

The Downtown Presbyterian Church
Session Meeting of March 15, 2020
Minutes

A meeting of the Downtown Presbyterian Church (DPC) Session was held on Sunday, March 15, 2020.

In Attendance: Erin Bell, Debra Gentry, Jim Hoobler, Dave Coleman, David Maddox, Holly Kellar, Treasurer Rachel Hayes, Mary Turner, Moderator Rev. Mike Wilson, and Clerk of Session Vickie Coffin; Jake Byl joined by teleconference.

The meeting was opened with words of prayer from Rev. Wilson at 12:36 PM.

Approval of Agenda

A revised bare bones agenda was followed, needing no approval.

Approval of February 16, 2020 minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the previous meeting from Mr. Hoobler, second from Ms. Gentry; the motion carried.

Moderator's Report – see accompanying report

Treasurer's Report– see accompanying report

Clerk's Report

A letter of transfer has been received from Nashville's Westminster Presbyterian Church for Mary Ann Maddin.

Motion to approve the membership transfer from Mr. Hoobler, second from Mr. Coleman; the motion carried.

COVID-19 planning

Considering a response to the spreading coronavirus, each elder voiced an opinion as to how we might worship and continue DPC operations in the coming weeks.

Motion to discontinue sanctuary worship for two weeks from Mr. Maddox, second from Mr. Hoobler; the Session will meet virtually weekly on Thursdays beginning March 19 to revisit the issue; the motion carried.

Motion from Ms. Kellar with second from Mr. Coleman to explore options with the hope of providing live streaming worship on Sundays at 11:00; this is to be a synchronous experience; a task of the Communications Committee (CommComm) along with the Worship Committee; the motion carried.

Motion from Mr. Maddox with second from Ms. Coffin to task the Pastor along with CommComm and the Worship Committee with creating virtual small groups of DPC family and friends; the small groups are to be led by elders (or others); the groups will commune and provide care, support, nurture to each other; the motion carried.

Motion from Mr. Coleman with second from Ms. Gentry to have Saturday Breakfast supplies delivered to The Cookery, where they will be assembled into paper bags to be picked up by DPC volunteers; the bags are to be distributed outdoors on DPC property by a few volunteers; the process is to be reassessed by the Session each Thursday during its virtual meeting; the motion carried.

Committee Reports

Finance – met March 11

Mr. Byl requests approval of a transfer of \$30k from the endowment for DPC operations.

Motion from the Finance Committee; the motion carried.

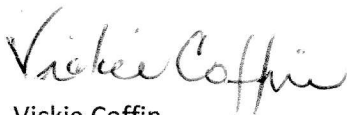
Nominating Committee – Pastor Mike will convene the 2020 NomComm in May

Next Meetings

Session: March 19 via Zoom web conferencing

Presbytery: Thursday, May 21 – Blue Spring Church, Sparta

Following a **motion** to adjourn from Ms. Coffin at 2:35 PM, a closing prayer was offered by Rev. Wilson.



Vickie Coffin
Clerk of the Session

Rev. Mike Wilson
Moderator