

## THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MADISON

Session Highlights  
December 10, 2018

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

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

**Ruling Elders:** Bob Baisch, Bill Bowen, Sara Burnet, Suzanne Flynn, Brian Peterson, and Becky Moody, Clerk

**Guests:** Patrick Allred, Director of Family Ministries

Rev. Scott Foster called the meeting of Session to order at 7:38 PM.

There was a quorum present.

Scott Foster offered a devotional on “Shallow and Profound” by Oswald Chambers, followed by an opening prayer.

The docket was adopted.

**OMNIBUS MOTION** – Approved

**Resolved,** Session approves the minutes of the Regular Session Meeting on November 12, 2018

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance & Stewardship:** Louise Kacerek had provided her usual monthly reports prior to the meeting, with an additional exhibit showing Fellowship Hall kitchen and Sanctuary boiler expenses through December 5. Barbara Schuszler had provided a written report on the current status of the stewardship drive as well as a preliminary 2019 budget. Brian Peterson provided a verbal report on a four-year plan for increased income. There was a general discussion regarding financial matters.

**Personnel:** Brian Peterson provided a verbal report on the church office assistant position.

**Properties:** A **Motion** was approved to spend approximately \$4,000 on repairs in Fellowship Hall; the cost will be covered by donations. A request from INTO:Yellow for use of the church lawn and Fellowship Hall on three evenings in May 2019 was approved by consensus.

**Capital Campaign – RENEW:** Scott Foster reported that operating instructions for the new kitchen equipment will be posted. The most important is to turn on the exhaust fan before lighting the stove or ovens.

**Worship:** Scott Foster had provided a written report. He highlighted the fact that Gordon Drewery of the First Baptist Church will be preaching on December 30 and Patrick Allred will be preaching on January 6. Communion will be celebrated on January 13. Anna D’Achille will be away for two Sundays in the next few months.

**Planning/Procedures/Process W.I.N.:** Scott Foster plans to ask David Smazik of the Presbyterian Church in Morristown for hints on implementing Breeze with the congregation.

**Family Ministries:** Patrick Allred provided a verbal report highlighting recent and upcoming activities for children and families. He requested that the special offering collected on Super Bowl Sunday be used to purchase items for breakfast bags for the Community Soup Kitchen, which will be assembled later in February. Patrick also provided a verbal report, with handouts, on discipleship materials for the youngest members of the church family (ages 0-3), videos for families and students, and an Intentional Discipleship program for the entire congregation.

**Mission & Service:** Becky Moody had provided a written report. She highlighted the amounts to be given to various causes through the mission budget end-of-year giving.

**Communications:** Scott Foster provided a verbal report. He has contacted the website host to see if the calendar can look better after being imported from Breeze.

**Clerk:** Communion was celebrated on November 2.

**CORPORATE BUSINESS:** None

**REPORT FROM NOVEMBER PRESBYTERY MEETING:** Becky Moody reported that the meeting was on the theme of “What Breaks God’s Heart – Gun Violence,” which included a presentation from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. The presbytery has approved a Family and Parental Leave policy.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**PASTOR’S REPORT:** A written report was received.

Session members who are available are asked to meet in the parlor at 9:55 AM on December 16 to receive new members. The next regular session meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 PM with prayer led by Scott Foster.