

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MADISON

Session Highlights

January 14, 2019

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

Ruling Elders: Bob Baisch, David DePaul, Suzanne Flynn, Brian Peterson, and Becky Moody, Clerk

Guests: Hannah Faye Allred, Candidate for Inquirer Status; Patrick Allred, Director of Family Ministries; Ryan Rate and Barbara Schuszler, Finance Committee

EXCUSED: Sara Burnet, Bill Bowen, Tom Selquist

Rev. Scott Foster called the meeting of Session to order at 7:16 PM.

There was a quorum present.

Becky Moody offered a devotional on Hebrews 11:1-6.

Scott Foster offered an opening prayer.

Hannah Faye Allred spoke of her desire to be received as an Inquirer in the PC(USA) process toward ordination; she will be meeting with the Committee on Preparation for Ministry on January 21. Barbara Schuszler is her liaison. Hannah also spoke of her field experience at Brick Presbyterian Church in Manhattan. Hannah was excused.

The docket was amended and approved.

OMNIBUS MOTION – Approved

Resolved, Session approves the minutes of the Regular Session Meeting on December 10, 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 31, as well as a proposed 2019 budget. Barbara Schuszler had provided a written report on the current status of the stewardship drive, which was reflected in the proposed budget. Barbara and Ryan will be meeting with Merrill Lynch regarding the cash position of the endowment funds. It was recommended that they also address Merrill Lynch fees for managing the accounts. Scott Foster spoke about the Drew University DMin in Public Theology program that he will be beginning later this month. After some further discussion, a **Motion** to approve the budget as presented was approved.

Capital Campaign – RENEW and Properties: The repair work in Fellowship Hall will be completed this month.

Worship: A **Motion** was approved to serve communion on the first Sunday of each month from February 2019 through January 2020, except for April 14 (Palm Sunday), June 9 (Pentecost/Youth Sunday), and September 8 (Rally Day), as well as Ash Wednesday (March 6) and Maundy Thursday (April 18). Scott Foster had provided a written report and emphasized the wonderful aspects of the events of December 16.

Family Ministries: Patrick Allred provided information on the materials needed for the Frolic program for nursery-age children; a **Motion** was approved to ask congregation members to donate the needed funds. Patrick also provided a verbal report on upcoming activities for children and families.

Mission & Service: A **Motion** was approved to receive the four Special Offerings of the PC(USA) – One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost Offering, Peace and Global Witness Offering, Christmas Joy Offering; to participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring (February 3); and to continue the collection of quarters for RAMP.

Community Outreach & Congregational Life: Suzanne will be setting up a new schedule of greeters.

Personnel: No report.

Nominating: Brian Peterson provided an update on the persons to be nominated for the position of Ruling Elder.

Clerk: A **Motion** was approved to set the Annual Congregational Meeting for Sunday, February 3, 2019, immediately following the 10:15 AM worship service. A **Motion** was approved to baptize Karianne Joy Gennaro, Sophia Marie Gennaro, Olivia Grace Gennaro, and Peter Matthew Gennaro.

Update to the Rolls: Record the Minutes of Session Meeting to Welcome New Members, December 16, 2018: The meeting was called to order in prayer by the moderator at about 9:55 AM. A quorum was declared with Elders Sara Burnet, David DePaul, and Tom Selquist in attendance. After introductions and requests for questions from either New Members or Session, a **Motion** was approved to receive Michelle and Charles Knorr and Kathleen and Brian Zurich (Kara and Mary) into membership. A **Motion** was approved to transfer Robert and Margaret Garman to the Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC. The meeting was adjourned in prayer by the moderator at about 10:05 AM.

Communion was celebrated on Sunday, January 13, 2019 as well as on Wednesdays November 28, 2018, December 5, 2018, December 12, 2018, December 19, 2018 and January 9, 2019.

CORPORATE BUSINESS: None

REPORT FROM JANUARY PRESBYTERY MEETING: Becky Moody provided a verbal report on the January 12 meeting in Oak Ridge, including potential changes to the seven New Jersey presbyteries.

NEW BUSINESS: A recommendation from Barbara Schuszler for a reassessment of the church's current status and future prospects, to be conducted by an associate of Ted Vaughn, was approved by consensus; the cost will be covered by a donation.

PASTOR'S REPORT: A written report was received.

The next regular session meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2019. Annual reports are due to the church office by Friday, January 25. A session dinner and training meeting are tentatively scheduled for Friday, March 1 (evening) and Saturday, March 2 (morning), respectively.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM with prayer led by Scott Foster.