

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MADISON

Session Notes

November 11, 2019

PRESENT: Moderator: The Rev. Scott Foster

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

Guests: Brian and Katie Zurich

Rev. Foster called the meeting of Session to order at 7:00 PM.

There was a quorum present.

Scott Foster read Psalm 19 as an opening prayer and devotional.

The docket was adopted.

Brian and Katie Zurich told the story of their involvement with the church and concerns about the developments that led to their email of October 26, followed by a general discussion. Brian and Katie were thanked and excused.

OMNIBUS MOTION – Approved.

Resolved, Session approves the minutes of the Regular Session Meeting on October 14, 2019

Resolved, Session approves the minutes of the Special Session Meeting on November 3, 2019

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating: Brian plans to hold a committee meeting before Thanksgiving.

Life Transformation:

- Cheryl Bolton is recommending that the small group work on spiritual transformation begin with a study on groups.
- Scott Foster had provided a written report from the Worship team.

Community Renewal: Sara Burnet and Suzanne Flynn are planning a luncheon after worship on Sunday, November 17, with an Italian theme.

Finance and Stewardship: Barbara Schuszler provided a written report including updates on the stewardship campaign and the move to a new accounting system. She expects total pledged dollars to be \$340-\$350K. She expects the total 2019 endowment drawdown to be \$230-\$250K, which is \$55-\$75K less than had been anticipated at the beginning of the year. The endowment balance at the close of business on November 8, 2019 was \$2.0 million.

Properties: Bob Baisch expressed thanks to Luke Schuszler for creating the garden area behind the sanctuary as his Eagle Scout project.

Personnel: Brian Peterson provided a verbal report. Personnel will be meeting to discuss replacing Patrick Allred and expanding Michael Callahan's role in the interim. There is also a plan to hire a guitarist to replace Patrick on the worship team.

Clerk: Communion was celebrated on Sunday, November 3, and Wednesday mornings October 16, October 23, October 30, and November 6.

NEW BUSINESS – There was a general discussion regarding the November 3 meeting and the personnel issues addressed there.

PASTOR'S REPORT – A written report was received.

The next regular Session meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2019 at 7 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 PM with prayer led by Scott Foster.