

Session Meeting Agenda, September 16, 2018

Excused: Jack Henderson

1. Opening prayer – TBA
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Attestation of approval of minutes of July 15 session meeting
4. Moderator's Report – *see accompanying report*
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Clerk's Report
7. Committee Reports -- *Oral reports should be limited to items for action only.*

Building & History – *no report received*

Finance & Administration – *no report received*

Personnel – *no report received*

Hospitality – *no report received*

Worship & Art – *see accompanying report, next meeting September 17*

Outreach – *see accompanying reports*

Christian Education – *no report received*

Nominating Committee (Jim Dickson, chair) – *no report received*

8. Examination of the roles – we will continue this next month when Jack is back
9. Other possible conversations and topics:
 - Debrief on summer worship – what worked, what didn't
 - membership growth (evangelism)
 - issues around our homeless ministry
 - communication, messaging and promotion
 - identity
 - staff issues, including: expectations, possible new positions, future needs, etc.
 - lofty dreams
 - low-hanging fruit

10. Next Meetings

Presbytery: Thursday, October 18 – NaCoMe Camp
– two ruling elders commissioners needed

Session: October 21, 2018

11. Closing Prayer

Session Meeting for The Downtown Presbyterian Church, July 15, 2018

Present: Rev. Mike Wilson – Moderator, Elders Jack Henderson, Justin Near, Vickie Coffin, Dave Coleman, Debra Gentry, Jim Dickson, Chuck Cardona, Jeff Koontz – Treasurer

Excused: Elder Cary Gibson

Clerk: Jack Henderson

1. **Opening prayer** – Offered by Elder Coleman at 12:42pm
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Spelling of “Rolls” was corrected on item 8. Agenda approved with unanimous voice vote.
3. **Attestation of approval of minutes of May 20, 2018 session meeting:** Clerk attests that a majority of the session has approved minutes from 5/20 prior to this gathering. Minutes and session packet have been uploaded to church website.
4. **Moderator’s Report** – see accompanying report
5. **Treasurer’s Report:** The treasurer’s report for May and June is attached on session packet. A large donation from the Fugitive Fund lead treasurer to rescind the request for a corporate draw for now.
6. **Clerk’s Report** – Attached are the active member rolls copied from the physical register of the church. Our task is to review the active rolls (see item 8) to determine who needs to be contacted and who should be removed from active member rolls. Rolls are presently at 113 people. A previous congregational care list is also shared in session packet and will be updated as session sees fit.
7. **Committee Reports** -- Oral reports should be limited to items for action only.
 - **Building & History** – see accompanying report. Parking situation was discussed. There is a new management company on garage where we park now (SP+). Their offer to us was to set aside a certain timeframe on Sunday and charge the church \$1/hr. Previous parking tickets cost the church \$3.40 a piece and the tickets “expire never” and were for any day/time. Some conversation has been started with the Premier garage on 5th

avenue behind the church. Michael estimates us to be out of tickets by early August.

- **Finance & Administration** – see accompanying report. Mike has talked to the son of Senator Henry. He has given us permission to contact those who gave in his honor for additional donations. Discussion to add a line item on the electronic giving page to the clothes closet.
- **Personnel** – see accompanying report.
- **Hospitality** – next meeting July 25 (agenda attached)
 - Conversation around role of greeters on Sunday morning. We have had some security issues with items stolen in past weeks.
- **Worship & Art** – see accompanying report, next meeting is July 23.
- **Outreach** – next meeting is July 22.
- **Christian Education** – no report received.
- **Nominating Committee** – no report received.

8. **Examination of the rolls** – Clerk Jack Henderson leading this discussion: Session is to go through the roll, listed out in the packet. We will identify people into three categories: 1) active and present members: no action needed. 2) members who have been sparsely attending or absent for a short time (approx. two years): reach out to personally 3) members who have moved, been absent for many years, or for any other reason no longer going to participate in the life of the church: letter sent with their name removed from rolls. ACTION: Session will reach out to certain members and will set up new congregational care list at next session meeting.

