

# *Session Meeting of The Downtown Presbyterian Church*

May 19, 2019

**Moderator:** Rev. Mike Wilson

**Clerk:** Jack Henderson

**In Attendance:** Rev. Wilson – Moderator, Jeff Koontz – Treasurer, Elders Jack Henderson – Clerk, Deborah Gentry, David Maddox, Vickie Coffin, Jim Hoobler, Chuck Cardona

**Excused:** Justin Near, Dave Coleman, Mary Turner

1. **Opening prayer** – Opened by Rev Wilson at 12:50pm
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Approved with change to move Grace on a Plate discussion earlier.
3. **Attestation of approval of minutes from March 17, 2019 meeting** – Minutes were approved via email prior to this meeting.
4. **Moderator's Report** – see accompanying report.
5. **Treasurer's Report** – See accompanying report. Discussion pertained to pledges being different than budgeted and if we expect to catch up over the year.
6. **Grace on a Plate proposal** – GoAP toured the space recently and expressed continued interest in utilizing our space for a weekday lunch program. Concerns and questions from DPC about cost, use of space, investment have been expressed. GoAP representatives will be attending next Session meeting in June.
7. **Clerk's Report** - Membership transfer: Amy Harkness and Amelia Hahn from First PC to DPC. Motion to receive Amy and Amelia into membership was carried unanimously. Libby Shoulders passed away and will be taken off Rolls. Jimmy Cheshire made a donation in her honor.

8. **Committee Reports** – Oral reports should be limited to items for action only.

Building & History – see accompanying report. No items for action

Education & Evangelism – see accompanying report. No items for action

Finance & Administration – see accompanying report. No items for action

Hospitality—see accompanying reports. No items for action.

Outreach—see accompanying report. No items for action.

Personnel-see accompanying report - Program to develop stronger personal relationships with the pastor, tentatively titled “Coffee with Mike” will be developed. Individuals can reach out to him for meet ups and conversation.

Worship & Art – see accompanying report. Discussion pertained to returning worship to the Chapel in the summer following renovations.

Communications task force – see accompanying report. No items for action.

9. **Nashville Pride participation** – Pride is June 22. The parade route is shorter this year, not passing the church and only going down Broadway this year. Middle TN presbytery will be marching in the parade with their own banner. DPC will have their own sign as a participant congregation with congregants volunteering to join the march.

10. **John Bell in Nashville September 28**; Second PC and DPC as co-sponsors for the workshop that will be hosted at 2PC and would be publicized throughout both and other churches. Event would be two sessions broken up by lunch.

11. **Further discussion of Capital Infrastructure Investment plan** – Discussion covered plans for the bathrooms upstairs (two single unisex bathrooms with interior lock) and HVAC renovations. A motion for the new proposal for stained glass in Narthex, that was not in the capital plan, to be referred to the Building and History committee for discussion. B&H notes that this proposal was not brought before the committee.

12. **Continued Conversation around identity, mission and long-term goals, including New Beginnings material, Mike's musings, October visioning session, etc.** – Discussion touched on our identity as a truly welcoming congregation to all walks of life, not just on Saturdays but on Sundays.
13. **Next Meetings** Session: June 16, 2019 Presbytery: Thursday, May 30 at Trinity PC Nashville – David Maddox will attend.

Pastor Mike will be on vacation on Sunday, September 15 (back on the job on Monday, Sept. 16). Hospitality would like to schedule the Cauldron Cook-off on October 20. Possible session schedules are:

- One meeting for Sept./Oct. on Sept. 22, 29 or Oct. 6.
- Meeting on Sept. 22 and Oct. 27 – **THIS PLAN WAS ADOPTED**
- Meet on Sunday, Sept. 22 and Monday, Oct. 21
- Something else

14. **Closing Prayer** - Meeting adjourned at 2:55pm and closed with prayer by Rev. Wilson