

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Akron, Ohio
Monday August 21, 2017
Minutes of Special Session E-Meeting

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The special E-meeting of the Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church was called to order by the Moderator, the Reverend Jon Hauerwas, by email to all Session members and the Clerk of Session at 6:15 p.m.

Elders (+ present, * excused, - absent)

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
+Kyle Vuchak	+Ellen Daugherty	+Harriet Chapman
+Todd Willis	+Nancy Keogh	+James Gray
(vacant)	+Sue Wallin	+Ed Labbe
(vacant)	+Gert Wilms	+Alec Works (Clerk of Session)

Also present by email: Pastor Jon Hauerwas, Moderator.

Opening

Pastor Jon opened the meeting by email.

Quorum

The presence of a quorum was confirmed and declared.

New Business

Pastor Jon reported that George Schumacher, husband of member Pat Schumacher, died last week. Besides being Westminster's former evening and weekend custodian, Pat has sung in the choir and currently serves on the Worship Committee.

Pastor Jon and Pat have a meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday morning (August 22) at the church. She intends to bring George's cousin who is a pastor. On the phone this afternoon, Pat asked if Session would approve a 10 a.m. memorial service for George (who was not a member of the church) on Saturday, September 2, followed by a reception at Westminster to follow. Pat has asked if George's cousin (denomination unknown) can serve as the lead pastor during the service. He would offer the homily and I would assist.

Pastor Jon said that he has an offsite wedding for Westminster member Charlie Wagner at 5:30 p.m. on September 2. A morning memorial service for George not pose a conflict for him personally and, given that the wedding is offsite, will not pose a conflict regarding the use of our facility.

Ellen Daugherty noted that a group makes sandwiches for St. Bernard's church that morning but are normally out of the kitchen by 9:15 or sooner.

Assuming all the logistics can be satisfactorily worked out, Alec Works moved and James Gray seconded that Session approve Pastor Jon officiating, with the funeral service and reception held at Westminster.

Pastor Jon reported on their 10 a.m. meeting. George's cousin, Rick Schumacher, was very happy to be the assistant in the service rather than taking the lead. With Session's approval, the worship service would begin at 10 a.m. with Pastor Jon officiating. A simple reception with coffee, tea, and cookies (no additional food) would be served in Wright-Herberich Hall at around 10:30 a.m. Then, a graveside service with Rick Schumacher officiating would conclude the day. Pastor Jon later reported that Jeremiah Ward, Daytime Custodian, agreed to attend to any custodial needs that morning.

The motion passed; 8 elders responded, all approving.

2017-096 Motion prevailed to grant approval for Reverend Jonathan Hauerwas to officiate at the memorial service for George Schumacher at Westminster Church on September 2, as proposed.

The e-meeting was closed by Pastor Jon at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 22, 2017.

Alec Works, Clerk of Session

Pastor Jon Hauerwas, Moderator