



First Presbyterian Church of Du Page

Session Minutes for February 8, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm, quorum present, agenda approved.

Kelly Jean Norris (moderator) opened the meeting with scripture reading and prayer.

In attendance: Walt Cowan, Jerry DeYoung, Bob Buegel, Bob Conteras, Don Crebo, Roy Altonen, Michelle Crebo, Jim Nauta (Clerk), Sampson Akotuah, Kelly Jean Norris (moderator). Absent: none

Clerk Report: Jim Nauta

- January minutes approved with minor grammatical changes
- No minutes were taken in January training session as there were no items voted on.
- February communion served 50 in person, no home visits.
- New committee leadership roles were discussed with the following results:

Building and Grounds:	Don Crebo	History:	Roy Altonen
Clerk:	Jim Nauta	Inter-generational:	Michelle Crebo
Community Partnerships:	Sampson Akotuah	Safety:	Walter Cowan
Fellowship and Missions:	Bob Buegel	Stewardship:	Bob Conteras
Finance:	Jerry DeYoung	Worship:	KJ Norris, co-chair Jim Nauta

- Roy Altonen moved to accept the slate of committee leadership assignments, and it was approved.
- Michelle Crebo to set up communion in March, assisted by Bob Buegel.
- No funerals, deaths or weddings.
- Roy Altonen moved to accept the clerk's report for January. Seconded by Jerry DeYoung. Approved.

Financial Report: Jerry DeYoung

- The financial report for January was approved and accepted.
- Income for January was 16051.65.
- Expenses for January were 22047.34
- 2nd Sunday of the month is capital campaign giving request. This month it will be for the furnace fix of \$1840, and the winter plowing and salting of \$2000 (for January only).

Income Plan for 2024

We need to generate about 70k to break even this year.

Some of the ideas discussed include the following:

- More rental space/rooms
- More Weddings
- Alcohol for receptions in fellowship hall
- Meals on Wheels kitchen use and packaging
- Fundraisers (bake sale, book sale, yard sale, etc.)
- Concerts
- Grants

Roy Altonen made a motion to sell an extra sound board, extra pianos, and the soda machine. Seconded by Bob Buegel. The motion passed.

Human Resources Committee

- Pros and cons of last year's HR committee were discussed to assist in developing a framework for this year's committee.
- The following HR team was established for this year:
- Don Crebo – chair, Walt Cowan, Roy Altonen, Michelle Crebo, and KJ Norris for advisement as needed.
- Roy Altonen moved to accept the new HR team. The motion was passed.

Pastors Report Highlights

- Planned and led the Session/Deacon Training
- Prepped for Lent using Wandering Heart Curriculum
- Was accepted into NEXT Preaching Cohort. Includes DC conference April 8-15. Fill-in preacher for FPCD will be needed for that week.

Additional Items

- An outside organization wants to hold CPR classes here on one Saturday per month for four months. They will pay \$50 per session.
- Bolingbrook Community Chorus wants to practice here on March 19 from 7-9pm. There is no fee.
- Hope UCC will see a rent increase from \$200/month. The exact increase will be discussed with Hope.
- Don Crebo motioned to accept the three items above as a slate. Seconded by Jerry DeYoung. The motion passed.
- An educational trip to Ghana next year after April was discussed. Walt Cowan moved that we investigate further. Roy Altonen seconded. The motion passed.
- A large metal clothing donation box from Helping Hands was discussed for our parking lot, but there was not enough interest for a vote.

Closing Prayer by Bob Contreras - Meeting ended at 8:50pm - Next meeting is March 14

Minutes by Jim Nauta
