

Session Meeting for Downtown Presbyterian Church **October 27, 2019**

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

Excused: Elder Jim Hoobler

Moderator: Rev. Wilson

Clerk: Jack Henderson

1. **Opening prayer** - Led by Jack Henderson at 12:54pm
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Approved with corrections of the date of the December Session meeting and addition of landscaping as a topic of conversation to the B&H report.
3. **Approval of minutes from September 22 meeting** – Approved with unanimous voice vote.
4. **Moderator’s Report** – see accompanying report. Guest preacher on 11/10/19 will be Sarah Jordan.
5. **Treasurer’s Report:** See attached reports.
6. **Clerk’s Report:** No action to report. We’ve received correspondence from Jimmy Cheshire about a bequest of \$10,000 from Libby Shoulder’s estate to the church.
7. **Committee Reports** – Oral reports should be limited to items for action only.

Personnel – see accompanying report. No items for Session action.

Building & History – met October 23, see accompanying report. Discussion pertained to imminent HVAC upgrades and fundraising options and landscaping the “backyard” of the church. ***Request for a total allocation of \$2,500 for landscaping and planting, with \$500 spent to-date.*** Justin and Chuck discussed “mini-campaign” for community investment in the “backyard”. ***Motion to allocate aforementioned funding for the purpose of beginning landscaping and planting in the “backyard” was approved by a unanimous voice vote.***

Education & Evangelism – No session action needed. Discussion pertained to possible evening events and preparation for Advent.

Finance – Met October 23, see accompanying report. Stewardship campaign speakers for certain Sundays were discussed.

Hospitality – Met September 23, see accompanying report. No session action needed.

Outreach – Next meeting Nov. 5. No session action needed.

Saturday Breakfast Coordinators – Did not meet since last session meeting. Next meeting will be 11/24/19. No session action needed. Session had conversation on DPC community volunteers and growing the base as well as the need for conversation on clothes closet procedure.

Worship & Art – Last meeting September 29. Session had conversation on continuing to involve artists, like we did with Sarah, and plans for Advent.

Communications task force – Met Oct. 13, see accompanying report. Session had conversation on website and email structures and changes.

Nominating Committee – Working on at-large nominees for 2020. No session action needed.

8. **Facility Manager's report** – most FM info is in B&H report. Architects will come present on 2nd floor bathrooms in November. New towing sign are ordered for the parking lot.

9. **Grace on a Plate** – This item is just a place holder until we know if the proposal is really dead or alive. The ball is in their court.

10. **Further discussion of Capital Infrastructure Investment plan (if needed):** No discussion or Session items.

12. **Next Meetings:**

Session November 17 (third Sunday) – opening prayer leader: David Maddox

December 15 (third Sunday)

Presbytery: February, TBA

13. **Closing Prayer:** Session meeting adjourned with prayer at 2:51pm.