

The Downtown Presbyterian Church
Session Meeting of April 19, 2020
Minutes

A virtual (Zoom) meeting of the Session of The Downtown Presbyterian Church (DPC) was held on Sunday, April 19, 2020.

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

Opening prayer from Rev. Wilson at 3:05 PM.

Kinks are being worked out of the Facebook Live Sunday worship service.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of March 15, 2020, minutes

Motion from Mr. Hoobler, second from Mr. Maddox to approve the minutes from the March meeting of the Session; motion carried.

Moderator's Report – see accompanying report

Our guest pastor on Sunday, May 3, will be Mary Louise McCullough, who will deliver the sermon.

Motion to continue virtual services through the month of May from Ms. Coffin, second from Ms. Kellar; motion carried

Treasurer's Report - see attached report

The operating deficit for the month was about \$30k, so the previous month's endowment draw essentially went to operations.

Motion from the Finance and Admin. Committee to draw \$25k from the endowment each of the three months beginning April; motion carried.

An application for a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan, submitted by Mr. Byl, is yet to be processed by SunTrust Bank; there's no prediction on the forgivable loan.

Committee Reports

Building & History –

Susie Lane wants to paint the nursery spaces; all capital improvement projects are on hold; the hallway between Fellowship Hall and the Chapel could use a fresh coat of paint.

Finance – met online April 16

The value of DPC Corporation investments has dropped some, but not as bad as it could be; the Finance Committee will send communications to all pledgers to explain options for giving; newly created ACS method of donating online.

Hospitality –

Be thinking about the logistics of reopening the sanctuary; consider signage for when the church is opened up.

Outreach – met online in March

Saturday Breakfast Coordinators –

Open Table training for Saturday breakfast has been postponed.

Five people assemble food bags on Fridays, five people distribute them on Saturdays; the cost from Gordon Food Service is about \$350 each week; 150 bags is practical; it seems that 125 people are being served; they are calm; other groups are handing out food downtown; if people want to help, they should donate funds rather than food; suggest adding text to the SignUp Genius site to solicit donations.

Worship & Art –

Artists are occasionally using their spaces; Mr. Maddox has urged them to take care of themselves; request to put up the parking lot chain when the last car leaves. Can artists present a virtual tour of their spaces?

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

Congregational Care and Life issues

Online meetups have gone smoothly, but only one person attends regularly; Rev. Wilson has no reservations about doing this, but asks for feedback from the Session; it may be possible to include Christian Ed sorts of formats in Zoom meetings.

Amanda and Matt Abfalter's baby, Dahlia, is healthy, all are well.

Next Meetings

Session: May 17

Presbytery: Thursday, May 21 – cancelled

Next month's opening prayer to be given by Mr. Byl.

Following a **motion** from Ms. Coffin, the meeting was closed at 4:55 PM.

Rev. Mike Wilson, Moderator
The Downtown Presbyterian Church



Vickie Coffin, Clerk of Session
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Meetings of the Downtown Presbyterian Church (DPC) Session were held via web conferencing in April, 2020. Discussions focused on operations during the coronavirus epidemic.

Monday, April 6, 2020:

In Attendance: Jake Byl, Erin Bell, Dave Coleman, Holly Kellar, David Maddox, Mary Turner, Moderator Rev. Mike Wilson, and Clerk of Session Vickie Coffin

Rev. Wilson offered words of prayer at 11:02 AM.

Discussion Keywords:

COVID tests

Finances:

Banks are overwhelmed with applications for Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans. An invoice for The Cookery is being sent to DPC. An update from Jake from the Finance Committee is requested for our next meeting.

Saturday Breakfast:

Light group; the Mission is having its residents stay onsite (Safer at Home). All food purchases will now be from Gordon Food Service. The shower truck is showing up more frequently on Jefferson St.

Worship:

Many thanks. The Facebook Live service didn't go exactly as expected; a Facebook feature to live stream from different sites was discontinued. It's possible that Zoom might have an alternative. Suggestions included Mike playing music, William's parts being fitted into the single Facebook Live stream. William wants to improve the sound quality of his parts.

Small Groups:

More Zoom group chats will be announced.

The meeting was ended at 11:38.

Monday, April 13, 2020:

In Attendance: Debra Gentry, Jake Byl, Holly Kellar, Mary Turner, David Maddox, Dave Coleman, Erin Bell, Moderator Rev. Mike Wilson, and Clerk of Session Vickie Coffin

Rev. Wilson offered words of prayer at 11:07 AM.

Discussion Issues:

30 logins to the Good Friday Zoom service; recurring Session meetings on Sundays at 3:00; artist agreements; Paulino's activities, cleaning

Finances:

Jake is hoping to gather people in a meeting of the Finance & Administration committee before our next Session meeting; short version is finances aren't great, but we won't go under soon; we will dip into the endowment when needed. There may be no more checks coming in from artists during the lockdown. Small Business Administration loans are meant to keep people on the payroll; there's no expected funding date from the loan. Michael Korak is working remotely with contractors as much as he can.

Saturday Breakfast:

Dave Coleman reports that 150 bags were handed out this past Saturday; it went well; Chris Leonard came to help; all food is coming from Gordon Food Service; Mary Turner or Dave picks it up; cost is about \$350 a week; 4 or 5 volunteers on Friday afternoon and on Saturday morning seems just right; folding tables need to be wiped with disinfectant

Worship:

Can links to the Orders of Worship be put on Facebook? Holly is to take this task on.

Small Groups:

Hopefully, nobody feels left out. Mike is going through the directory and calling on people.

The meeting was ended at 11:38.

Vickie Coffin