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St. Andrew Presbyterian Church
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Session Meeting

7 p.m. Thursday July 17, 2025

Moderator: Pastor Carl Anderson

Outgoing Session Members: Eric Goers, Gretchen Van Iddekinge (excused), and Bruce Walker (excused)

Returning Session Members: Becky Benson (excused), Helen Bryce, Don Burch, Scott Fisher, Aaron Gibson, Mary Hausler, Virginia Ibrahim-Olin (excused), Austin Kannegieter, Emily Neddermeyer, Josh Schilling, Jon Swearingen, Gregs Thomopulos, and Munir Tanas.

Incoming Session Members: Chloe Goers, Paula McCue, and Judy Swafford.

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Excused Members, this meeting: Becky Benson, Virginia Ibrahim-Olin, Bruce Walker, Gretchen Van Iddekinge

Scheduled Guests: The PNC team-Jason Schuchert, Peg Hausler, Ted Potter, Paul Penn, Twila Finkelstein, Kathy Duys, & Allison Bernard; for landscaping discussion-Lisa Moser

Devotions & Opening Prayer: Pastor Carl Anderson called the meeting to order at 7 pm. PNC discussion will lead off the meeting, followed by the remainder of the agenda. Prayer by Pastor Carl opened the meeting.

Motion-to grant voice to 3 incoming elders. MSC

Motion-to grant voice to the PNC members. MSC

Motion-to amend/approve the agenda with addition of the building and grounds report and stewardship to team report listing. MSC

Approval of Session Minutes:

- June 19, 2025 Session Meeting
- Congregational Meeting June 8, 2025

Motion- to approve the minutes from the June session meeting. MSC

Motion-to approve the congregational meeting minutes. MSC

Consent Agenda

Team Reports:

- **Act Justly**
- **Deacon Minutes**
- **Personnel**
- **Comment from Hospitality/Connection Team:** All are invited to the first Next Steps Gathering on Sunday, July 20th at 11:15 am when potential new members & interested persons will be presented with information on our denomination and congregation and have opportunity for discussion about membership.
 - Memo to Team

Motion-to receive the consent agenda.

MSC

Leadership Team Reports

- **Transitional Pastor:** request for approval of baptism for Vera, Lydia, and Vivian Tanas on Sunday, Aug. 3rd. Mary Hausler will present them as the elder from the session. Girls Rock is posting gender neutral signs on bathrooms during the day while present in the building for their summer camp and then removed once they depart from the building for the day.
- **Ministry Directors:**
 - **Staff Meeting Notes (July 1, 8, and 15)**
 - **Music Ministry**

Clerk's Report:

- **Communion Stats:** On Sunday July 6, Pastor Carl Anderson oversaw communion to 206, in-person, with 23 concurrent devices logged on, for an estimated real time congregation of 256.
- **Baptism, New Members, and Roll Changes:**
Motion- to approve the baptism of Vera, Lydia, and Vivian Tanas on August 3, 2025. MSC
- **Correspondence:** shared regular letter received from PC USA office of Mission Engagement & Support in Louisville, KY acknowledging St Andrew's contribution to shared mission giving. For May, 2025 it was a total of \$735.25.
- **Presbytery:** Next Presbytery Meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. September 20, 2025, at First Presbyterian Church in Mt. Pleasant.

Action & Discussion Items From Teams:

- **Pastor Nominating Committee:** Discussion led by PNC members regarding the Pastor MDP, Ministry Discernment Profile. Once approved by session it can be sent to the COMV for their approval, then it can be posted to the internet for potential candidates to view and apply.
 - **Cover Letter**
 - **Pastor MDP**
 - **Job Description**

- **MDP Compatibility Survey**
- **Explanation of Compensation Calculations and Ranges**
- **MDP Letter**

Motion-to approve the PNC documents as presented and with suggested edits. MSC

- **Mission, Outreach, and Service**
 - **Report**

Motion-to approve donation of \$5000 for relief efforts to victims of floods in Kerrville, Texas. MSC

- **Finance**-behind on donations at this point. Several large givers have passed away in the past few years. Next Steps Gathering would be an opportunity to address stewardship and how church giving is utilized for various ministry programs. Have not outspent our giving at this time of the year.
 - **Finance Packet 6.30.25**
 - **Team Minutes for July**

Building and Grounds-elder Josh Schilling reported on a landscaping project and guest Lisa Moser, congregation member, attended to provide additional information. Some grading challenges exist out in front of the building where water is not draining away from the building. The B & G team needs to approve the final project. \$17,500 cost will be an approximate total. Perennials would not be planted until spring. Will be a hard estimate established to keep the project within the funds available from designated donations. The fund for building maintenance is nearly used up, so there may be some challenges to work through. Finance can put interest from investments into the B & G budget line. Might be beneficial to encourage general fund giving instead of donations for special projects. The church building is actually owned by the Presbytery and session ultimately has control of the spending of any given funds.

