

Session Meeting for the Downtown Presbyterian Church: March 18, 2018

Present: Rev. Mike Wilson, Moderator; Elders Jack Henderson, Vickie Coffin, Cary Gibson, Justin Near, James Dickson, Chuck Cardona, Dave Coleman, Michael Korak; Jeff Koontz, Treasurer **Excused:** Elder Debra Gentry **Clerk:** Jack Henderson

- 1. Opening prayer** by Rev. Wilson at 12:56pm
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda was seconded and approved with unanimous voice vote.
- 3. Approval of minutes from February 18 meeting:** Motion to approve with no corrections was seconded and passed with unanimous voice vote.
- 4. Moderator's Report:** See accompanying report. Session had a discussion on Mike's visit to Nashville Homelessness Commission/MDHA public input session and issues relating to coordination of services to Nashville's homeless.
- 5. Treasurer's Report:** See accompanying report. No items were presented for session action and approval.
- 6. Clerk's Report:** Minutes for congregational meeting on 2/25/18 are being finalized. When session minutes are posted online after approved they will include accompanying reports with the exception of any sensitive or confidential information.
- 7. Baptism request:** Eliza Bell's baptism is now being scheduled for April.

8. Committee Reports:

Building & History – Nothing to report. Session had a discussion with regards to balancing the cleanliness and mess made on the steps with issues presented with the gates padlocked. Session discussed process of making sure gates are open promptly on Sunday morning. Session discussed changing current chains and padlock with a different locking mechanism for the gates.

Finance and Administration – No accompanying report. The first draw from corporation of \$24,000 was approved by session prior to meeting via email.

Personnel – No accompanying report. There are no items for session action presented. All personnel reviews have been completed.

Hospitality – See accompanying report. There are no items for session action presented.

Worship & Art – see accompanying report. No action items for session.

Outreach – No accompanying report. Session discussed formally moving Saturday breakfast under Outreach for sake of calling meetings, moderating the existing volunteer coordinator structure, and having a clear session liaison.

Christian Education – No accompanying report. There are no items for session action presented.

9. **Conversation around Mike's 2018 Goals:** Mike's first goal of establishing a standing personnel committee has been accomplished. There has been progress on the second goal of communication with the posting of annual report, session minutes and reports, and sermons posted on website.
10. **Other Conversations:** Session discussed committee collaboration for activities in front of the church steps during the Pride march in June.
11. **Next Meetings** Session: April 15, 2018 (Jim Dickson will lead prayer) Presbytery: Thursday, May 3 @ First PC Tullahoma
12. **Closing Prayer:** Motion to adjourn made and seconded and passed unanimously. Closing prayer led by Rev. Wilson at 3:07pm

Moderator

Clerk of Session