

The Downtown Presbyterian Church
Session Meeting of December 20, 2020
Minutes

An online (Zoom) meeting of the Session of The Downtown Presbyterian Church (DPC) was held on Sunday, December 20, 2020.

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

An opening prayer was offered by Mr. Coleman at 3:09 PM.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda from Mr. Maddox, second from Ms. Gentry; the motion carried.

Approval of minutes from November 22 meeting

Motion to approve minutes from the November meeting from Ms. Gentry, second from Mr. Byl; the motion carried.

Moderator's Report – see posted report

Treasurer's Report – see posted report

Ms. Hayes's epidemiology report: Guidance of an 8-person cap on gatherings has put a halt to in-person worshiping. It's going to take a while for vaccinations to have an effect. Maybe the last 3 or 4 months of 2021 will be more like normal.

Clerk's Report

Committee Assignments for 2021:

- Ms. Coffin to continue as a non-voting Clerk of Session
- Mr. Tom Byl to chair the Education Committee
- Ms. Hughes to chair the Personnel Committee
- Ms. Bell to chair the Communications Committee (CommComm)
- Mr. Wills to chair the Fishes and Loaves Committee (if he accepts)
- Ms. Zavaro to continue as chair of the Outreach Committee

Committee Reports

Building & History – met December 19

Finance – met December 19

2021 Budget Presentation:

Proposing a 3% increase for non-pastor staff.

Action Item: Ms. Bell will write a job description for a videographer to film and edit worship services during pandemic times. This expense should be added to the budget.

Hospitality –
Will plan a Zoom reception for Rev. Wilson sometime in January

Outreach – met November 19 – *see posted report*

Fishes & Loaves – met December 10

Worship & Arts –
We will want to have two months of pulpit supply pastors to lead worship services after Rev. Wilson's departure. An interim pastor should be hired by March.

Motion from Mr. J. Byl stating that Mr. Maddox has our approval to seek and designate pulpit supply pastors for Sundays in January and February, second from Mr. Coleman; the motion carried

Communications Committee – met December 9

Nominating Committee –
The NomComm will work on at-large NomComm members for 2021

Congregational Care and Life issues

Chuck Johnston, Andy Dailey, Suzie Lane's mother are in need of compassion

Next Meetings and reminders:

Session: Sunday, January 17, 2021 at 3:00 PM

Annual meeting reports due: January 17, 2021

Annual congregational meeting: Sunday, February 28

The opening prayer at the Session's January meeting will be given by Ms. Turner.

Motion to adjourn from Ms. Coffin

Closing Prayer from Rev. Wilson at 4:43 PM.

Rev. Mike Wilson
Moderator of Session
The Downtown Presbyterian Church



Vickie Coffin
Clerk of Session