

First Presbyterian Church of DuPage
Session Meeting Minutes on May 11, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m.

In attendance: Kelly Jean Norris (Moderator), Ruth Nauta (Clerk), Roy Altonen, Walt Cowan, Bob Buegal, Don Crebo, Jerry DeYoung, Jim Nauta, Patt Pilgrim.

Absent: Sampson Akotuah.

Meeting opened with prayer by Pastor K.J. Norris and reading of Psalm 113.

Quorum present.

Clerk's Report: (Elder Ruth Nauta)

- April Minutes approved.
- Communion: in person served. No pastoral visits with communion.
- Volunteer to set up communion in June is Bob Beugal/ Roy Altonen.
- No Funerals, Weddings or Baptisms.
- 6 New Members were certified and officially accepted into church on April 23, 2023. These are Robert Contreras, Georges Couloute, Luann Groh, John Holloway, Joellen Zielazinski, and Margo Stark. New members cake reception.
- Holy Humor Sunday service was introduced and was well received.

Financial Report: (Elder Jerry DeYoung)

- Behind on projected budget due to increase in property insurance and increased utilities.
- \$ 20,000 taken out of Legacy account.
- Will be changing financial advisor from Wells Fargo to Presbyterian Church.
- Legacy Funds Guidelines introduced and explained.
- Still working on obtaining church credit card.

Pastor's Report: (K.J. Norris - Pastor)

- Discussed possible Bible study for summer to address challenging questions such as Christian Nationalism, Transgender persons, abortion, etc.
- Discussed raised garden box in back yard. Eagle project or \$310 for elevated box garden. Motioned by Don Crebo for elevated boxes and seconded by Roy Altonen. Passed by all present. Georges Couloute to manage.
- Discussed need to update contracts with internal partners and to start quarterly meetings to improve communication.
- Ghana custom to remember loved ones on 1 year anniversary of their passing with special prayer. Agnes passed 5/16/23 and Omar 6/10/23.

Safety Committee: (Elder Walt Cowan)

- Checked with insurance about any options to lower cost but none available.
- Expired First Aid Kits. Roy Altonen and Ruth Nauta will bring in kits from home to refill old kits with new items.

Trustee Committee: (Elder Don Crebo)

- Trustee work day accomplished many tasks. Next work day is May 20.
- Discussed HVAC. Don Crebo explained present system and how new control will be more efficient. After much discussion, vote approved to take \$ 36,625 from the legacy fund for furnace replacement with new TAC HVAC "Brain"

Financial Committee: (Elder Jerry DeYoung)

- Committee suggested switching from Wells Fargo to New Covenant Trust (Partner of PC (USA) Foundation)
- Discussed newly created policy for Investment Fund

190th Committee Report by Roy Altonen

- 1 Food truck confirmed. Working on getting ice cream truck.
- Stronghold confirmed for organized games.
- Permits submitted to city and health dept.
- Working on church brochures and invitations.

Closing prayer given by KJ Norris at 9 pm

Minutes written by Ruth Nauta (Clerk of Session)