

Bonhomme Presbyterian Church Regularly Scheduled Session Meeting

July 17, 2019

Those Attending:

Mike Boland, Fred Breitenwischer, Jenny Brown, Pam Douthit, John Green, Phil Hargrove (part time), Deb Hawley, Steve Lucas, Jeanne Luther, Jenni Stecher, Cliff Van Ittersum.

Opening the Meeting:

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Regularly Scheduled July 16, 2019 meeting was postponed until July 17, 2019. Following dinner, fellowship, passing of the peace, and prayer, a quorum was declared, and the meeting was called to order by the Steve Lucas who moderated in Pastor Hargrove's absence.

Ministry and Committee Reports:

Pastor Phil explained that Ministry Reports (MEs) not received by 8pm on Thursday prior to Session, will not be included Ministry Summaries. By distributing the MRs prior to the Session Meeting for all Session Members to read, it is anticipated that no verbal reports will be required. Action items will be brought forward from the MRs and included in the Agenda. There is no need for copies to be brought to the meeting. Individual Ministry Minutes are to be sent to Cheryl Holland and not distributed except on a need-to-know basis.

- Adult Ministry – Pam Douthit – All groups in recess for the summer. Planning for the fall is continuing.
- Budget & Finance – Highlights for the month of June 2019. Operating Income exceeded Operating Expenses by \$41,264. Monthly Income was \$9,851 short of budget. Year-to-date income is \$38,464 short of budget. Year-to-date Expenses are \$84,409 under budget.
- Building and Grounds – Keith Whittemore – Buildings and Grounds 2019 budget is approximately \$20,000 over budget. Team is working to document facility requirements for future planning purposes.
- Children's Ministry – Jeanne Luther - VBS started July 15. A record number of children are attending. Numbers are way up among rising 5th graders.
 - Over 100 children and their parents attended first Movie Night;
 - Over 150 attended Fourth of July event;
 - Over 250 children enrolled for VBS; and
 - Over 80 volunteers are signed up to help with VBS.

- Community Care – Jenni Stecher – Card ministry sent out 25 Birthday cards to members over 75 and 10 Care cards last month. Grief Share meets at King of Kings Lutheran during the summer months. Heart and Soul is off for the summer. Caring Connection Visitors are making regular homebound visits.
- Guest Ministry – Deb Hawley - Guest Ministry is currently recruiting volunteers to serve as Hosts on Sunday mornings. The goal is to have 6 hosts for each service. The current Team is serving as hosts during the summer. Orientation for Guest Ministry Hosts to be held at 12:30 on Sunday, August 18.
- Missions – Keith Whittemore – Mission Partner Liaison provided updates along with plans for 2019 mission trips. Reviewed the need for some updated procedures which the Deacons will work on for next month.
- Worship – Jenny Brown – Lynn Packwood is coordinating the September 8th Unite Service.
- Pastor’s Report – Phil Hargrove – Attendance at Worship Services 7/1/2019: Traditional Services 230, Contemporary Service 178, Deaths: Betty Belline – 7/8/2019

Motions and Decisions:

- The discussion of polity as it pertains to Session’s approval of Baptism was tabled until the next Session Meeting. In the meantime, Jeanne Luther will form a committee to review and update the established processes for interviewing and approving candidates for Baptism and report during the next Session Meeting.
- The discussion of the role of Ruling Elders, Deacons and Staff Members was tabled. Pastor Hargrove is to present ECO and Biblical explanations of these roles. Job descriptions for both offices are to be reviewed and the current version made available to Session.
- Pam Douthit moved that Session appoint Steve Lucas as Clerk of the Session for a term of 3 years with an option for an additional term. The motion was seconded by Jenni Stecher. The motion was approved by voice vote.
- An e-mail vote was taken on July 8 and 9, 2019, requesting that Session approve the Baptism of Landon Lenich on Sunday, July 14, 2019. The motion was approved by 10 Elders.
- Jenny Brown moved that Session approve the Baptism of Natalie Copp on Sunday, July 21st. TE Don Everts will administer the Sacraments. Camden Coppelli will assist. The motion was seconded by Jeanne Luther. The motion was approved by voice vote.

- Deb Hawley moved to eliminate the Emergency Relief account from the Mission Ministry and transfer any existing funds to Cash Reserves. The motion was seconded by Mike Boland. The motion was approved by voice vote.
- Session acknowledged that Building and Grounds will overrun the 2019 budget by approximately \$25,000 to \$30,000. Buildings and Grounds is required to seek Session approval for “optional” work prior to commencement of work.
- Mike Boland moved that the minutes for the June 18, 2019 Session Meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Jenni Stecher. The motion was approved by voice vote.
- At the conclusion of all business, Jenny Brown moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Fred Breitenwischer. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Next Session Meeting:

The next Session meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2019 beginning at 6:00 PM.

Closing the Meeting:

The meeting was closed in prayer and adjourned by the Moderator.

Submitted Respectfully:



Stephen H. Lucas
Clerk of the Session
July 18, 2019