9. **Other possible conversations and topics:** Not addressed this meeting due to time.

- membership growth (evangelism)
- expansion of our homeless ministry
- communication, messaging and promotion
- identity
- staff issues, including: expectations, possible new positions, future needs, etc.
- lofty dreams
- low-hanging fruit

10. **Next Meetings** Presbytery: Saturday, July 28 – Westminster PC, Nashville – Elders Near and Dickson elected commissioners in May. Session: Meet in August on 8/26

(pastor vacation 8/12 and 8/19). Elder Henderson will offer opening prayer next meeting.

11. **Closing Prayer** – Offered by Rev Wilson at 3:21pm

Pastor's Report (Mike Wilson)

July 16 – September 16

Sermons: 7 (away 2 Sundays)

Visits, including hospital, coffee, breakfasts and lunches: 8

Tuesday Bible Study: 5

Saturday breakfast: 5

Meetings/Events:

- Worship & Arts meeting
- CPM meeting
- two meetings about Art Crawl
- Hospitality meeting
- Presbytery meeting
- VDS field education supervisor meeting
- Nominating Committee meeting

Pastoral expenses – approx. < \$100

Vacation & Study Leave:

- Vacation: September 30 - October 5 (out September 30; guest preacher Sarah Jordan) – Accompanying Mary Louise to California for her work as trustee at SFTS. Last vacation time of 2018.
- Study leave: November 8 – 11 (out November 11) – Awakening the Soul in Ashville.

Downtown Presbyterian Church
Outreach Committee Meeting Notes
July 22, 2018

Attending: Vickie Coffin, Leslee Hughes, Samera Zavaro, Jim Dickson, Faye Dickson, Betty McConnell, Stephanie Coleman, Erin Bell, Rev. Mike Wilson

A devotional consideration included the reading of Matthew 28: 16-20 and a prayer.

The meeting was opened by Vickie at 12:12.

Dollars and Cents: Where does the Local Benevolences budget stand?

The 2018 budget is \$14,000. Planned outreach gifts total \$10,115. Amount that hasn't been committed is \$3,885.

What's coming up in Minutes for Mission?

Leslee will deliver a check for \$2000 to the Martha O'Bryan Center.

Faye will pick up the partnership with Safe Haven.

Jim will host Nations Ministry in August.

Both Safe Haven and Nations Ministry will present Minutes for Mission in August.

Jim filled the committee in on Hike for the Homeless, which benefits Safe Haven Family Shelter. Here's the web site info:

<http://safehaven.org/events/hike/>



The hike will take place at Edwin Warner Park picnic shelters 9 and 11 on Saturday, November 10, 2018. Registration begins at 9 a.m., with hikers hitting the trail at 10 am.

What more can we do that's not already included in the Outreach Committee schedule?

Nations Ministry is in need of more funds. \$140,000 in grants from the Federal government have been discontinued. Jim suggested an increase in the DPC gift from \$1000 to \$1500. The suggestion was accepted by the committee.

At Joel Dark's request, the committee discussed a formal adoption of a partnership with Nashville Community Defense (NCD). Vickie will arrange for a speaker from NCD to attend the next meeting of the Outreach Committee.

There was a request for help at Saturday breakfast, a big project of the Outreach Committee. Some churches have been unable to continue as volunteers. Maybe UKirk can help; **Samera will ask**. Occasionally somebody will call the Church and ask if there's anything they can do to help. This can be a place for evangelism; maybe some people are looking for a church with the outreach impact that DPC has.

Clothing Drive for Clothes Closet: When and how?

Erin Bell meeting with Mary Turner to outline and organize a clothes drive. Erin will spearhead the drive at DPC. Mary will coordinate the drive with First Presbyterian of Nashville. Date TBD.

Next meetings:

A meeting of the Saturday Breakfast team will be held following worship on the third Sunday in August (08/19/2018).

