

Downtown Presbyterian Church Regular Session Meeting

February 18th 2018

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

Also Present: Dena Swoner

Excused: None

Clerk: Jack Henderson

- 1) **Opening prayer** – Dave Coleman at 12:49pm
- 2) **Approval of Agenda** - Approved with voice vote unanimously
- 3) **Approval of minutes from January 21st, 2018 meeting** - Approved previously but amendments added with name corrections “Virginia Craig Tipton” and “Matthew Abfalter”.
- 4) **Moderators report:** See accompanying report. Report on community assistance fund discussed. Rev. Wilson recommends discontinuation of DPC’s Community Assistance Fund (CAF) as a direct on-site effort and pool effort with other social service providers. Massive increase in demand with the limitation of our resources (financial, personnel, time) discussed. Concerns aired with regards to loss of our direct involvement in community outreach and expectations of people who have donated to CAF. Rerouting CAF to in-house services such as clothes closet or other Saturday efforts discussed. Conversation led us to determine that re-direction of CAF from pastor’s office to other onsite efforts (e.g. clothes closet, Saturday breakfast) was best route forward.
- 5) **Treasurer’s Report** – Budget proceedings concluded well and budget will be discussed later in meeting.
- 6) **Clerk’s Report** – Posting of session minutes online with online review and approval prior to next session meeting was successful. Future minutes and session packets will be posted with printed off minutes posted in narthex.
- 7) **Baptism request** – Eliza Bell’s baptism reauthorized for March with unanimous voice vote.
- 8) **Special Session Resolution** – Recognizing Ridley Wills for his decades of faithful service to DPC. Passed with unanimous voice vote.
- 9) **Committee Reports** -- Oral reports should be limited to items for action only.

Building & History – See accompanying report

Finance, Administration & Personnel – See accompanying report

Hospitality – No report

Worship & Art – See accompanying report

Outreach – No report

Christian Education – No report

- 10) **2018 budget** – Recommendation out of FAP committee is to carry \$31,370 budget deficit with a 6% draw from the endowment in 2018. Salaries and benefits reviewed with 2% salary increases for office and property manager and 3% salary increase for pastor. Increase in pay for director of music will translate into an added 2.5 hours of work. Motion to approve 2018 DPC budget passed with unanimous voice vote.
- 11) **Conversation around committee structure, assignments & leadership for 2018 -**
Discussion on the focus of committees and the overall goal of membership growth and growth of people continuing to affiliate and participate in the life of the church. Questions posed: What can we do more of to move more people from visitor to participant? Which committee does this fall? Role of Hospitality Committee in this discussed. Items in budget for working on increased external communication and messaging discussed. Discussion consisted of both drawing new people by broadcasting our identity and continuing to create a community once they get here.
- 12) **Conversation around Mike’s 2018 Goals** – see accompanying document. Discussion will continue next session meeting.
- 13) **Next Meetings**

Session: March 18, 2018 – Jim Dickson will lead prayer

Presbytery: Thursday, May 3 @ Frist PC Tullahoma – Commissioners TBD
- 14) **Closing Prayer and adjournment at 3:39pm**

Moderator

Clerk of Session