

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

A regular monthly meeting of the Session of the United Presbyterian Church in East Guilford was held on October 17, 2023, via Zoom. The meeting was called to order with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Ken Simurro at 6:00 p.m. **Elders Present:** Don Cole, Al Clune, Gordon Spreutels, Kathy Schmidt, clerk and Rev. Simurro, moderator; with a quorum being present.

Excused: none

Guests: none

Clerk of Session Report:

Membership Roll:

Last report.....41
Gains:..... 0
Losses: Roy Straka DOD 22 Sept 2023.....1
Membership Roll; this report:.....40

Sacraments:

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

Al Clune acted as meeting facilitator.

Consent Agenda:

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

Items removed from agenda:

None

Consent agenda was moved, seconded and passed.

Actions approved via email:

- It was confirmed that approval via email was given to cover the \$89 handling fee for shoe drive pickup.

Communications:

- John Fong regarding Leap program to grow small churches.
- CCLI license needs to be renewed to be able to print lyrics in bulletin and on the screen and was approved.
- Sus Valley Presbytery is looking for volunteer commissioners for 226th General Assembly June 24 – July 4 in Salt Lake City

Worship Report:

Sunday, August 20th, worship at East Guilford.
Sunday, August 27th, worship at East Guilford.
Sunday, September 3rd, worship at Bainbridge, with Communion presided by Rev. Dr. Ken Simurro.
Sunday, September 10th, worship at Bainbridge.
Sunday, September 17th, worship at Bainbridge.
Sunday September 24th, worship at Bainbridge.
Sunday, October 1st, worship at East Guilford with Communion presided by Rev. Dr. Ken Simurro.

Sunday, October 15th, worship at East Guilford.

Building and Grounds Report:

None

Mission Report:

None

Nominating Committee Report:

- The nomination committee has not yet received any definite affirmative for a Session candidate, but we have not yet exhausted all possibilities. We have plans to reach out to others soon.

Personnel Committee Report:

None

Presbytery Assembly Report:

None

Pastor's Report:

Pastoral Acts:

Conducted 4 services

Made pastoral phone calls and responded to emails (numerous this month)

Attended 1 Joint Mission Committee meeting (evaluation)

Attended Special meeting at East Guilford with Lead Presbyter Greg Garis and COM chair Rev. Doug Horne

Input into Sunday's liturgies

Pastoral Work:

Helped with set-up for Health Fair

Interviewed by Rob Ray of WCDO

Attended Health Fair

Parish Concerns:

Bible Study opened Oct. 15 at 9 AM

Health Fair (evaluation)

Mileage information:

Commutation in September 9 round trips = 1080 miles

Miles around town, visitation, meetings 1 trip = 4 miles

Old Business:

- Memorial donation from Jim Bartlett tabled until next March.
- Don and Gordon are looking for person to take care of the sidewalks in the winter. Rob Ray was taken off the emergency heating call list and Don Cole and Kathy Schmidt were added. Blue Ox is on auto delivery of fuel. Don will take care of thermostats and requests that people see him for instructions on heating the space on days other than Sunday.
- A meeting was held on October 15th with Greg Garis, Lead Presbyter and Doug Horne, COM to discuss going forward as a congregation. The next step would be to discuss this with Bainbridge session.

New Business:

- Approval was given to put Kathy Schmidt, clerk and Becky Holley, financial secretary, on the Merrill Lynch account with a motion, second and vote.
- Discussion on cleaner's schedule resulted in no changes at present.
- The commissioner for the Presbytery Assembly on November 4th will be Don Cole.
- The Presbytery Women's group plans to sponsor a Christmas Family from GMU school this year.

With there being no further business, the East Guilford portion of the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m. The joint session meeting with Bainbridge followed this adjournment. The next meeting of the session will be at 6:00PM via ZOOM with a joint meeting with Bainbridge at 6:45PM on November 21, 2023.

Submitted by:

Katherine Hager Schmidt, Clerk of Session