

**First Presbyterian Church of DuPage  
Session Meeting Minutes for March 9,2023**

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm in person. Moderator noted a quorum was present. The agenda was approved.

The meeting was opened with a reading from Corinthians by Rev. Kelly Jean Norris. Discussion followed.

In Attendance: Bob Buegel, Don Crebo, Roy Altonen, Walt Cowan, Jerry DeYoung, Ruth Nauta, (clerk, ) PattPilgrim (Clerk), and Kelly Jean Norris (Moderator). Absent : Jim Nauta, Sampson Akutuah.

**Clerks Report:**

- Minutes of February 26 special meeting were read.
- March 43 were served. Ruth and Bob to set up April communion.
- Membership changes: 0
- Funerals, Baptisms, Weddings. Mrs. Betty Jean Clow passed Feb. 3, 2023. Burial service was officiated by Pastor KJ Norris on Saturday, Feb 25, 2023.

**Financials: (Elder Jerry DeYoung)**

- Income and expense report update (expenses outweighing income)
- Bank accounts amount
- Legacy account – Propose meeting with present and other Financial institutions to determine best investment fit going forward.
- Stewardship Committee - Introduce Peter Parks and Michelle Crebo to the church as members of the Stewardship Committee. Propose that this committee send Quarterly report to church members to inform them of Income/ Expenses.

**Pastors Report:**

- Reviewed the pastor's monthly report. (note highlighted areas, see attached)
- Pastor away April 10-17. Peter Park will be preaching.
- Session to attend new members' certification class Sunday, March 26, at 9:00am
- Pastor to be at Preaching Conference May 15-22. Invite Scott Estler to preach. Motion made approved by Walt Cowan and Roy Altonen.

**Voting Actions Taken:**

- Hope UCC church has approached Pastor KJ Norris and Michelle Crebo in regards of their desire to rent office space and worship space from us. We have a room that we could empty for the to use as office space. We would have to work out some sound board issues for worship but one of their members, Chris, is proficient in using sound equipment. If we extended a contract it would be for \$200 a month for office space and \$1250per month

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- for use of the sanctuary. Length of the contract to be determined. To make sure bringing in another community partner does not interfere with our contract with the Ghana church that now meets on Sunday mornings a motion was made and approved by Walt Cowan and Don Crebo that the Hope UCC church is approved to use our church either Saturday or Sunday based on working out the details with the Ghana church.
- Mission Committee - Sampson Akotuah (committee chair) will now work with Elder Emmanuel Ageymang for setting up, chaperoning and closing of the church for Saturday evening Ghana events.
- Church 190<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration Committee – Roy Altonen (committee chair) reported he now has 6 members on this committee and is asking the session for a budget as they plan this event to be held on July 15-16 at the church. There will be games, a band, a 50/50 raffle, silent auction, fire truck and other activities. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be served with side dishes. A motion was moved and seconded by Jerry DeYoung and Walt Cowan to give the committee \$2500.00 for this event.
- Safety Committee – Walt Cowan (committee chair) brought to the session the need for installing cameras as added security. Discussion was made that after the 2 breakins all locks were changed and the number of keys given out is now restricted and recorded. Because of the size of our property WIFI coverage and cost of enough cameras it was decided to do further research before buying cameras.
- Trustees – Don Crebo (chair) The trustees will meet this Saturday, March 11, at the church for their monthly work day. Don and Steve will be working to repair the Choir room after the water damage from the HVAC damage. A motion to drywall the room and pick up the carpeting and lay tile squares was moved and seconded by Patt Pilgrim and Jerry DeYoung. Don will also meet with the fire inspectors to get us recertified and get our system back on line.

Closing prayer by Bob Buegel

Meeting ended at 8:45pm

Next meeting April 20, 2023 at 6:30 pm.