

Downtown Presbyterian Church Regular Session Meeting

January 21st, 2018

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

Also Present: Dena Swoner, Tom Byl

Excused: Elder Cary Gibson

Clerk: Jack Henderson

- 1) **Opening prayer** – Justin Near at 1:05pm
- 2) **Approval of Agenda** - Approved with voice vote unanimously
- 3) **Approval of minutes from December 17, 2017 meeting** - Approved with voice vote unanimously
- 4) **Moderator's Report** – see accompanying report. No action items from report.
- 5) **Election of Clerk of Session for 2018** – Jack Henderson nominated for Clerk and elected by unanimous voice vote.
- 6) **Election of Treasurer for 2018** - Jeff Koontz nominated and elected by unanimous voice vote.
- 7) **Treasurer's Report** – Benevolence checks from 2017 will be sent out shortly. Differences in budgeted and actual benefits expenses were discussed. DPC was the recipient of bequest from estate of Virginia Craighead Tipton. Exact amount of donation is still unclear.
- 8) **Clerk's Report** – Approval of minutes prior to the next session meeting was discussed. Protocol for approval via email discussed. Posting of session agenda prior to meetings was also discussed. Set time during worship for session's verbal announcement of agenda and decisions was discussed.
- 9) **Baptism request** – Eliza Bell on January 28, Matthew Abfelter on February 18. Motion to approve made and seconded.

10) **Committee Reports** -- Oral reports should be limited to items for action only.

Building & History – Report sent in. No items for action

Finance, Administration & Personnel – Report sent in. Items for pay/ call will be discussed in 2018 budget item review.

Hospitality – No report

Worship & Art – No report

Outreach – No report

Christian Education – No report

11) **2018 budget** – Jeff Koontz presented 2018 draft budget. Pledge numbers compared to last year discussed. Session had a detailed item by item discussion of 2017 budgeted, actual and 2018 budgeted revenues and expenses. Corporation board will meet on 1/22 to discuss possible increases in draw to cover expenses.

12) **Conversation around committee structure, assignments & leadership for 2018** – Tentative Committee Assignments for 2018 with fuller conversation in February meeting:

Cary Gibson – W&A

Chuck Cardona – F&A

Dave Coleman - Hospitality

Michael Korak – Building and History

Jack Henderson – Clerk and Outreach

Debra Gentry - Personnel

Jim Dickson – Christian Education

Justin Near – W&A

Vicki Coffin - Outreach

- 13) **Conversation around Mike's 2018 Goals** – see accompanying document, recommending a personnel committee. Greater discussion will be at session retreat and next session meeting.
- 14) **Next Meetings** Session: February 18, 2018, Jim Dickson will lead Prayer; Presbytery: Saturday, February 3 in Columbia – Dave Coleman and Michael Korak; Session Retreat will be held on tentatively on 2/10/18 at 9am at a location TBD.
- 15) **Closing Prayer and adjournment at 4:26pm**