

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MADISON

Session Highlights

February 12, 2018

PRESENT: Moderator: The Rev. Scott Foster

Ruling Elders: Bill Bowen, David DePaul, Suzanne Flynn, Brian Peterson, Tom Selquist, and Becky Moody, Clerk

Guests: Patrick Allred, Director of Family Ministries; John and Amanda Coats; Elder Barbara Schuszler, Finance Chair

EXCUSED: Bob Baisch, Sara Burnet

Rev. Foster called the meeting of Session to order with prayer at 7:32 PM.

There was a quorum present.

Rev. Foster offered a devotional on community from *40 Days, 40 Prayers, 40 Words: Lenten Reflections for Everyday Life*, followed by prayer.

The docket was adopted.

ELECTION OF THE CLERK – A **Motion** was approved electing Becky Moody as clerk for a 3-year term.

New Members: John and Amanda Coats introduced themselves. A **Motion** was approved receiving them as members by letter of transfer.

Finance and Stewardship: Barbara Schuszler reported that of the January-end endowment of \$2.4 million, almost \$1 million is in cash or other liquid assets (CDs). Approximately \$200,000 of the total is in restricted funds. One of the budget items cut this year was for chancel flowers (i.e., flowers will only be present when someone has agreed to provide them); the flower order needs to be changed to reflect this.

TRUSTEE BUSINESS – The Session meeting was adjourned and the Corporation meeting was opened and moderated by Vice President Becky Moody (previously elected Clerk).

A **Motion** was approved electing the following officers:

President – Brian Peterson

Vice President – Becky Moody

Assistant Treasurers – Andy Moody and Louise Ellis

Secretary – Becky Moody

Audit Committee – John Schanck, Becky Moody, Gar Burwell

A **Motion** was voted to approve the 2018 trustee enabling actions. The Corporation meeting was adjourned and the Session meeting was reopened with Rev. Foster moderating.

ASSIGNMENT OF SESSION TEAM LEADERS – The following team leaders were established by consensus:

Finance: Barbara Schuszler, Tom Selquist, Louise Kacerek

Stewardship: All of Session

Properties:

Personnel: Brian Peterson

Mission: Sara Burnet and Becky Moody

Worship: Rev. Foster (temporarily)

Family Ministries (encompassing the former Christian Education, Community Outreach & Congregational Life and Discipleship): David DePaul, Suzanne Flynn

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE 2017 DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE

March – Becky Moody

April – Scott Foster

May – Brian Peterson

June – Tom Selquist

July –

Aug – David DePaul

Sept – Bill Bowen

Oct – David DePaul

Nov – Suzanne Flynn

Dec – Tom Selquist

Jan –

ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHEDULE FOR TREASURER REPORTING TO SESSION

A **Motion** was approved to have the Treasurer visit Session quarterly in April, June, September, and January.

ELECTION OF COMMISSIONER TO PRESBYTERY

A **Motion** was approved electing Becky Moody as commissioner to Presbytery for 2018. Since we are entitled to two commissioners this year, the second commissioner will be elected on a meeting-by-meeting basis.

OMNIBUS MOTION - Approved.

Resolved, Session approves the minutes of the Regular Session Meeting on January 8, 2018

Resolved, Session approves the E-Meeting minutes of Session on January 23, 2018

Resolved, Session approves the minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting on February 4, 2018

Resolved, Session approves the 2017 Annual Statistical Report of the Church (for Presbytery)

Resolved, Session approves the 2018 Session Enabling Actions

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Capital Campaign – RENEW: The kitchen renovation is scheduled to begin on May 1; Janet Foster is continuing to oversee this project.

Worship: Rev. Foster provided a verbal report; a **Motion** was approved to offer communion on Ash Wednesday.

Mission & Service: Becky Moody provided a verbal report; donations have been approved for End Hunger 3.6 and St. Baldrick's.

Properties: There was a verbal report on the stanchions in front of the church, which are designed to keep salt off the newly-redone steps and stonework.

Personnel: Brian Peterson provided an update on the discussions with staff members regarding budget cutbacks.

Family Ministries: Patrick Allred provided a verbal report on a children's discipleship program based on Flight Plan, which he intends to extend to all age groups.

Clerk: Communion was celebrated on February 4, 2018 at the 10:15 service and February 11, 2018 at the 5:00 service.

NEW BUSINESS – None

PASTOR'S REPORT – A written report was received. Rev. Foster noted that he is no longer moderating the Morris Plains session meetings, and that he is scheduled to have shoulder replacement surgery on April 2 and expects to be out for a week.

The next regular session meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM with prayer led by Rev. Foster.