

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MADISON
Regular Session Meeting Highlights
November 13, 2017

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Unicameral Session held in the seminar room.

PRESENT: **Moderator:** The Rev. Scott Foster

Ruling Elders: Bill Bowen, Bob Baisch, Janet Foster, Becky Moody, Brian Peterson, Monika Stebbins, Kathleen Underwood, Tom Selquist (late arrival), and Giorgios Vlamis, Clerk

Elders: Barbara Schuszler

EXCUSED: **Ruling Elders:** Suzanne Flynn, David DePaul

DEVOTIONAL: Rev. Foster offered a brief sermon excerpt from *The Great Spiritual Migration*.

Rev. Scott Foster called the meeting of Session to order with prayer at 7:30 PM.

There was a quorum present.

The docket was adopted.

OMNIBUS MOTION - Approved.

Resolved, Session approves the minutes of the Regular Session Meeting on October 16, 2017

FINANCE AND STEWARSHIP Barbara Schuszler provided an update on 2018 budget forecasting and feedback from the task force that convened to discuss potential operating expense reductions. The 2018 deficit would be approximately \$402,000 if expense levels remain unchanged. Barbara identified areas where reductions might generate \$130,000 in savings to reduce this deficit.

RALLY DAY VISIONING UPDATE Sunday evening worship has begun in response to the visioning planning.

W.I.N. UPDATES None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Capital Campaign - RENEW: Janet Foster provided an update on the kitchen project. Work is likely to begin in January.

Worship: A written report was received. Monika Stebbins discussed highlights include worship music integration, Advent, changes to the Christmas pageant, and plans for a new Hymnal.

Christian Education: The new curriculum is being well received.

Mission & Service: A written report was received. Becky Moody discussed highlights, including food pantry, and end of year giving.

Community Outreach & Congregational Life: No report.

Properties: A written report was received. A **Motion** was approved to allow a local group of Muslims to use the second floor Sunday School classrooms on Friday afternoons for prayer.

Discipleship: No report.

Clerk: Communion was celebrated on November 5, 2017. Rolls: no changes.

CORPORATE BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS None.

PASTOR'S REPORT A written report was received. Rev. Foster noted his vacation schedule after Christmas, the pending Presbytery rebalance will allow PCM to appoint an additional commissioner.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT None.

OTHER: Becky Moody presented a framed historical document from the 1857 meeting of the General Assembly where the question of abolition was considered.

The next regular session meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 PM with prayer led by Rev. Scott Foster.