

Session Meeting Agenda – November 17

Excused:

1. Opening prayer – David Maddox
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval or attestation of approval of October 27 minutes
4. Presentation from Sorci and Swords Design on upstairs bathrooms (brief)
5. Moderator’s Report – *see accompanying report*
6. Treasurer’s Report
7. Clerk’s Report
8. Committee Reports – *Oral reports should be limited to items for action only.*
 - Personnel – *met Nov. 13*
 - Building & History –
 - Education & Evangelism – *see accompanying report*
 - Finance – *next meeting...*
 - Hospitality – *see accompanying report*
 - Outreach – *met October 5*
 - Saturday Breakfast Coordinators – *next meeting November 24*
 - Worship & Art –
 - Communications task force –
 - Nominating Committee – *working on at-large nominees for 2020*
9. Facility Manager’s report – *pending*
10. Congregational Care and Life issues
 - a. Scott McGinnis surgery Nov. 19
 - b. Greeters needed Nov. 24 and Dec. 1
11. Tabled, postponed or moribund issues (e.g. Grace on a Plate)
12. Further discussion of Capital Infrastructure Investment plan (*if needed*)
13. Continued Conversation around identity, mission and long-term goals, including New Beginnings material, Mike’s musings, October visioning session, etc.
14. Ordination and installation for new ruling elders – January 19 (to approve)
15. Next Meetings
 - Session December 16 (third Sunday)
 - Presbytery: February, TBA
16. Closing Prayer

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.

Pastor's Report (Mike Wilson)
October 28, 2019 – November 17, 2019

Worship services: 2 (was out November 10)

Sermons: 2

Visits, including hospital, coffee, breakfasts and lunches: 3

Tuesday Bible Study: 2

Saturday breakfast: 2

Note: *There were only three weeks between session meetings*

Meetings/Events:

- Bellevue AC meeting
- DPC new elder training
- Day 7 re-launch breakfast
- met with Stephanie Budwey and Erica Johnson on VDS/Poesis issues
- Attended the Awakening Soul conference in Ashville
- Personnel Committee meeting

Pastoral expenses – approx. <\$100

Study Leave & Vacation:

- June 20 – 27, 2020 – PCUSA General Assembly. I'll be a teaching elder commissioner from Middle TN Presbytery. One Sunday out, June 21 but also scheduling a guest preacher for June 28.

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Sunday School upcoming dates:

- Nov. 10 - *Making Sense of the Bible* by Adam Hamilton: The Old Testament in 15 Minutes (SS led by Stephanie Coleman)
- Nov. 17 - *Making Sense of the Bible* by Adam Hamilton : The New Testament in 15 Minutes (SS led by Stephanie Coleman)
- Nov. 24 - *Making Sense of the Bible* by Adam Hamilton: Difficult Issues and Questions (SS led by Stephanie Coleman)
- Dec. 1 - Advent lesson? (led by volunteer)
- Dec. 8 - Advent lesson? (led by volunteer)
- Dec. 15 - Advent lesson? (led by volunteer)
- Dec. 22 - Advent lesson? (led by Justin)
- Jan. 5 - Take a break or intergenerational Sunday School
- Jan. 12 - Take a break or intergenerational Sunday School
- Jan. 19 - Take a break or intergenerational Sunday School
- Jan. 26 - Take a break or intergenerational Sunday School

Special Events ideas:

- Faith-inspired music concert; 3-4 artists, play 2-3 songs each and then discuss meaning. Possible artists: Phil Madeira, Stephen Simmons, Will Kimbrough, Amelia White, Julie Lee, Sarah Dark, George & Emily Williamson
- Movie night and discussion (coordinate with Tom Wills)
- Interactive art with artist-in-residence Sarah Hart Landolt
- Guided meditation/yoga

Hospitality Committee Notes for November Session Meeting

Attendees: Co-chairs: David Coleman, Mary Turner

We have not met as a Committee for several months, primarily due to the number of activities we were conducting and just had to get them done.

Since last Session meeting, we've:

- Had the baby shower;
- November Art Crawl;
- Worked on updating the DPC post card;
- Worked on a holiday card;
- Trying to keep Greeter slots filled!

Upcoming events:

- Decorating for Christmas: Sunday, December 1. Will be our First Sunday lunch – but will be a potluck and decorate for Christmas and Waffle Shop
- Waffle Shop-Thursday, December 5th;
- Art Crawl – Saturday, December 7th

We need Greeters for: November 24 and Dec 1.