

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MADISON

Session Highlights

April 15, 2019

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

Ruling Elders: Bob Baisch, Cheryl Bolton, Bill Bowen, David DePaul, Suzanne Flynn, Ryan Rate, Barbara Schuszler, and Becky Moody, Clerk

Guests: Patrick Allred, Director of Family Ministries; the Rev. Tim Clarkson, Newton Presbytery Committee on Ministry (COM) Liaison

EXCUSED: Sara Burnet, Brian Peterson

Rev. Foster called the meeting of Session to order at 7:04 PM.

There was a quorum present.

Patrick Allred led a devotional on Ephesians 1:3-14, followed by an opening prayer.

The docket was adopted.

Becky Moody showed a video on Ordered Ministers from the Preparation for Ordered Ministry series (Theocademy) of the Synod of Mid-America.

Barbara Schuszler led a follow-up to the March 18 discussion on the assessment of the state of the Presbyterian Church of Madison, ending with the distribution of a new Leadership Covenant document.

Scott Foster announced the creation of a Strategic Planning Committee, to be chaired by Barbara Schuszler, to discern the way forward with respect to the structure of Session committees, specifically those dealing with programmatic elements.

OMNIBUS MOTION – Approved.

Resolved, Session approves the minutes of the Regular Session Meeting on March 18, 2019

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Worship: Scott Foster had provided written reports from March and April. Sign-ups for greeters, readers, communion servers and snack providers are now being handled through Breeze. The congregation is being urged to fast on Good Friday.

Family Ministries: Patrick Allred had provided a written report. He highlighted the need for additional candy and eggs for Easter, the formation of a group for the parents of the members of the confirmation class, and the need for housing for the day camp counselors from Camp Johnsonburg the last week of June. Due to the resignation of Nicole, who has been the Sunday morning nursery attendant for a number of years, Patrick presented a job description for the position, which was accepted by consensus.

Mission: Scott Foster had provided Sara Burnet's written report from March.

Finance and Stewardship: Louise Kacerek had provided her usual monthly reports. Barbara Schuszler commented that income and expenses were progressing as expected so far this year.

Properties: Bob Baisch reported on the negotiations with Daddy Matty's Barbeque to use the Fellowship Hall kitchen for a catering business. Fellowship Hall interior work has been completed; the window wells will be addressed next.

Personnel: Brian Peterson had provided a written report. Scott Foster commented on Louise Kacerek's retirement at the end of June. Ryan Rate will be interviewing the two accounting firms that are candidates for outsourcing much of Louise's work and will decide how much of it Cathy Baillie will be able to handle. Scott Foster reported that he has been interviewing potential coaches to handle his own development needs.

Congregational Life: Suzanne Flynn mentioned the need for deviled eggs and other refreshments for Easter.

Clerk: Communion was celebrated on Sunday, April 14, 2019 and Wednesday mornings March 20, March 27, and April 10.

PASTOR'S REPORT – A written report was received. Scott noted that the discussion and vote on the termination of the music staff last May should have been held in executive session; future personnel discussions will be handled in this manner.

The next regular session meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2019 at 7 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM with prayer led by Barbara Schuszler.