

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MADISON

**Session Highlights
September 11, 2017**

PRESENT: Moderator: The Rev. Scott Foster

Ruling Elders: Bill Bowen, Bob Baisch, Janet Foster, Suzanne Flynn, Becky Moody, Brian Peterson, David DePaul, Tom Selquist, and Giorgios Vlamis, Clerk

Elders: Barbara Schuszler, Cathy Baillie (Church Administrator)

Guests: Patrick Allred (Director of Family Ministries)

EXCUSED: Ruling Elders: Monika Stebbins, Kathleen Underwood

DEVOTIONAL: Bill shared a recent opinion column in the New York Times by David Brooks titled *In Praise of Equipoise*.

Rev. Scott Foster called the meeting of Session to order with prayer at 8:25 PM.

There was a quorum present.

The docket was adopted.

OMNIBUS MOTION - Approved.

Resolved, Session approves the minutes of the Regular Session Meeting on August 21, 2017

RALLY DAY VISIONING OUTPUT Barbara Schuszler facilitated a discussion regarding the recent Rally Day visioning exercise. There was a facilitator debriefing outlining key takeaway from each group. Session members broke away briefly to refine key insights from each facilitated topic of discussion. A summary was created. There was a brainstorming of next steps and actions.

W.I.N. UPDATES

Growth Strategy and Children's Discipleship: Suzanne Flynn provided a written update highlighting recent highlights including the June book group, irresistible environment improvements to church classrooms, and Rally Day.

Path to Discipleship: There will be upcoming meetings of this committee.

Planning/Procedures/Process: Becky Moody will refocus in the coming months.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Capital Campaign - RENEW: Janet Foster discussed updated on the kitchen project.

Worship: Seeking liturgists.

Christian Education: David DePaul discussed the updated space, the new curriculum and onboarding for Sunday School teachers.

Mission & Service: A written report was received. Becky Moody discussed highlights. A **Motion** was approved to allow the Madison Eagle Christmas Fund to use Fellowship Hall for staging on December 14th and 17th.

Community Outreach & Congregational Life: There was a discussion about Bottle Hill Day and immediate action items.

Finance & Stewardship: A written report was received from the Treasurer. Stewardship ideas were discussed. Former member Mrs. Phoebe Bower called to discuss the \$250,000 bequest resulting from the recent death of Mr. Gene Bower. Ideas for use of this capital funding were brainstormed. A **Motion** was approved to spend \$50,000 for Fellowship Hall improvements with the other \$200,000 contributed to the endowment.

Properties: A written report was received. There was a discussion about procedures for use of church facilities. Session members were generally in favor of streamlining usage policies. The properties committee will refine this going forward.

Discipleship: No report.

Clerk: Communion was celebrated on September 3, 2017. Rolls: no changes.

CORPORATE BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS None.

PASTOR'S REPORT A written report was received. Rev. Foster noted efforts to link up with Drew University.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT None.

The next regular session meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM with prayer led by Rev. Scott Foster.