The Outreach Committee will meet after worship on the fourth Sunday in October (10/21/2018).

The meeting ended at 12:50.

DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OUTREACH PARTNERSHIPS – 2018

Tennesseans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (TADP)	
TADP seeks to honor life by abolishing the death penalty in Tennessee	
DPC Advocate	Vickie
Minute for Mission	<u>April</u> Stacy Rector to speak on TADP on the Sunday she leads our worship service.
DPC Gift	\$500
Martha O’Bryan Center	
On a foundation of Christian faith, the center empowers children, youth, and adults in poverty to transform their lives through work, education, employment, and fellowship	
DPC Advocate	Leslee
Minute for Mission	<u>May</u> Miss Martha’s Ice Cream Crankin’ will take place on June 3 rd . Leslee will talk it up at worship services and will coordinate.
DPC Gift	\$2000
Monroe Harding	
Meets the needs of children who are in or transitioning out of state custody. Having a celebration of their 125 th anniversary.	
DPC Advocate	Samera
Minute for Mission	<u>May</u> We will plan activities during the year such as putting together snack packs for the children, helping with foster parents’ night out, adopting children at Christmas
DPC Gift	\$1750
Nashville Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC)	
Mission is to provide education, training, counseling, and job placement services for citizens who are disadvantaged economically, educationally, and socially.	
DPC Advocate	Faye
Minute for Mission	<u>June</u>
DPC Gift	\$500
Safe Haven Family Shelter	
The only shelter-to-housing program of its kind in Middle Tennessee that accepts the entire homeless family.	
DPC Advocate	Faye
Minute for Mission	August
DPC Gift	\$500
Nations Ministry	
Nations Ministry Center helps legal refugee families become generally self-sufficient.	
DPC Advocate	Jim
Minute for Mission	August
DPC Gift	\$1000

Siloam Health	
Sharing the love of Christ by serving those in need of health care	
DPC Advocate	Jim
Minute for Mission	<u>September</u>
DPC Gift	\$2000
UKirk Nashville	
A campus ministry of the PC (USA) for students of Vanderbilt and Belmont.	
DPC Advocate	Samera
Minute for Mission	<u>October</u> It's possible students will participate in worship service
DPC Gift	\$500
The Next Door	
Provides services for women and their families impacted by addiction, mental illness, trauma, and/or incarceration with Christ-centered, compassionate care.	
DPC Advocate	Faye
Minute for Mission	<u>November</u> Activities to be organized during the year
DPC Gift	\$1000
Foreign Mission	
DPC Advocate	TBD
Minute for Mission	TBD
DPC Gift	\$365

DPC Worship & Arts

July 23, 2018

- Art Crawl - 8/4: Launch of Caleb Mclaughlin solo show, 10/7: Launch of Tom Viers solo show (Historic Nashville are holding an event in the Fellowship Hall)
- Companion guide to the Glory to God hymnal has been ordered
- Summer chapel services continue with creation of prayer room, and Nina & Cary writing liturgies for 8/12 and 8/19
- Ideas for return to the sanctuary - keep positivity and intimacy, favorite hymn Sunday, pre-service hymn lessons, visual component to draw people to sit together (easels with large hymns or art work or photos, 3 sections of seating, etc)
- Next meeting: August 20, 2018 6pm at DPC

August 20, 2018

- Outdoor sculpture by Vance Cummings to be installed soon (south of 5th Ave Fellowship Hall doors)
- October Art Crawl featuring Historic Nashville Society's 50th anniversary "Nashville Covered" event in the sanctuary (historic album covers that feature Nashville architecture)
- DPC coordinating more Art Crawl-related events in coordination with Downtown Partnership, who has taken over the Art Crawl
- Returning to sanctuary after Labor Day, returning to a more intimate sanctuary
- New CiR Jodie O'Regan
- Next meeting September 17, 2018; 6pm; at DPC - we will officially meet Jodie, begin 2019 budget drafting, and finalize Lessons & Carols plans