

Session Meeting of The Downtown Presbyterian Church, July 21, 2019

In Attendance: Rev Mike Wilson; Elders Debra Gentry, Mary Turner, Dave Coleman, Justin Near, Chuck Cardona, David Maddox, Jim Hoobler

Acting-Clerk: Justin Near

Moderator: Rev. Wilson

Excused/Absent: Elders Vickie Coffin, Jack Henderson; Treasurer Jack Koontz

1. **Opening prayer** – Dave Coleman at 12:40pm
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Agenda approved with unanimous voice vote
3. **Approval of minutes from June 16, 2019** – Minutes approved with changes from email chain.
4. **Moderator's Report** – see accompanying report; Highlights - lots of Meetups w/ Mike; Heidi Hall has had a relapse; New Member class has 5 attending
5. **Treasurer's Report** – No report; Treasurer reported via email that we are doing well (giving is up and there was a corporation draw); discussion was had about David submitting our two annual grants for our homeless program and the possibility of someone taking on grant finding and writing
6. **Clerk's Report** – No report; clerk not in attendance.
7. **Committee Reports** – Reports should be limited to items for action only.

General – discussion around the possibility of all committees meeting on the same day (Sunday) at the same time (after church) at the same place (DPC); no decisions made

Building & History/ Facility Manager – see #8.

Education & Evangelism – no report.

Finance – no report.

Hospitality – met June 20, see accompanying report.

Outreach – met June 30, see accompanying report.

Saturday Breakfast Coordinators – met June 23, see accompanying report.

Personnel – met June 26 for Dena Swoner review; Debra and possibly other committee members attending Board of Pensions overview Presbytery meeting.

Worship & Art – met July 10; printed report; highlights include possible return of The Contributor's The Disposables photograph series in the Fellowship Hall (December)

Communications task force – Facebook organ page is no longer; Holly has followed up with a Facebook strategy that Justin needs to organize and forward to admins; Holly is following up with local flyer delivery; Justin will be following up on various communications needs based on several classes she took this week at NAMM

8. Facility Manager's report – see accompanying report; highlights include discussion on parking priority and policies (determined that staff, headed by Mike, will lead proposal); wedding coordinator - determined not to have a need, but had a discussion around needing a facility/wedding steward and/or liaison; wedding rental guidelines are being rewritten and a draft will be proposed at next meeting

9. Participating in an urban ministry study through the Rev. Charlie Curb Center for Faith Leadership at Belmont School of Theology and Religion – Thriving Congregations Initiative; involves no financial burden, one preliminary meeting, and one interview/meeting; information and best practices will be shared back with us once study is complete; Mike and Dave will attend preliminary meeting on July 30, 8am (Debra will be back-up)

10. Grace on a Plate – oral report from Mike on meeting with Ed Cantwell and further conversation; Mike reiterated our major concerns; Ed will come back to us to discuss further if needed
11. John Bell in Nashville September 28; Second PC and DPC as co-sponsors – see attached write-up and promo
12. Further discussion of Capital Infrastructure Investment plan (light discussion - asked for timeline of 2nd floor nursery and bathroom)
13. Continued Conversation around identity, mission and long-term goals, including New Beginnings material, Mike's musings, October visioning session, etc. (tabled for now)
14. Next Meetings
 - Session: August 18 (third Sunday)
 - September 22 (fourth Sunday)
 - October 27 (fourth Sunday)
 - Presbytery: Thursday, October 17, Second Presbyterian Church
15. Closing Prayer – Meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev Wilson at 3:04pm