

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Akron, Ohio

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

Minutes of the Session Meeting - FINAL

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 7:00 p.m.

Elders (+ present, * excused, - absent)

Class of 2016	Class of 2017	Class of 2018
+Phil Fry	+Mary Johnson	+Gert Wilms
+Anne Karney	+Harloe Cutler	+Ellen Daugherty
+Ginny Melver	*Kyle Vuchak	+Nancy Keogh
+Sharlene Santelli	+Todd Willis	+Sue Wallin

Also present:

Pastor Jon Hauerwas, Moderator, Lucinda Weiss, Clerk of Session and Alec Works.

Opening

Pastor Jon opened the meeting with prayer at 7:01 pm.

Upon **MOTION (~~2016-122~~ 2016-123)** duly made and seconded, the privileges of the floor were extended to Alec Works.

Quorum

The presence of a quorum was confirmed and declared.

Clerk's Report

Cindy read a Thank You letter from Princeton Theological Seminary in appreciation for a donation made by Pastor Hauerwas from his Professional Expenses allowance. She also reported that the review of the Membership Rolls for inactive members was completed and a list of 71 persons is being presented to Session with the recommendation for removal. Finally, she announced that she will not be standing for reelection as Clerk of Session in 2017 and thanked Pastor Jon and Session for their graciousness.

Pastor Jon then introduced Alec Works as candidate for Clerk of Session in 2017.

Adoption of Agenda and Consent Agenda

Motion prevailed to adopt and approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda with corrections, and with Items 1-4 of the Consent Agenda pulled for action at a later date.

~~2016-123~~ 2016-124 MOTION prevailed to approve the Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering collected on November 20, 2016.

~~2016-124~~ 2016-125 MOTION prevailed from Properties: to approve P.E.O.'s request to use Room 106 on November 21, 2016, 11 am to 3 pm for a meeting (building use form completed, certificate of liability insurance received).

2016-126 MOTION to ratify the following Motion approved by Session E-meeting on October 31, 2016: to authorize the baptisms of Makensie and Cooper Lee, children of Westminster members Chris and Katie Lee, at a time during worship (perhaps, November 6) that is in keeping with the schedules of the Lee family and other considerations regarding Westminster's worship together.

2016-127 MOTION prevailed to approve the removal of the following persons from the Membership Rolls of Westminster Presbyterian Church at their request:

Kinnamon, Bryan and Susan
Molinaro, Matthew
Moroscak, Tiffany
Rayle, Jana
Pritchard, Scott and Kristine

2016-128 MOTION prevailed to approve the removal of the following persons from the Membership Rolls of Westminster Presbyterian Church for failure to meet the criteria for membership which is to attend a service, and /or contribute of time, talent or money. Each has received a letter stating such. If we received a letter stating that the address was different, a letter was sent to the corrected address.

Barnett, Carlton and Athelia	Lindsay, Stephen and Carol
Baron, Jennifer	Lucas, Richard and Chrystal
Biro, Christopher	MacEwen, Jeanne
Biro, Mark Sr.	MacEwen, Kristen
Black, Christine	Magee, Michael
Black, Rick	Magoun, George
Boyd, Steve	McCoy, Anne
Brubaker, Thomas	McCoy, Paul
Buckshaw, Jeff and Stacey	Meek, Douglas
Buehler, Randel and Tami	Morello, Richard
Chapman, Steve	Perez, Laura
Coleman, David and Robin	Peterson, Ann
Eickoff, Patricia	Ramos, Ronald
Endejann, Nicole	Roberts, Sunshine
Falk Dorothy	Rzeszotarski, Marla
Haas, Jason	St. Charles, Kendra
Harmon, David	Stair, Andrea
Harris, Michael and Karen	VanZuylen, Lisa
Hendrickson, Todd and Tirsten	VanAurend, Johannas
Hughes, Kelly	Walker, Erika
Jones, Scot	Welling, Jim
Kauffman, Trey	Whittemore, Robert
King, Elizabeth	Worrell, Frederick and Kristina
Kohmann, Frederic and Beth	Wright, John and Susan
Laria, Nancy	Zeiger, Michael
Laria, Jimmy	Zolman, Ter
Lepp, Rana	

Committee Reports and Actions

Finance Committee

Moderator Todd Willis presented the 2017 draft Budget, gave an update on the Stewardship campaign – 92 pledges totaling \$291,350 have been received, and presented this Motion:

2016-129 MOTION prevailed to authorize the Treasurer to engage Hilary Beatriz, CPA to conduct the annual Agreed Upon Procedures.

Discipleship Committee

No report.

Personnel Committee

Moderator Phil Fry handed out the 2017 Benefit Groups and Offerings proposed for WPC staff and discussed who will be affected and in what particulars.

2016-130 MOTION prevailed to approve the 2017 Benefit Groups and Offerings as presented [see attachment].

Phil then led a discussion of the new personnel lineup, with a temporary worker filling the part time custodian position, which will remain the arrangement for the time being.

Properties Committee

Moderator Ginny Melver informed Session that the committee has drafted a Maintenance Request Policy so that things needing attention can all be channeled and receive attention, regardless of who raises the issue first and to whom

Outreach Committee

Moderator Gert Wilms reminded Session of the two holiday projects, Our Giving Tree and the Christmas Baskets program.

Worship Committee

Co-Moderators Nancy Keogh and Sue Wallin reported that the new Friendship Pad holders have been received and are being “deployed” into the pews. They also circulated sign-up sheets for communion servers for January and February, 2017. Last, they presented the Motion on the Agenda concerning who may seek to be baptized at WPC. After discussion, the following amended Motion was duly moved and seconded.

2016-131 MOTION prevailed to say Westminster Presbyterian Church welcomes Believers, including non-members, to seek baptism here.

Task Force Reports

- Safe Church Task Force – no report.
- Technology – no report.
- Sharlene, Todd and Ginny have begun to consider improving Session’s documents practices.

Pastor’s Report and Remarks

- Pastor Hauerwas shared his plans for being away during the holidays, but will officiate at Jean Mercer’s funeral in any event.
- He and Cindy will represent WPC at the next Presbytery meeting on December 6.
- He reminded Session of the New Members Class and urged all Session members to participate in the Special Session meeting with prospective new members on December 4.

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

Lucinda Weiss, Clerk of Session

Pastor Jon Hauerwas, Moderator