Cole, Al Clune, Gordon Spreutels, Billie Jo Northrup, Paula Banks, Cheryl Nages, Mike Davidson, Bainbridge Clerk of Session Dorian Bunting-Cliffe, and Moderator Rev. Dr. Ken Simurro

Excused: Kathy Schmidt - EG Clerk of Session

Facilitator: Cheryl Nages

We Gather in God's Name and Present Our Offerings

- Call to Order/Declaration of Quorum and Opening Prayer at 6:53 p.m.
- Approval of corrected minutes from joint meeting August 15, 2023 - **MSP**

Pastor's Report Highlights

- Ken spoke with WCDO about the health fair. He has had a lot of meetings, but has experienced a lot of good will.

Committee Reports

- Mission Committee - The health fair is coming together. Some set up will start on Friday and baked goods can be dropped off on Friday. Al did receive some responses about pop up tents.
- Spiritual Nurture - Ken would like to move the announcements to the end of the service on Sunday so that there can be discussion and feedback on the health fair.
- Presbytery Meeting - Cheryl highlighted the links in her report. CLEF is looking for information on what congregations need. There is a survey for session members to take. Al added that Ken talked about the health fair
- Motion to approve all of the reports. **MSP**

Old Business

- Spiritual Nurture is organizing the service and pot luck for Ken's 40th anniversary of his ordination. They have created a flier and will have a sign up for the potluck. They were waiting until after the health fair to move forward with the plans. October 29th.

New Business

- 2024 Service Locations. Easter falls in March this year, which throws off our rotation. We will move back to Bainbridge for Easter, then Bainbridge will continue with April.
- Motion that Easter will be held in Bainbridge on March 31st. **MSP**
- Cheryl will be attending the Small Church Vitality workshops. She said there is money available for the longer workshops if anyone is interested.
- Motion to renew Ken's contract for 2024. **MSP**

Next Meeting

- October 17th - 6:00 for East Guilford with Bainbridge joining at 6:45 p.m. and will be on Zoom.
- Motion to adjourn @ 7:28 p.m. **MSP** Closing Prayer (Cheryl)

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorian Bunting-Cliffe, Clerk of Session