

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
Akron, Ohio  
Tuesday, May 24, 2011  
Minutes of the Session Meeting

Be adaptive, engaging, generous, inclusive, and relevant. Be faithful. Be Westminster!

The Meeting of Westminster Presbyterian Church was called to order by Moderator, Rev. Derek Starr Redwine, at 7:00 p.m.

Elders (+ present, \* excused absent, - absent)

Class of 2011	Class of 2012	Class of 2013
* Stacy Franzmann	+ Melanie Curlee	+ Bruce Bain
* Char Molinaro	+ Rich Lucas	+ Larry Hawkins
+Kris Pritchard	+ Pat Santelli	+ Ginny Melver
+ Bruce Stebner	* Cindy Weiss	+ Barb Shriner

Also present:

Rev. Derek Starr Redwine, Pastor  
Kate Clark, Clerk of Session

Opening

Pastor Derek opened the meeting with prayer, joys and concerns.

Clerk's Report

Consent Agenda:

2011-37 Motion prevailed to approve the minutes of the Regular Session Meeting of Tuesday, April 26, 2011 and the Special Session Meeting to receive new members on Sunday, May, 1, 2011.

2011-38 Motion prevailed to receive the following report of all weddings, funerals, baptisms, and communions that have taken place since session's previous meeting:

1. Weddings:
2. Funerals:
3. Communion:
4. Baptisms:

2011-39 Motion prevailed to approved the baptism of John, Hunter, and Claire Jopperi on Sunday, June 26, 2011.

2011-40 Motion prevailed to approve the Membership Statistical Report.

			Total Membership as of 3-31-2011. . . . . 509
APRIL	New Members	0	
	Reinstatements	0	
	Inactive	0	
	Deletions	1	
	Letters	1	
	Deaths	2	

Mary Fairchild, Deloris A. Gray (Mrs. James)

**Update on Potential Parking Lot Sale**

The task force, lawyers, and Rockynol representatives are discussing language and possibilities for selling part or all of the parking lot across Exchange Street. Only when the Westminster task force members are satisfied will a proposed agreement be brought to Session. If and when the Session is satisfied, there will be a time for a review and consideration of the plan by the congregation. The congregation must approve any changes. There is no timeline in place at this time.

**Recent change in the Book of Order**

(Note: Documents from Eastminster Presbytery summarizing the changes in the Book of Order (G-6.0106b) concerning ordination standards can be found on the website in Congregational Resources under Session Documents for May 2011 meeting.)

In a letter, the Presbytery Stated Clerk, Dale Riley, and Executive Presbyter, Dan Schomer, commented on the passage of Amendment 10-A, saying, “the application of ordination standards shifted from the denominational level and has been returned to presbyteries and sessions/congregations. The bodies that ordain . . . will decide on a case by case basis who does or does not meet the ordination standards of the church.” They also say, “This change focuses ordination examinations on the individual’s calling, gifts, preparation, and suitability as a candidate for the responsibilities of the office, in joyful submission to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life.”

Pastor Derek reviewed the change, talked about the implications, and answered questions. Session members discussed how the church has dealt with diversity in the past in ways that were divisive and ways this change might help.

**Ask the Moderator**

**Finance Committee**

Larry Hawkins reported that the committee is considering shifting to an offset fiscal year so the budgeting process would happen at the end of another quarter in the year rather than in December when it conflicts with the holidays. Discussions are underway about how this could work. Picking the quarter will be important because of how it would impact the Stewardship drive and other issues related to how and when it might be implemented and who will serve on the committee.

**Property Committee**

Ginny Melder reported that the committee is considering a request to support a dance program for youth to be held in the basement of the Christian Education building proposed by Suzanne Winland (a member of our choir). ILP (Infinite Legacy Project) is a non-profit after school program for kids. WPC would sponsor them (no rent).

**Discipleship Committee**

Kris Pritchard reported that on Sunday, June 5, at 9:30 a.m. there will be teacher appreciation breakfast for all who taught Christian Ed this past year. Will include Q&A about what worked with the

VBS planning/preparation is underway. Registration underway. Adult Bible School the weekend prior to VBS.

**Outreach Committee**

Pat Santelli reported that Tag Sale will be moved to June 11. The Helping Hands project is underway. Volunteers will assist members of our church family who are unable to take care of minor repairs and maintenance in and around their homes. This group will be made up of volunteers from the congregation with minimal to moderate skill levels. (See the May Script for more information.)

**Pastor’s Report**

- Summer liturgists (various Elders volunteered for both early and regular services)
- Suggest that the Worship Committee be given authority to use strategies found in Directory for Worship to enhance the use of communion table. (Session Approved)

- APNC Update: The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee is at an important point in their process as they conduct interviews prior to selecting a candidate to present to the congregation later in the summer. Prayers are requested.
- Two upcoming weddings of the children of church members are open to the congregation. Karen Shriner will be married on Saturday, June 4, and Melissa Shaughnessy will be married on Saturday, June 18.
- Adult Bible School - July 10-11
- Vacation Bible School - July 11-15

### **Upcoming Session Meetings**

Tuesday, June 28, 7:00 p.m., regular meeting

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kate Clark, Clerk of Session

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Rev. Derek Starr Redwine, Moderator of Session