

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
Akron, Ohio  
Tuesday, February 28, 2017  
Minutes of the Session Meeting

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

The regular meeting of the Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church was called to order by Moderator and Pastor Jon Hauerwas at 7:03 p.m.

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

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

Also present:

Pastor Jon Hauerwas, Moderator.

### **Opening**

Pastor Jon opened the meeting with prayer at 7:03 pm.

### **Quorum**

The presence of a quorum was confirmed and declared.

### **Clerk's Report**

Alec did not have any correspondence to report.

### **Adoption of Agenda and Consent Agenda**

After a review of the changes as described in the Consent Agenda, a **motion prevailed** to adopt and approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda as corrected. This includes the following motions:

**2017-014 MOTION prevailed** to approve the minutes from the following Regular and Special Session meetings:

1. Regular on Tuesday, August 30, 2016 (as revised by Cindy Weiss, 2016 Clerk)
2. Regular on Tuesday, September 27, 2016
  - a. Revised to correct motion on Moments for Ministry
3. Special on Sunday, October 9, 2016 (to receive new members)
4. Regular on Tuesday, October 25, 2016
  - a. Revised to show MOTION APPROVED from the Properties Committee to have the Annual West Akron Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast/WPC Plant Sale on April 29, 2017. This motion was included in the consent agenda.
  - b. There was some confusion as to whether MOTION 2016-110 - To receive the report of the average worship attendance for August, 2016:122 and for Sept., 2016:153 was actually approved. Approval of minutes will affirm approval of this report.
5. Special E-meeting on Monday, October 31, 2016 (to approve baptism of 2 members)
6. Regular on November 29, 2016
7. Special on Sunday, December 4, 2016 (to receive new members)
  - a. Revised to show Ron and Ann Allan joined as regular members, not affiliate. This intention was confirmed with the Allans.

Also, the current Clerk of Session will review the numbering of 2016 motions and elders' term years and make any corrections as necessary.

**2017-015 MOTION prevailed** to approve the minutes of the regular Session meeting of January 24, 2017.

**2017-016 MOTION prevailed** to approve the minutes of the special e-meeting of January 26, 2017 to approve the 2017 budget and to defer approving 2016 Session meeting minutes.

**2017-017 MOTION prevailed** to approve the minutes of the special e-meetings of February 6 and 9, 2017 (Rusanowsky memorial service).

**2017-018 MOTION prevailed** to receive the following report of all weddings, funerals, baptisms, and Communion that have taken place since Session's January, 2017 meeting:

1. Weddings: none
2. Funerals: Nicholas Rusanowsky on February 18, 2017 (former member)  
Rosemary Spindler on February 25, 2017
3. Baptisms: none
4. Communion: January 8, 2017 (10:30 a.m.); February 12, 2017 (10:30 a.m.)

**2017-019 MOTION prevailed** to receive the report of the average worship attendance for:  
January 2017: 132.

**2017-020 MOTION prevailed** to approve the revised membership statistical report for the month of December 2016:

Total Membership as of 12/1/16	463
Additions: Bevin and Tia Haynes and Susan Hudson, received 4/10/16 (erroneously omitted from the May 2016 statistical report and Session minutes)	+3
Bruce and Sandy Bailey (both affiliate members)	+2
Ron and Ann Allan, Adam and Elizabeth Crabtree, Michael Dunbar, David and Karen Grau, Brian and Kristin Jordan, Scott Vollmer and Celeste Farmer	+11
Deletions: (none)	-71
Deaths (names below) Tom Fisher, died 12/20/16	-1
Total Membership as of 12/31/16	407

**2017-021 MOTION prevailed** to approve the membership statistical report for the month of January 2017:

Total Membership as of 1/1/17	407
Additions: None	0
Deletions: None	0
Deaths (names below) None	0
Total Membership as of 1/31/17	407

### **Committee Reports and Actions**

Worship Committee (January Committee minutes were attached)

Co-Moderators Sue Wallin and Nancy Keogh led a discussion of the previously tabled motion to hold only one worship service instead of two services during the summer months. The **motion** was referred back to Worship for further discussion. The discussion included noting the following factors:

- Ohio Living stated that they would still be able to provide transportation to an earlier service;
- Attendance, sense of unity, impression on visitors, style of service, staff workload and cost should be considered;
- The early service had included weekly Communion. Pastor Jon noted that this can make it more difficult to obtain a guest pastor who is authorized to serve Communion in the PCUSA.
- Properties is discussing having asbestos tiles removed from the sanctuary with a contractor. If that work is done, the sanctuary would be unavailable for several weeks. Services could be held in Wright-Herberich Hall.

Properties Committee (February Committee minutes were attached)

Ellen Daugherty presented the following motions:

**2017-022 MOTION prevailed** to permit Lindy Lincicome the usage of the church for a vocal recital on August 27, 2017.

**2017-023 MOTION prevailed** to permit Denise Howell to use the church for a student performance May 21, 2017 and coordinate it with Third Sunday Night Dinners.

**2017-024 MOTION prevailed** to have Misty Creek Landscapers continue their services not to exceed \$2100. \$400 will come from the parking lot fund and \$135 to come from the Memorial Garden Fund.

**2017-025 MOTION prevailed** to use FESLER Excavation and Snow Plow Removal for snow removal with 70% of cost coming from the Parking Lot fund and 30% from the snow plow line item.

**2017-026 MOTION prevailed** to permit the usage of the church basement for YOGA during Lent (Saturday mornings).

Discipleship Committee (February minutes were attached)

No formal report.

Finance Committee (January financial report was provided)

No formal report.

Membership Committee

Moderator James Gray noted that he and Pastor Jon are in the process of developing the new committee.

Nominating Committee

Moderator Harriet Chapman reported that they will be meeting to fill the open elder position (one year term).

Personnel Committee

No formal report.

Outreach Committee

No formal report.

Task Forces (Safe Church; Technology)

No reports.

### **Pastor's Report and Remarks**

- A second elder is needed to serve on the Nominating Committee.
- An elder is needed to attend the next Presbytery meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at Mineral Ridge.
- The Annual Meeting of the Congregation is scheduled for Sunday, March 12, 2017 at 11:30 a.m.
- A New Deacon and Elder Training Session is scheduled for Saturday, March 25, 2017 from 9 until 11 a.m.
- The next Regular Session meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

The Session Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. with prayer.

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Alec Works, Clerk of Session

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Pastor Jon Hauerwas, Moderator