

# First Presbyterian Church of DuPage

## Session Meeting Minutes from April 20, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:36p.m. by K.J. Norris (Moderator). Meeting opened with prayer and scripture reading. A Quorum present. Agenda approved.

### **In Attendance:**

- Kelly Jean Norris (Moderator), Ruth Nauta (Clerk), Jim Nauta, Bob Buegel, Roy Altonen, Don Crebo, Jerry DeYoung, Walt Cowen, Sampson Akotuah.
- Absent: Patt Pilgrim.
- Guest: Peter Park.

### **Clerk Report:** Ruth Nauta ( Clerk of Session)

March minutes approved by session.

### **Communion:**

- Palm Sunday: 43 served in person :
- Maundy Thursday: 30 served in person:
- 1 home communion.

Volunteers to set up Communion in May: Jim Nauta/ Ruth Nauta/ Bob Beugel. Need to remember to write out the sheet and get to the clerk for the minutes each month.

### **Funeral, Baptisms, and Weddings:**

- Mr. Robert Gaston passed on March 24, 2023. Funeral and burial service officiated by Pastor K.J. Norris on March 29, 2023.

### **Votable Action:**

Six people wanting to become new members on Sunday, April 23, 2023:

- Robert Contreras
- Georges Couloute
- Luann Groh
- John Holloway
- Joellen Zielazinski
- Margo Stark

Motion made by Walt Cowen to vote to meet with new potential members on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and answer any questions or concerns. To be certified during the service. Seconded by Roy Altonen. Voted and passed.

### **Financial Report: Jerry DeYoung (Elder)**

Reported to be a good month.

- Electronic giving is up and weekly in-person giving slightly down. 1 pledge paid for entire year in amount of \$6,000.
- Property Insurance premium has gone up higher than budgeted. Walt Cowen will reach to insurance company about possible ways to lower amount.
- 2nd payment on work done made to heating/ac maintenance made. One more payment to be made
- Roy Altonen motioned to accept budget. seconded by Don Crebo. Motion passed.

### **Pastor's Report: K.J. Norris (Pastor)**

- Holy Humor Sunday was introduced and explained to session. Will try this on Sunday April 30.
- New Members' Certification on Sunday April 23, 2023.
- Pastor K.J. Norris will be gone May 15-19 for preaching conference. Rev. Achowah Umenei, Retired pastor from Presbyterian Church of Cameroon to be preaching on May 21 and K.J.Norris will be liturgist.
- Rev. Scott Estler is available to preach on July 2 when K.J.Norris is on vacation.
- New member Georges Couloute is willing to help sell unused items online. Approved by all.

### **Trustee Committee Report; Don Crebo (Elder)**

- March 17, 2023 passed Fire Inspection.
- Trustee work day had a good turnout of members and much needed cleaning got done.
- No working vacuum cleaners. Discussed and approved to obtain 2 new vacuums.
- Plan to go with Rite Air, Inc. for furnace/Ac office only. Don Crebo explained other options and will set up meeting with Total Automations Concepts, Inc. to come to next session meeting to show and explained options for phase 1 or All in One option.

### **Stewardship Committee: Rev. Peter Park**

- Gave overview of committee and they are still working on several ideas. Members presently are:
  - Michelle Crebo,
  - Joellen Zielazinski
  - Mike Allen
- Suggested need of an Elder to work with the committee. Elder Sampson Akotuah volunteered.

### **190th Anniversary Committee Roy Altonen (Elder), July 15 and 16, 2023**

- Ruth Nauta will head Bake sale for event.
- Have 1 food truck set up to come.
- Bolingbrook TV will be doing a documentary on the church to be done in 3 stages.
- Video billboards will display date and time of event.

Next meeting will be on May 11, 2023. Reminder for meeting will be sent out by text and email by Clerk. Please have meeting agenda items and minutes to Pastor K.J. by Tuesday, May 9.

Minutes written by Ruth Nauta (Clerk of Session)