



St. Andrew | Presbyterian Church

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To be the body of Christ, living Christ's love, and serving as Christ served.

Minutes for a called meeting of the Session June 13, 2019 | 7:00 p.m.

Attending elders: Tim Benson, Sarah Brakke, Jeff Charis-Carlson, Kathy Duys, Myrna Farraj, Ann Ford, Margaret Heidger, Cecilia Norris (by iPad), Beth Anne Pigge (by phone), Doug Wildes

Excused Elders: Mark Beerends, Dave DeGroot, Bethany Lagani, William Sparks, Bruce Walker, Joe Whitney

Pastors: Kyle Otterbein, Danie DeBeer excused

Opened at 7:07 p.m. with devotions and prayer. Kyle Otterbein read from II Corinthians 3: on the new covenant, with the gift of the spirit, which could be seen as a light shining from the faces of Abraham and Moses. Moses sometimes wore a veil but we, with unveiled faces, are in the spirit of the Lord. "Now the Lord is the Spirit..." and it transforms our lives.

1. **Amend/Approve Agenda and MOS Consent Agenda** Allocations include assistance to the Shelter House, Marcia Murphy, Free Lunch, and Intervarsity Campus Fellowship ministry. See details at the Session page, agendas. Approval moved by Ann Ford, seconded by Margaret Heidger. **MSC**
2. **Consent Agenda** See Supporting Documents on Session page, agendas. Approval moved by Ann Ford, seconded by Margaret Heidger. **MSC**
4. **Clerk's Report** – Ann Ford. During the congregational meeting on June 13th Ann forgot to ask for approval for the January congregational meeting minutes. The draft minutes for the June 9th meeting were sent to elders and posted on the Session page.
 - 5.1 **Approval Session Minutes: Motion: It was** moved to approve the draft minutes for the 3 meetings below, Jeff seconded **MSC**
 - Called Meeting May 16, 2019
 - Special Meeting May 30, 2019
 - Special Meeting June 3, 2019
 - 5.2 **Report:** Jeff Charis-Carlson and Ann Ford attended the Presbytery meeting June 12th, electing several new committee members and approving repairs at two member churches.

5.3 **Correspondence** Ann received an e-Mail June 9th from Sarah Brakke, resigning as elder effective July 31, 2019.

Motion to accept Sarah's resignation, with appreciation. Jeff Charis-Carlson moved, Margaret Heidger seconded **MSC**

5.4 **Membership**

Kyle reported about the confirmands class, members reported below.

5.4.1 **New Members** Kyle Otterbein, LeAnn Otterbein and Bill Wittig led the confirmands class, which was presented at the 8:30 church service June 9, 2019. Joining by confession of faith are:

Tess Lillian DeGrazia

Vivian Ruth Polgreen

Kaylee Grace Gibson

Kaitlyn Ann Schmidt-Rundell

Thomas Douglas Kerns

Brady Robert Simcox

Alexis Marie Nash

Jalen Jeffrey Wieck

Andrew Edmund Polgreen

5.4.2 **Baptisms** Andrew Polgreen and Vivian Polgreen, from the new confirmands class, were also baptized on June 9th.

Motion to receive these new members Margaret Heidger, seconded by Sarah Brakke **MSC**

New members: Mona and Justin Garvin will join by reaffirmation of faith. The baptism of their daughter, Laurel Garvin is, planned for June 16th, the same day her parents are received.

Motion Moved to accept, Ann Ford, Myrna Farraj seconded

MSC

6. **Leadership Team Reports**

6.1 **Associate Pastor's Report** - Kyle Otterbein met with Tom Norwood about the Capital Campaign. We plan to meet in members' homes for dessert meetings. We will ask for commitments by mid-July.

7. **Rocket Docket** Jeff said Presbytery has agreed to pay \$1000 toward expenses for the Mister Rogers programming. The MPR is now complete per Doug Wildes. Kathy Duys said the Pittsburgh Project is gearing up to leave July 20 for Pittsburgh and with lots of new kids. There will be 4 vans, 35 kids, and 9 adults. Margaret Heidger said we plan a thank you and farewell to the Brazilian students on June 30th. Vacation Bible School is next week, with our schedule a little late and the number of kids this year is 46, a little lower than previous years.

8. **Team Reports**

8.1 **Finance Team Report** – Tim Benson. Kathy Duys asked about our worship expenditures, which are at 96% of the budget allocation already at the end of May, which seems excessive. Jeff Charis-Carlson said he would look into the expenses and report back

8.2 **Land Sales Team** – Jeff Charis-Carlson said there is no new report. Presbytery has asked about what we are doing to sell lots. In August we will extend our contract with realtor Jeff

Edberg. We may ask Edberg to come to talk to Session on July 18th, which will include the newly-elected elders.

8.3 Missional Planning Team and Task Forces. During its June 13th meeting, Session began hearing early ideas for how to move forward with strategic task forces for the three key areas recently identified by the Missional Planning Team. Jeff Charis-Carlson and Myra Farraj are heading up the task force on "Helpful, Stirring Worship," Pastor Danie deBeer and Bruce Walker are heading the task force on "Faith Development," and Cecilia Norris and Rod Sullivan are heading the task force on "One-Mission Focus." All three task forces will be reaching out for congregational input on how best to move forward — although the names of task forces may change to be more self-explanatory.

