

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT
MINUTES OF THE SESSION MEETING: MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017

ATTENDING:

ELDERS PRESENT: Charlie Bowers, Pat Boyer, George Camlin, Gordon Core, Jason Dille, Ben Evans, Cindy Garlisi, Jim Hyland, Jim Little, Steve Marriner, Joan McCrory, Robynne Myers, Chuck Neff, Kim O'Donnell, Connie Simon, and Katie Wichterman

ELDERS EXCUSED: Dan Halulko and Jeremy Zajdel

STAFF PRESENT: Rev. Dr. Stuart Broberg, Rev. Kay Balderose, and Don Nixon

OPENING PRAYER AND DEVOTIONS

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Session of The Church of the Covenant was convened by the Rev. Dr. Stuart Broberg, with prayer on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 7:05 p.m. in the Dining Room.

APPROVAL OF THE DOCKET AND MINUTES

The docket for this meeting was reviewed next. After a motion was made by George Camlin and seconded by Pat Boyer, the May 2017 Session docket was unanimously approved (with a minor modification) by the Session. After a motion was made by Charlie Bowers and seconded by Jim Little, the minutes from the April 2017 regular Session meeting and from the special Session meeting (to receive new members) were unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CLERK

There were no baptisms, funerals or weddings to report for April 2017.

Jonathan Pachter reported that our Minutes and Roll Books had no exceptions at the recent Reading of the Minutes held by the Washington Presbytery in April. He said that the work done by Debi Nicolella and Nancy McCreight is responsible for this excellent record keeping.

DR. BROBERG'S NOTES AND REQUESTS

Dr. Broberg noted that the Washington Presbytery's Mission Dinner will be held at the Thomas Presbyterian Church on October 11, 2017. He hopes that our Church could provide for two tables at this event.

Dr. Broberg asked that a special Session meeting be called for Sunday morning, June 25, 2017, starting at 9:30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving this year's confirmands into membership in our congregation. Ben Evans so moved, Pat Boyer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Session.

The Session was reminded that elders are supposed to wear their red lanyards on Sunday morning and to greet visitors.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

Memorial Tree

The Session went to look at the wall where the new Memorial Tree will be placed near the entrance to the Memorial Garden. The tree would be used to recognize significant memorial gifts. Gordon Core moved to approve the concept and the placement, and Chuck Neff seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Session.

Visioning Day

Tentatively planned for June 4, 2017, starting at noon, this day will be an important part of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC)'s efforts to obtain input from the congregation regarding what type of church we want to become, and the type of person we want to bring in as our associate pastor.

The APNC will be meeting soon with Rev. Bruce Stevens to organize and prepare for this meeting. The Session directed the Administration Committee to organize a Session Intreat to be held after Visioning Day to consider development of a prospectus for Light the Fire 2.0, a new capital campaign to be held in 2018.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Steve Marriner, chairperson, referred the Session to his Committee's written report, and had no further information to provide.

Personnel Committee

Cindy Garlisi (chairperson) said that Pat Sanders has agreed to be Debi Nicolella's part-time assistant, replacing Dona Hamilton.

OAR Committee

Jim Little (chairperson) referred the Session to his Committee's written report. He also noted that the Volunteer Appreciation lunch went very well, and Jim thanked everyone who helped in that effort. Jim noted that the next Men's Breakfast will be held on May 13, 2017, starting at 8:00 a.m.

Stewardship Committee

Gordon Core (chairperson) referred the Session to his Committee's written report, and had no additional information to provide.

Mission Committee

Joan McCrory (chairperson) referred everyone to her Committee's minutes. She also asked the Session to approve using a movable Mission bulletin board or to approve a more permanent location in the Commons. The motion came from Committee, so no second was needed. The Session unanimously passed the motion. This motion was referred to the Building and Grounds Committee to flesh out the details.

Dr. Broberg showed the Session a painting he had received in Haiti, and thanked the Session for supporting his travel there and participation in the mission effort.

Worship and Music Committee

George Camlin (chairperson) referred everyone to his Committee's minutes, and had no further information to report.

Christian Education Committee

Katie Wichterman (chairperson) referred everyone to her Committee's minutes. She pointed out that there are refresher requirements for folks needing three clearances to work with children and youth. Interested people should see her or Camille Braun for more information. Katie said that the Pre-School fundraiser made about \$6,200.

Nominating Committee

Pat Boyer (chairperson) said her Committee had no report, but will start its efforts in May for the fall 2017 slate. It will do a Minute for Mission in May.

Building and Grounds Committee

Ben Evans (chairperson) read his report, and noted that there has been a break-in recently and emphasized the need for more security measures at the Church. Dr. Broberg agreed with that emphasis. He also noted that we need to think about where we need to be in 20 or more years regarding our entire campus and our properties. The Administration Committee was asked to include these topics in the upcoming Intreat.

Administration Committee

No report.

Endowment Committee, APNC and Memorial Committee

No report for the Endowment Committee. The APNC's and Memorial Committee's concerns (Visioning Day and Memorial Tree respectively) were addressed earlier in the meeting.

PASTORAL CARE REPORT

A sign-up sheet for helping with the next in-home communion was passed around. Dr. Broberg and Pastor Kay reviewed some of their recent pastoral visitations.

DATES OF NOTE

The next Stated Session meeting will be held on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. The next Stated Presbytery Meeting will be held on May 9, 2017 at 7 PM at the Pigeon Creek Presbyterian Church, Eighty Four, PA. Charlie Bowers and Jim Little are scheduled to attend.

ADJOURNING AND CLOSING PRAYER

Pat Boyer moved and Ben Evans seconded a motion to adjourn, which the Session approved unanimously. Rev. Balderose closed the meeting with a prayer at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan M. Pachter

Jonathan M. Pachter, Clerk of Session