

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Akron, Ohio  
Minutes of Congregational and Corporation Meeting  
Sunday, December 11, 2016

The Congregational and Corporate Meeting of Westminster Presbyterian Church was called to order by Moderator the Reverend Jonathan Hauerwas at 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary, immediately following the morning worship service.

Also present: The Reverend Jonathan Hauerwas, Pastor and Moderator; Lucinda Weiss, Clerk of Session

Pastor Hauerwas opened the meeting with prayer. The Clerk confirmed that a quorum was present.

The following slate of new officers was presented:

- Elders (3 year term, limit 2 terms)
  - Harriet Chapman      1<sup>st</sup> Term      Expiring 2019
  - James C. Gray      1<sup>st</sup> Term      Expiring 2019
  - Ed Labbe      1<sup>st</sup> Term      Expiring 2019
  - Alec Works      1<sup>st</sup> Term      Expiring 2019
- Deacons (2 year term, limit 2 terms)
  - Phil Fry      1<sup>st</sup> Term      Expiring 2018
  - RaeAnn Hall      1<sup>st</sup> Term      Expiring 2018
  - Becky Harlow      1<sup>st</sup> Term      Expiring 2018
  - Walter Hayes      1<sup>st</sup> Term      Expiring 2018
  - Betsy Melick      1<sup>st</sup> Term      Expiring 2018
  - Evie Martindale      2nd Term      Expiring 2018
  - Jamie Wills      2nd Term      Expiring 2018
- Endowment Trust (3 year term)
  - Art Schooley      1<sup>st</sup> Term      Expiring 2019
  - Ralph Davis      2<sup>nd</sup> Term      Expiring 2019
  - Tom Koutnik      2nd Term      Expiring 2019
- Nomination Committee (1 year term)
  - Allison Breaux      1<sup>st</sup> Term      Expiring 2017
  - Kathryn Vuchak      1<sup>st</sup> Term      Expiring 2017
  - Barb Shriner      2nd Term      Expiring 2017
  - Kristy Yates      2nd Term      Expiring 2017
  - Bruce Stebner      3rd Term      Expiring 2017

The following motion was moved, seconded and approved:

**MOTION prevailed:** To approve the slate of officers as presented.

The second issue was to approve recommended amendments to the Code of Regulations.

The First Amendment to the Code of Regulations was sponsored by Session Members Ellen Daugherty, Phil Fry, Anne Karney, Nancy Keogh, Ginny Melver, Sharlene Santelli, Kyle Vuchak, Sue Wallin, Todd Willis, and Gert Wilms.

Prior to the December 11 meeting, our Code of Regulations stated:

Article III - Congregational Meetings

Section 2, page 19 - The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and of the church as a corporation shall be held not later than February 6th of each year on a date determined by the Session.

The recommended Amendment to our Code of Regulations is as follows:

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and of the church as a corporation shall be not later than April 6th of each year on a date determined by the Session.

The rationale is that Westminster's Financial Statements cannot be finalized and reviewed by the CPA in time to present these documents to the congregation by February 6.

The Second Amendment to the Code of Regulations was also sponsored by Session Members Ellen Daugherty, Phil Fry, Anne Karney, Nancy Keogh, Ginny Melver, Sharlene Santelli, Kyle Vuchak, Sue Wallin, Todd Willis, and Gert Wilms.

Prior to the December 11 meeting, our Code of Regulations stated:

Article IX - Elections and Installations

Section 1. page 23 - The election of various officers shall be held during the month of September or October of each year at a meeting of the congregation duly called by the Session for such a purpose.

The recommended Amendment to our Code of Regulations is as follows:

The election of various officers shall be held during the month of November or December of each year at a meeting of the congregation duly called by the Session for such a purpose.

The rationale is that the Nominating Committee has not typically completed their work by September or October. This provides additional flexibility for our church.

Our Code of Regulations currently states:

Article X – Amendments: pg. 23 - Amendments to these Regulations may be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at a duly called and constituted meeting of the congregation and sponsored by at least ten Communicant members. These amendments are sponsored by our Session.

After discussion, the following motions were moved, seconded and approved:

**MOTION prevailed:** To approve the first Amendment to the Code of Regulations as presented.

**MOTION prevailed:** To approve the second Amendment to the Code of Regulations as presented.

There were no more than two “no” votes from the congregation for each proposed amendment, thus each amendment passed and was adopted.

Pastor Hauerwas asked if there was any new business. There being none, Pastor Hauerwas called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was so made and seconded. With no further discussion, **Motion prevailed to adjourn the meeting.** The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Pastor Hauerwas.

Respectfully submitted,

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Alec Works for Lucinda Weiss, Clerk of Session

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The Reverend Jonathan Hauerwas, Moderator