Motion-to empower B & G to act on the landscape plan within the allotted donated budget. MSC

Stewardship-elders Eric Goers & Jon Swearingen presented for the team. The current capital campaign will end Sept 30th. A new capital campaign will begin soon. Pledge cards & letters will go out in the next week or two. Late September will be an ice cream party to celebrate the new (6th) capital campaign, which is hoped to be the last. \$1.8 million owed on building. A bequest of \$1 million has been designated by member Don Heineking who recently passed away. The building is aging and will require upkeep. The first dollars of the new capital campaign will go toward debt reduction, any remainder for building maintenance. Elders encouraged to email finance with pledges. Volunteer giving of time & talent is also needed & encouraged if fiscal giving is a hardship.

Old Business/New Business

- Thank you to those elders ending their service on session and welcome to the new elders.

Rocket Docket:

- **Reminders of upcoming events**
 - **Girls Rock! Showcase** | 2 p.m. Saturday @ The Englert Theatre
 - **Jazz Brunch Potluck** | Sunday
 - **Next Steps Class** | Sunday
 - **Food Market & Healthy Kids** | July 23
 - **Farewell Reception for Myrna Farraj** | July 27
 - **Presbyterian Youth Triennium** | July 28-31
 - **Worship Reflections** | Aug. 3 & 10
 - **Meetup @ the Lavender Farm** | Aug. 6
 - **At the Table** | Aug. 7
 - **School Year's Eve** | Aug. 24
 - **Pedals & Pipes: An Organ Adventure for Kids** | Aug. 24
 - **Food Market** | Aug. 27
 - **Start of Choir & Bells** | Sept. 3
 - **At the Table** | Sept. 4
 - **Ministry Fair** | Sept. 7
 - **All Abilities Art Exhibit** | Sept. 7
 - **Sunday School & Learning Academy Resume** | Sept. 14
 - **Senior Moments** | Sept. 16
 - **Food Market** | Sept. 24
 - **At the Table** | Oct. 2
 - **Compeer Concert** | Oct. 3
 - **World Communion Sunday & Impacto Visit** | Oct. 5
 - **BASIC Pancake Breakfast** | Oct. 5
 - **Pilot Club Breakfast** | Oct. 11
 - **Hayrides @ Dane Farm** | Oct. 11
 - **Trunk or Treat** | Oct. 26
 - **Minds Matter Resource Fair** | Nov. 1
 - **Homemade from Heart Sale** | Nov. 1
 - **At the Table** | Nov. 6

- **AGO Organ Recital** | Nov. 8
- **Gifts of the Heart Packing** | Nov. 15
- **'No Grinch Here' Food Drive** |
Nov. 16 to Dec. 7
- **Food Market** | Nov. 19
- **Alternative Gift Market** | Nov. 26
- **ETC/BASIC Thanksgiving** | Nov. 26
- **Celebration of Life: Mary Mixdorf** | Nov. 30
- **Hills Bank's Lights of Remembrance** | Dec. 1
- **At the Table** | Dec. 4
- **Lessons and Carols** | Dec. 7
- **Children's Christmas Pageant** | Dec. 14
- **Orchestra Iowa Brass Concert** | Dec. 14
- **Cocoa and Carols** | Dec. 21
- **Christmas Eve** | 5, 7, & 11 p.m., Dec. 24
- **Bingo & Games** | Jan. 2
- **At the Table** | Jan. 8
- **Sunday School &
Learning Academy Resume** | Jan. 11
- **Women's Retreat** | Jan. 31
- **At the Table** | Feb. 5
- **Congregational Meeting** | Feb. 8
- **Chili Cookoff & Souper Bowl Lunch** | Feb. 8
- **Ash Wednesday** | Feb. 8
- **Men's Retreat** | March 7
- Additional comments from teams with session representation.

Prayer-Lords prayer recited by session as they held hands at 8:35 pm to conclude the meeting.

Next Meeting: August 21, 2025, at 7 p.m., with possible potluck meal to precede at 6 p.m if interested..