

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MADISON

Session Highlights

May 13, 2019

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

Ruling Elders: Bob Baisch, Cheryl Bolton, Sara Burnet, Brian Peterson, and Becky Moody, Clerk

Guests: Patrick Allred, Director of Family Ministries

EXCUSED: Bill Bowen, David DePaul, Suzanne Flynn, Ryan Rate, Barbara Schuszler

Rev. Foster called the meeting of Session to order at 7:02 PM.

There was a quorum present.

Patrick Allred led a devotional on Ephesians 1:15-23, followed by an opening prayer.

The docket was adopted.

Becky Moody led an exercise and discussion on the “Be, Know and Do” of ruling elders from the Preparation for Ordered Ministry series (Theocademy) of the Synod of Mid-America.

OMNIBUS MOTION – Approved.

Resolved, Session approves the minutes of the Regular Session Meeting on April 15, 2019.

MUSIC STAFF TERMINATION FORUM The facilitators from Newton Presbytery had provided a written report on the forum held on Sunday, May 5. Brian, Becky, Scott and Barbara will address certain issues in a follow-up meeting with those who attended the forum. The follow-up meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 8 at 10 AM. A full report will be provided to Session following this follow-up meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Strategic Planning: Barbara Schuszler had provided a written report. She expects to have the committee restructure proposal by the June Session meeting. There were suggestions regarding communications from Session to the congregation, including the availability of the Session email address.

Worship: The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 16.

Family Ministries: Patrick Allred provided a verbal report. There were 18 applicants for the nursery worker position; interviews have taken place or been scheduled with two of them. Background checks are being handled through the presbytery. Planning is underway for Confirmation, Youth Sunday and the Church Picnic on June 9. 4-5 children have been participating in the children’s music program, and 3-4 people have been participating in the parents’ book discussion. There are currently 12 registrations for day camp; 15 are needed to break even. The iMarriage discussion group has completed four sessions, with two remaining. Patrick will be going to the Presbyterian Youth Triennium in July as a chaperone from Newton Presbytery.

Mission: Sara Burnet had provided a written report. She highlighted the successful Letter Carriers’ Stamp Out Hunger food drive on May 11. The Pentecost Offering will be received on June 9. Colleen Taddeo and Corinne Bowen will be heading up the Community Garden effort this year.

Finance and Stewardship: Louise Kacerek had provided her usual monthly reports as well as additional information regarding income and expenses for the first four months of 2019 compared to prior years. Scott reported that he and Ryan Rate have interviewed two candidates for the bookkeeping portion of Louise’s job. The transfer from Power Church to a new bookkeeping system (most likely QuickBooks) does not need to happen immediately upon Louise’s retirement.

Properties: Bob Baisch reported on the negotiations with Daddy Matty's Barbeque to use the Fellowship Hall kitchen for a catering business; he anticipates a six-month lease beginning in May or June. There is a roof leak in the sanctuary.

Personnel: A **Motion** was approved to increase the Director of Musical Arts annual salary to \$26,400 effective June 1, which results in a net increase of \$2,566 for the year. Anna is currently paid \$22,000 for ten months but has agreed to serve in July and August.

Clerk: The 2018 minutes were approved by Presbytery at a clerks' gathering on Sunday, May 5. Communion was celebrated on Sunday, May 5, 2019 and Wednesday mornings April 17, April 24, May 1, and May 8.

PASTOR'S REPORT – A written report was received. A request for the baptism of Elijah Joseph Curcio, son of Robert and Rachel Curcio (and great-grandson of Gerda Czyborra), was approved by consensus; it will be scheduled for the fall so it can be held in the Sanctuary.

The next regular Session meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2019 at 7 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM with prayer led by Scott Foster.