The Downtown Presbyterian Church Session
Meeting of January 26, 2020
Minutes

In Attendance: Debra Gentry, Holly Kellar, Jim Hoobler, Dave Coleman, Erin Bell, Mary Turner, Vickie Coffin, Jake Byl, and Moderator Rev. Mike Wilson, and David Maddox by teleconference

The meeting was opened by the Moderator, and Dave Coleman offered words of prayer at 12:50.

Approval of Agenda
Motion by Ms. Coffin to approve the meeting agenda; motion carried with a minor adjustment

Approval of December 15 meeting minutes
Motion by Mr. Hoobler, second from Mr. Coleman to approve the minutes of the December 15 Session meeting; motion carried

Moderator's Report – see accompanying report

Election of Treasurer and Clerk of Session
Rachel Hayes and Vickie Coffin were nominated and elected unanimously

Treasurer's Report
Motion from Mr. Byl, second from Ms. Gentry to approve the proposed 2020 DPC budget; the motion carried

Clerk's Report
The Clerk presented Erin Bell, Jake Byl, and Holly Kellar for ordination as Ruling Elders on Sunday, January 19.

Committee Reports
2020 Committee organization - Mr. Byl is onboard for Finance & Administration; Ms. Bell was asked to chair the newly created (or revived) Committee on Congregational Care; she will talk around to gauge interest; Ms. Kellar is to take up leadership of the Communications Committee (CommComm)
Building & History – met January 15, see accompanying report
Issues for discussion: Received a request to use the DPC chapel and Parlor 2 for the training of 2020 census takers on 6 occasions in April and May; the training will be led by Denny Harris; Mr. Harris must make sure people are helping with building security
Motion from Ms. Kellar to approve the request with adequate security, second from Mr. Hoobler; the motion carried
Finance & Administration – met January 15, see accompanying report
Motion from Mr. Byl with second from Mr. Coleman to request a draw from the DPC endowment of $30,000 for support of Church operations; the motion carried
Hospitality – next meeting January 30
Issues for discussion: Wedding coordinator conversation; artist in residence, Ava Kashani, has experience with a wedding chapel, may be willing to become the Church's wedding coordinator; session gives approval to go down this path

Saturday Breakfast Coordinators –
Issues for discussion: April 26 training from Open Table on dealing with the disruptive guest; more volunteer coordinators are needed; need to look into volunteer signup solution

Worship & Arts – next meeting February 2
Issues for discussion: Lent and Holy Week services; two services on Ash Wednesday - communion and disposition of ashes; four new artists-in-residence

Nominating Committee – At-large nominees have been secured; they will be nominated and elected at the annual meeting in February

Conversation around formalizing committee membership
Issues for discussion: Discussion of pros and cons of formally naming members who have decision-making roles in committees; pro is that people will feel more empowered with ownership; con is that our membership is somewhat thin to support this concept

Facility Manager's report
Motion from the Building and History Committee to approve expenses up to $7,000 for new flooring and window treatment in the space on the second floor to be used for the nursery; motion carried

Congregational Care and Life issues
Michael Korak is in need of our concern

Project Thrive report
Ms. Turner and Ms. Bell will go with Rev. Wilson to the dinner at Belmont University

Offering Counters
Mike to send out new schedule on Monday

Next Meetings
Session: February 16
Presbytery: Saturday, February 1, at First PC Tullahoma
Ms. Kellar is to act as elder commissioner
Congregational Meeting: February 26

Opening prayer at next meeting
Ms. Gentry volunteered

Closing Prayer
Motion to close the meeting by Ms. Gentry, followed by a closing prayer at 3:13.

Rev. Mike Wilson, DPC Session Moderator

Vickie Coffin, Clerk of Session