8.4 Worship – Jeff Charis-Carlson. Worship team brought forward the following motion concerning the funding of part-time music staff: Discussion included consideration of the intern position, where costs could be cut, using a study of staff time use, and the suggestion that staff attend Session meetings to establish a better partnership, and that elders should support staff.

Motion to amend: Cecilia Norris moved to remove funding for intern – remove wording about the intern from the motion. **MSC**

Motion as amended: To extend funding until May 2020 (the end of the 2019-20 program year) to cover the music positions filled by Lee Rabe, Laura Kastens and Nelda Wittig. All these positions, including a paid interim position, will be included in the broader, congregation-wide conversation about "Helpful, Stirring Worship" over the 2019-20 programming year. The funding for those positions for the 2020-21 program year will be part of the budget discussions for the 2020 calendar year. **MSC**, with 2 "no" votes.

8.5 Personnel – Kathy Duys reported that the team met last week and discussed staffing, and will meet again on June 27th and July 13th. She proposed Tuesday June 25th 5:30 p.m. for a Personnel team meeting. See 8.4 above for joint motion from Personnel and *Worship*

8.6 Nominating Team

Nominating Team slate from chair Sarah Brakke for the congregational meeting 9 June 2019

Session (Elders):

- Emma Gibson, Class of 2020 (youth)
- Kathy Duys, Class of 2021
- Graham Dameron, Class of 2022
- Karen McChesney Raynor, Class of 2022
- Toni VanVoorhis, Class of 2022
- Melissa Fath, Class of 2022
- Eric Goers, Class of 2022
- Nathan Schuchert, Class of 2021
- Becka Simpson, Class of 2020

Elders continued:

(Outgoing: Ann Ford, Bruce Walker, Cecilia Norris, Mark Beerends, William Sparks, Sarah Brakke, Bethany Lagani, & Joseph Whitney)

Deacons:

- Nancy Perkins, Class of 2021
- LuAnn Robinson, Class of 2021
- Frank Canady, Class of 2022

- Ken Gibson, Class of 2022
- Joy Short, Class of 2022

Deacons continued

- Jason Schmidt-Rundell, Class of 2022 (1/2 position)
 - Amy Schmidt-Rundell, Class of 2022 (1/2 position)
 - Sheri Austin, Class of 2022
- Youth deacon, Class of 2020: Annabelle Hendrickson

(Outgoing Deacons: Katie Pigge, Dave Dierks, Jan Taylor, Janet Maas, Becky Aghsae, Helen Bryce, Alison Whitney, & Marnie Vonderhaar)

Treasurer:

- Jason Schuchert, Class of 2020

Assistant Treasurer:

- Aaron Gibson, Class of 2020

Personnel Team:

- Lisa Shileny, Class of 2022
- Kathy Duys, Class of 2022
- Wes Habley, Class of 2022

(Outgoing: Amy Sparks)

Nominating Team, at-large, Class of 2020:

- Patti Benson
- Bruce Walker
- Still open TBD
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(Outgoing: Sarah Brakke, Peg Hausler, Jason Ghers, Cindy Vonderhaar)

We elected the slate by acclamation June 9th at the congregational meeting. We need a new chair of the nominating team.

8.7 **Buildings and Grounds** – Doug Wildes. No report.

8.8 **Adult Ed Team** With all current lay members going off the Adult Education Team, Pastor Kyle plans to reconstitute the team.

8.9 **Children’s Ministry**

Background for Fifth Ward Saints North proposal is in Supporting documents on Session page. (motion below). Iowa City alum Carlos Honoré started this program in Houston, and he saw the need in Iowa City too. He approached SAPC to establish it here. Buildings and Grounds need to be involved. Kids will be bused to SAPC for activities. Partnering with other organization in the community. SAC would be their partner. Motion is to approve in principle, and this frees us to go forward.

MOTION: Approve the Children’s Ministry Team, Building and Grounds Team, and staff to plan and coordinate with Fifth Ward Saints North to use the building as home base for an after-school program, Monday through Thursday. St. Andrew staff and volunteers are encouraged to partner with Fifth Ward staff and volunteers in planning programs and special events. The arrangement will be reviewed by both sides after 3, 6, and 9 months to determine if the arrangement should continue. **MSC** with 2 “no” votes

9. **New Business** Incoming elders and deacons.

9.1 **MOTION:** To invite incoming elders to attend the July 18 Session meeting and Session will host a dinner before the meeting, with the food costs to come from the Session discretionary fund. Jeff Charis-Carlson moved, Doug Wildes seconded. **MSC**

MOTION: To appoint Danie deBeer and a subset of elders to examine and to schedule training for incoming elders and deacon. Jeff Charis-Carlson moved, Margaret Heidger seconded. **MSC**

10. **Old Business** Jeff Charis-Carlson reported that Saturday, July 13th the Presbytery meeting will be hosted by SAPC. We don't have many details about the schedule but it will include a meal here, provided by the Center for Worker Justice Big Table

11. **Next meeting:** July 18, 2019, with our incoming and outgoing elders attending, and a meal scheduled at 6:00, the hour before the 7:00 meeting.

We adjourned at 9:00 p.m. and closed with prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Ford, Clerk of Session

Kyle Otterbein, Moderator