

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Akron, Ohio
Thursday, September 6, 2018
Minutes of Special Session Meeting - FINAL

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The special meeting of the Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church was called to order by the Moderator, the Reverend Jon Hauerwas, at 7:04 p.m., immediately preceding the scheduled Visioning discussion.

Elders (+ present, * excused, - absent)

Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
+ Ellen Daugherty	+ Harriet Chapman	+ Michael Dunbar
+ Nancy Keogh	+ James Gray	- Brad Hall
* Gert Wilms	+ Ed Labbe	+ Shelly Koutnik, Treasurer
(vacant)	+ Alec Works, Clerk of Session	+ Todd Willis

Also present: Pastor Jon Hauerwas, Moderator.

Opening

With a quorum present, Pastor Jon opened the meeting with prayer at 7:04 p.m.

New Business

Four items were presented on the agenda sent on Wednesday. The first was an update on Alcee Chriss' move. Pastor Jon reported that Alcee has moved into an apartment in the area. He asked to keep his office in the choir room for now. Shelley Koutnik is assisting with the technical needs, including having a hard line set up for his computer. Zack Troyer will use the volunteer access code for now.

The next item was to approve the Five at Five concert schedule for 2018-19. Four concerts have been scheduled. The fifth is to feature the new organist. Alcee has made some suggestions to Pastor Jon. Discussions included timing (November through February is open, but weather can be an issue during the winter), whether Alcee performs alone (he suggested a duo-organ concert), and whether a meal or refreshments should be provided (catering is a possibility). Alcee is unavailable November 12 – 17. If a fee is charged for a meal, a decision would be needed on how to use the funds. The following motion was made, seconded and approved:

2018-160 MOTION prevailed to approve the following schedule for the 2018-19 Five at Five concert series, with concerts managed as they have been in the past:

- September 9, 2018 Akron Baroque
- October 14, 2018 University of Akron Steel Drum Band
- March 10, 2019 The Palace Trio
- May 5, 2019 David Heller Singer's Companye
- (date and details to be determined)

Concert featuring our new Music Director and Organist, Alcee Chriss

Next was a follow-up to a discussion from the last Session meeting regarding the timing and nature of a fall church picnic or event. Many people often have other plans Labor Day weekend. A meal could be by potluck or provided. We decided to see how this Sunday's Rally Day and Ministry Fair goes. Deacons and/or Discipleship will be asked to consider a proposal for Session.

The final item was a request from Personnel to hire Luella “Lue” Wertz as our evening custodian. She has already met with Pastor Jon and others. Results of her background check are expected soon; she also needs to pass a drug test. After an amendment to note wanting test results before a start date is given, the following motion was approved:

2018-161 MOTION prevailed to approve hiring Luella “Lue” Wertz as our evening custodian, pending successful passing of the background check and drug test. Her starting hourly rate will be \$13 per hour. Upon successful completion of her 90-day review, her rate would increase to \$14 per hour. Her normal schedule will be 4 hours per evening, Monday through Friday, for a total of 20 hours per week.

Pastor Jon reminded Session that the church is still seeking a new staff accountant, daytime custodian and youth coordinator.

Following a motion to adjourn, the special meeting was closed by Pastor Jon at 8:07 p.m.

Alec Works, Clerk of Session

Pastor Jon Hauerwas, Moderator