

**Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church
Regular Meeting of Session
March 15, 2017 7:30 pm**

Our Mission:

Welcoming all to grow and serve in Christ

Our Vision:

To be a voice of faith transforming lives and society
through Jesus Christ

Minutes

Attendance

Ruling Elders:					
Anstett, Steve	E	Babcock, Brad	E	Barkley, Retta	P
Behling, Gregg	P	Bennett, Mark	P	Brooks, Bill	P
Erickson, Julie	P	Falvey, Jim	P	Ferguson, Jeff	P
Greubel, Rhonda	E	Haines, Steve	P	Hamel, Sue	P
Haun, Patt	E	Henry, Jenny	E	Hill, Denise	E
Hutchison, Rick	P	Killpatrick, Megan	E	Kintzley, Keith	P
Kissam, Karen	E	Lambert, Ed	P	Laque, Teddy	P
Lohff, Kathy	E	Maxa, Kathy	P	Nauman, Doug	E
Oakes, Ellen	P	Roland, Don	P	Soderlund, John	E
Tiernan, Joan	P	Williamson, Jill	P	Wilson, Sarah	P
Wood, Jon	E				
Others:					
Rev. DeWyngaert	P	Rev. Lincoln-Reynolds	E	Rev. Frick	E
Clerk Weissinger	P	Dot Brugnoli	P	Holly Albrecht	P
Tom Wilke	P				

P – Present, A – Absent, E – Excused

Opening

Rev. Susan DeWyngaert, moderator, talked about the Ides of March (March 15), the day Julius Caesar was stabbed, and how the Christians in Roman times were being scapegoated and persecuted. She read from Romans 1. She emphasized that mission work is mutual, not paternalistic. As an example, Christians stayed during a plague to nurse the sick, knowing that if they died, they would go to heaven. Susan then opened with prayer.

Approval of the Docket and Establishing a Quorum

APPROVED by Consensus

Report of Clerk of Session

There was no correspondence

Omnibus Motion

- Give voice to attending staff members
- Receive February financial report (attached)
- Accept March 2017 membership reports (attached)
- Approve minutes of February 15, 2017 regular meeting of Session (attached)
- Approve minutes of February 15 and 19, 2017 New Member Commission of Elders Meetings (2 attached)
- Approve the following baptisms, pending successful baptismal conferences:
 - Finely Winfield Rogge, son of Kyle and Nicole Rogge

Circulated sign-ups sheets for Welcome Booth, Collection, and Communion

Joan Tiernan volunteered to attend the April 12th Deacons Meeting

Key Dates

3/17: St. Patrick's Day Dinner, 6:00pm

3/19: Congregational Meeting

4/5: Ministry Meetings, 7:15 pm

4/6 – 4/9: Godspell Performances, 7:00pm

4/10: Coordinating Cabinet, 7:30pm

4/13: Maundy Thursday Service, 7:30 pm

4/14: Good Friday Service, 7:30 pm

4/19: Wholeness Service, 6:45 pm

4/19: Session Meeting, 7:30pm

4/30: Stewardship Sunday

5/7: Dedication Sunday

5/10: Extra Session meeting to examine Confirmands, 6:30 – 8:00pm

5/11: Presbytery Gathering, Mt. Airy (Thursday)

Deacons Report –Dot Brugnoli

Parenting for a Different World event had 250 people attend. Fellowship event will be for St. Patrick's Day. Senior Fellowship Dinner will be May 19 with a Prom theme.

Observations and Recommendations – Tom Wilke

- Jeff Ferguson introduced Tom Wilke, the member and consultant HR hired.
- Tom presented his observations and recommendations with the idea of getting some things done with the administration of the Church. His thread throughout is that we need the resources and the organization to do what's needed. Woods needs someone to orchestrate all the business decisions.
- He will take questions by e-mail and prepare a Q&A document and come back next month to Session. His presentation is attached.

Ministry Reports

- Property – Bill Brooks
 - Bill presented history of the Renovation Advisory Committee (RAC) activities, the survey results and the idea that they will seek approval of the top priority items, depending on cost and funding sources.
MOTION to pay for a Reserve Study out of the Finance Contingency Reserve.
MOTION APPROVED

- Families With Children – Holly Albrecht
 - Holly described how FWC has passed out a calendar to the Sunday School children that teaches them Stewardship, collecting money for the One Great Hour of Sharing.
- Stewardship & Finance – Keith Kintzley
 - Financial update – Still forecasting to have a surplus at the end of the year.
 - Endowment Fund use - After research into the bequests, \$362k that went to the Endowment (and subsequently withdrawn for approved uses) should have been put in the Faith Fund, where withdrawals are allowed. In addition, Memorial funds can go to the Endowment; therefore, no funds from Faith Fund will need to be transferred.
 - Stewardship Planning – Keith is seeking stories about what makes you passionate about your ministry, and what is your vision? The responses will be presented in the campaign.
- Human Resources – Jeff Ferguson
 - The candidate for Missions Director has accepted our offer with a start date of April 5.
 - Youth Director Search Committee has begun meeting.

Written Reports Submitted to Session – Human Resources, Missions, Property, Welcome, Worship and Sacraments, Youth and their Families, Deacons, Nominating Committee

Staff Reports

Susan

Noted that the budgetary surplus has been a result of both pledges being kept and staff doing double duty due to vacancies.

Thanks to Jon and Deb Wood and the Youth ministry for the Seder meal.

Brandon

Adult Ed made bookmarks for Lent with daily readings. Over 500 have been passed out. Have formed several new small groups, including one for parents with small children. Has been meeting with other pastors to form a Confession of Faith. It was just published at the Next Conference. Can find the Statement on www.pres-outlook.org

Holly

Ellie's Bus came and spoke about teen mental health issues.

Children's Ministry started a new program called Connections 45.

Held a communion education event.

Bill Brooks closed the meeting in prayer