

**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MADISON**

**Session Highlights**

**December 11, 2017**

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

**Ruling Elders:** Bob Baisch, David DePaul, Becky Moody, Suzanne Flynn, Brian Peterson, Kathleen Underwood, and Giorgios Vlamis, Clerk

**EXCUSED:** **Ruling Elders:** Bill Bowen, Janet Foster, Monika Stebbins, Tom Selquist

**DEVOTIONAL:** Becky Moody offered an excerpt from the translation of *Friede auf Erden* by Shoenberg.

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 November 11, 2017

**FINANCE AND STEWARSHIP** Barbara Schuszler provided a written report from the 2018 budget task force. Stewardship is off to a strong start. There was an open discussion about stewardship and the budget. There was a discussion about reviewing the rolls for 2018 and planned budget adjustments.

**RALLY DAY VISIONING UPDATE** Rev. Foster discussed the new members that have joined as a result of the Rally Day visioning.

**W.I.N. UPDATES** No major updates.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Capital Campaign - RENEW:** Construction to begin in January on FH and Kitchen.

**Worship:** A written report was received. Worship during Christmas was discussed. Communion in January will be moved to the 14<sup>th</sup> due to vacation schedules.

**Christian Education:** The new curriculum is being well received. David DePaul discussed upcoming plans.

**Mission & Service:** Becky Moody discussed upcoming end of year giving and the January visit from her sister Sue (missionary in Uganda).

**Community Outreach & Congregational Life:** No report.

**Properties:** There was an update on heating system issues. Action Item: The Borough Council has requested probable use of the Sanctuary on Tuesday evening, December 19. They are conducting a joint meeting of the Planning Board and Historic Preservation Commission on the Lincoln Place theater redevelopment. They are anticipating over-flow attendance exceeding what is available in Borough Hall and may need to adjourn to our Sanctuary. A **Motion** was approved to accept this potential use of the Sanctuary.

**Discipleship:** No report.

**Clerk:** Communion was celebrated on December 3, 2017.

Update to the Rolls: Record the Minutes of Session Meeting to Welcome New Members, December 10, 2017: The meeting was called to order in prayer by the moderator at about 9:55am. Quorum Declared with Elders Bob Baisch and David DePaul in attendance. After introductions and requests for questions from either New Members or Session, David DePaul moved that these new families be welcomed into membership. Bob Baisch seconded the motion. It carried unanimously. The 12 new members are:

Cheryl and Jeremy Bolton (Effie, Prisca, Holly), Jennifer (Jenn) and Joe Bruns (Gigi, Sydney, Theo), Jennifer (Jen) and Lucas Doney (Colin, Ryan, Cara), Becky Foster, Jennifer (Jen) and Dean Groller (Spencer\*, Max\*), Beth Henriques and Andrew McMains (Theo\*), Jack Wilt\* (\*Members of Confirmation Class of 2017 which should include Jack Wilt). The meeting was adjourned in prayer by the moderator at about 10:05am.

**CORPORATE BUSINESS** None.

**NEW BUSINESS** None.

**PASTOR'S REPORT** A written report was received. A **Motion** was approved to schedule the annual meeting for February 4, 2018. There will be a special meeting for Session training on Saturday February 10, 2018 from 9am-12pm.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT** None.

The next regular session meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM with prayer led by Rev. Scott Foster.