

## **Session Meeting for Downtown Presbyterian Church**

### **August 18, 2019**

**In attendance:** Rev Mike Wilson, Moderator; Jeff Koontz, Treasurer; Elders Jack Henderson, Mary Turner, Dave Coleman, David Maddox (via phone), Jim Hoobler, Vickie Coffin, and Chuck Cardona. Also in attendance: Brenda & Jonathan Hutchins and Leslie Hughes

**Excused:** Debra Gentry

**Moderator:** Rev. Wilson

**Clerk:** Jack Henderson

1. **Opening prayer:** Led by Jack Henderson at 12:58pm
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Whitney Pearson was taken off this meeting's membership approval due to her inability to attend. Approval for Jonathan's baptism was also added to the agenda. Agenda with additions were approved with a unanimous voice vote.
3. **Approval (or attestation of approval) of minutes from July 21st meeting:** Clerk attested that minutes have been approved before meeting.
4. **Reception of new members: Brenda & Jonathan Hutchins, Leslie Hughes:** Jonathan and Brenda shared information about themselves and why they are committing to join DPC. Discussion pertained to their personal interests in different missions of the church. Leslie Hughes, who has been attending and participating in the life of the church for years, discussed her decision to formally join. Rev. Wilson moved that Brenda, Jonathan, and Leslie be received into membership with an additional authorization for Jonathan's baptism. Motion was carried with a resounding unanimous voice vote. Liturgy for receiving them into the church and baptism was scheduled for the First of September.
5. **Approval of Baptism of Jonathan Hutchins:** Authorized during previous agenda item.
6. **Moderator's Report:** See accompanying report for information. No items for Session action.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Reports for June, July, and a mid-year report are attached. Rachel Hayes has agreed to take over as Treasurer from Jeff Koontz in 2020. Jeff recommended committees that the budget process is upcoming so new budgets should be forthcoming.
8. **Clerk's Report:** Nothing to report and no actions needed.
9. **Committee Reports:** Oral reports should be limited to items for action only.

- a. **General:** Discussion was continued on the topic of holding all committee meetings on a given Sunday. Having meetings around worship might increase attendance and free up other nights for members. No Session action needed for this as committees can choose to meet whenever.
  - b. **Building & History** – met August 11, see accompanying report. There is a proposal for an electronic key-pad lock on the alleyway gate near the parking lot. Motion out of committee required no second and was approved with a majority.
  - c. **Education & Evangelism** – No report attached.
  - d. **Finance** – met August 11, see accompanying report. Discussion was started on fundraising efforts and a group that will focus on fundraising and grant applications. The need for a professional auditor was also brought up for possible eventual action.
  - e. **Hospitality** – met July 22, see accompanying report. No action needed.
  - f. **Outreach** – met August 8, see accompanying report. No action needed.
  - g. **Saturday Breakfast Coordinators** – did not meet since last session meeting. Open table will be hosting a training on 10/13 on guest management, de-escalation, and increasing a sense of community/ communication.
  - h. **Personnel** – did not meet since last session meeting.
  - i. **Worship & Art** – met August 11, see accompanying report. Motion to extend worship in the Chapel though 9/22/19 with move back to Sanctuary on 9/29/19 was presented and approved with a unanimous vote.
  - j. **Communications task force** – no accompanying report. No action needed.
10. **Facility Manager’s report:** No separate report was added to this month’s agenda. Some report was included in the B&H report.
11. **Participating in an urban ministry study through the Rev. Charlie Curb Center for Faith Leadership at Belmont School of Theology and Religion:** Nothing to report beyond moderator’s report.
12. **Grace on a Plate:** We are still waiting for a new proposal and details from GoaP before any further discussion and action.
13. **John Bell in Nashville September 28; Second PC and DPC as co-sponsors:** Mike spoke about this event in Worship. A few volunteers will be needed from DPC to help out during event.
14. **Further discussion of Capital Infrastructure Investment plan (if needed):** Upstairs bathrooms and nursery moving will be next projects. There was a conversation on making the new bathrooms upstairs gender neutral.
15. **Continued Conversation around identity, mission and long-term goals, including New Beginnings material, Mike’s musings, October visioning session, etc.** (No further discussion)

**16. Next Meetings:**

- a. Session: September 22 (fourth Sunday) – Vickie Coffin will lead opening prayer
- b. October 27 (fourth Sunday)
- c. November 17 (third Sunday)
- d. December 16 (third Sunday)
- e. Presbytery: Thursday, October 17, Second Presbyterian Church

**17. Closing Prayer and Adjournment:** Offered by Rev Wilson on 2:57pm