

Session Meeting for Downtown Presbyterian Church
September 22, 2019

In attendance: Rev Mike Wilson, Moderator; Jeff Koontz, Treasurer; Elders Jack Henderson, Mary Turner, Dave Coleman, David Maddox, Jim Hoobler, Vickie Coffin, Chuck Cardona, Justin Near, and Debra Gentry

Excused: None

Moderator: Rev. Wilson

Clerk: Jack Henderson

1. **Opening prayer:** Vickie Coffin led opening prayer at 12:53pm

2. **Approval of Agenda:** nominating committee agenda changed from “still securing elder nominees” to “Set congregational meeting”. Agenda approved

3. **Approval (or attestation of approval) of minutes from August 18 meeting:** Minutes were not approved ahead of this meeting. Correction was made to the spelling of Leslee Hughes’s name (was misspelled “Leslie”). Minutes with change were approved unanimously.

4. **Moderator’s Report:** see accompanying report. No items for action.

5. **Treasurer’s Report:** See accompanying report. No items for action.

6. **Clerk’s Report:** No reports or action needed.

7. **Committee Reports:** Oral reports should be limited to items for action only.
 - a. **Personnel** – met September 18. Paulino will now be working at DPC on Sunday mornings. Descriptions of his duties and reasons for change are in session packet. Personnel committee had and Session began conversation about the upcoming decision with Rev. Wilson’s tenure as Pastor next year.
 - b. **Building & History** – met September 18, see accompanying report. No Items for action.
 - c. **Education & Evangelism** – Discussion was had around the adult Sunday school series, greeters, and Sunday mornings.
 - d. **Finance** – met September 18, see accompanying report. A corporation draw was requested by the finance committee, pre-approved by the corporation, and was approved by the Session with a unanimous voice vote. See chart below:

		<i>Capitol</i>		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Improvement</i>	<i>Operations</i>	<i>Comment</i>
18-Sep	Request by Finance Committee	10,000	40,000	New lighting
	Pre-approved by Corporation			
22-Sep	Approved by Session	15,000	40,000	Final approval

- e. **Hospitality** – see accompanying report. No items for Session action.
- f. **Outreach** – met September 19. No Items for Session action
- g. **Saturday Breakfast Coordinators** – did not meet since last session meeting. Open Table “de-escalation” training has been postponed.
- n. **Worship & Art** – next meeting September 29. Nothing for Session action

- i. **Communications task force** – A meeting will be scheduled for late October for before worship.
- j. **Nominating Committee** – Congregational meeting will be set as there are three members who have accepted their nomination. Motion to set October 6th for a congregational meeting to elect the new Elders was approved unanimously. The nominees are Jake Byl, Holly Kellar, and Erin Bell.

8. **Facility Manager’s report:** Most FM information is in B&H report. The dumpster will be leaving the alley parking lot on September 27th. The Session reached a consensus to begin construction on the upstairs bathrooms in January, 2020.

9. **Participating in an urban ministry study through the Rev. Charlie Curb Center for Faith Leadership at Belmont School of Theology and Religion:** see accompanying report.

10. **Grace on a Plate:** No conversation needed as there are no new movements on this.

11. **John Bell in Nashville September 28; Second PC and DPC as co-sponsors:** we need some DPC volunteers.

12. **Further discussion of Capital Infrastructure Investment plan (if needed):** No Session action needed at this time.

13. **Next Meetings:**

Session: October 27 (fourth Sunday) – Jack Henderson will lead prayer

November 17 (third Sunday)

December 15 (third Sunday)

Presbytery: Thursday, October 17, Second Presbyterian Church. Vickie Coffin will attend.

15. **Closing Prayer:** Adjourned with Prayer at 2:57pm

Clerk: _____

Date: _____

Moderator _____ Date:
