

Session Meeting Minutes (raw), January 20, 2018

In attendance: Justin Near, Vickie Coffin, Chuck Cardona, David Maddox, Mary Turner, Scot Robinson, Jeff Koontz, Rev. Mike Wilson

Excused: Jack Henderson

Acting Clerk: Dave Coleman

1. **Opening prayer** – David Maddox

2. **Approval of Agenda** - approved

3. **Approval or attestation of approval of minutes of December 16, 2018 session meeting** - approved

4. **Moderator's Report** – see accompanying report

5. **Treasurer's Report** – Book of order states the need to re-elect the Treasurer, Jeff Koontz was nominated and re-elected. Jeff indicated 2019 to be his last year as treasurer.

Book closed for 2018, 2 concerns, ACS- (previously made efforts to fix w/ Reggie),

Correction issues of 2 and 3 years ago, going forward things should be more clear.

Pledge amounts 36,000 more in pledges than budgeted for. Non-pledged offerings, down for the year, overall, revenues are up ~27,000. Margaret Thomas Fund, check was placed in wrong place, it has been found and relocated. Budget approved last meeting, a few small updates. Budget remains the same though.

- **Not on Agenda** – assign dates for new session members to count Sunday Offering
 - 1st Davd (Cary), David Maddox
 - 2nd Vickie, Chuck
 - 3rd Jack, Debra
 - 4th Justin, (Jim), Mary Turner
 - 5th (Michael Korak) _____, Jim Hoobler

6. **Clerk's Report** – Absent as clerk was not in attendance.

7. Committee Reports – Reports on minutes limited to action and major discussions. Reports that were provided are attached.

B & H- no action items, thanking Mary & Denny for a wonderful Waffle Shop, AMAZING. Korak Document to be entered, Facility Manager report to be delivered to session monthly, Waffle Shop storage, Kitchen Supply back stocks, reorganize paper goods, infrastructure investment plan, coffee/tea/hot water (former bunn employee consult), video and recording coming up for Jim Lauderdale, Ann Landis, +. Digital lock for Art Gallery? Keep open on Sunday, no Saturday morning breakfast

Christian Ed.- no action items

F&A- discussion of the Book of Order requiring an Audit, add an additional statement (Bill Mullins, Vickie Coffin, pre-session), add this as an agenda item on the next session meeting. i.e. From Rev. Mike: Could be as simple as two elected auditor reps, sat w/ office administrator, and go through check book, and deliver an attestation that the numbers add up. Next finance meeting it will be discussed on how to enact

Hospitality – meeting Jan. 30th, 24th of February congregational meeting. Voted on and approved “pot luck situation.” Make sure Sunday mornings that Art Gallery Browsing room is open for members to view.

Outreach- meeting the 27th of January, Vickie is searching for nickname the outreach committee,

Personnel – Debra, suggestion that Session should vote on authorizing the building for some events. Voting can take place via e-mail to keep time commitment low, and awareness high among session. First personal meeting this past week, Joel, Jim, Mike, Debra, in action as a stand along functioning group.

Worship and Arts- meeting on the 28th, feb 2nd, first art crawl art show, Vanderbilt student group (Sarah Jordan was formerly involved) divinity students, engaged in the visual arts (Steve Stone), Lauren Peacock is in charge now, group show is coming together, HEADS UP: feminist issue art that is proposed to be on display, some have nudity, paintings (not photographs), W&A has seen and approved some of these paintings (with discernment and conversations w/ artists), a warning sign will be posted of the content, Sara Jordan has offered to have a program about the theological ideas involved. Details: two adult education sessions art/theology/ scripture using these pieces as examples. Use this potentially provocative material as an opportunity to show how art an theology come together. (Intersection)

Nominating Committee- no action items

8. Update on the Contributor relocation back to DPC: Contributor has drafted an agreement with input via Michael Korak, Mike Wilson, and Kathy Jennings. Jimmy Cheshire is reviewing it.

Some details include: “4 year lease with payment escalation. (2019 nothing, 2020 \$500 a month, escalating to reasonable rate No parking for staff, no alleyway digital door access, only staff has access to building, Room 214 staff only office, details in document Rev. Mike has possession of. Etc...” Will be presented to session to vote on soon likely via e-mail. A very “prescribed” usage agreement is being pursued in this situation, very clear lines.

9. Further discussion of Capitol Infrastructure Investment plan (if necessary): No in-depth conversation today, Justin and Cary have written a document that will “pitch/sell” it to the congregation. Justifying investments through needs from New Beginnings and desires of church members dating back as far as ~30 years.

10. Conversation around possible committee restructuring and leadership

Mary Turner - co-chair hospitality w/ Dave Coleman

Dave and Justin – co-chair Christian Education/Evangelism

*Education idea (ask members to lead short term classes about their own spiritual journey in a Ted talks kind of way, start a conversation about their own life & then open it to a dialog.

Justin to chair communication – co-chair with Mary – a task force – a charge to better internal & external communication

David Maddox – Worship and Arts

Jim Hoobler – building and history

Other Committees remain unchanged.

11. Continued Conversation around identity, mission and long term-goals, including review of New Beginnings material, Mike’s musing, etc. – unable to get to this due to constraints of time.

12. Examination of the rolls – on hold. Clerk will follow up with Elders and report updates in annual report and at next session meeting

13. Next Session meetings Feb. 17, 2019 - Debra Gentry opening Prayer

Presbytery: Feb. 14, at First PC, Franklin. Possibly both/either Mary Turner, David Maddox attending, but any ruling elder can attend as a commissioner, TBA

14. Closing Prayer: Rev. Mike Wilson