

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Stated Meeting of Session
John R. Moody, Moderator
Jay Morris, Clerk of Session
March 15, 2017

Elders Present: Kirsten Adams, Ken Archibald, Krisha Horn, Carolyn Lawrence (2019), Susan Ray, Carol Richmond, Lucy Foster, Cindi Chinnock, Pamela Schmidling (2018), Jim Keehner, Reg Tenney (2017).

Elders Absent/Excused: Ralph Morgan

Guests: Pastor and Moderator John Moody, and Jo Kerr representing the Deacons.

Agenda and Key Action Items

Pastor Moody opened the meeting with prayer at 7:00

Approval Of Minutes from Stated Meeting of February 15, 2017 **MSC**

Approval of Minutes from Congregational Meeting of January 29, 2017 **MSC**

March Clerk's Report-Jay Morris

Clerk's Report for March 15, 2017

Communion: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on March 1, Ash Wednesday; Communion was taken to shut-ins by teams of deacons and elders as an extension of these services.

Deaths: Marian Summers, February 8, 2017

Membership Changes: None

Correspondence: A certificate of transfer for William "Bill" Edmiston was received from Community Lutheran Church of Las Vegas, Nevada.

Baptisms: None

Marriages: None

Approval of the report was **MSC**.

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Deacons (Jo Kerr) Peggy Nelson took over for Cynthia Currin

The 18 Deacons are sometimes finding it difficult to keep up with all their responsibilities as each one has an average of 30 people

Budget update Cindi Chinnock-There was no financial report because we switched accounting systems, and with tax season slowing us down, it will probably be late April before the next financial report comes out. Cindi will meet with Buildings and Grounds and talk to them about how their budget works to make clearer in what areas the money is being used. Other committees can do a similar thing with Cindi if necessary.

AI update/Date for 60th Anniversary Celebration Planning Team: A committee has been formed to plan the celebration for next fall and Lucy Foster will head up a meeting of the new committee next Thursday, March 23.

Mission/Peace (Lucy) -The Committee is very busy. SOAR this week will be a video about refugee camps/detention centers in the United States. The purpose is to help people understand what is going on in the United States in the refugee crisis. The Supper Club, a new monthly meeting, begins Monday at WPC supporting refugee services for Salem refugees. Luncheon fellowship will be April 12. Blessing of the Animals is coming up.

Nominating (Ken)-The committee was apprised of the concept of cancelling the Gifts and Memorials committee. However, a newer member, Dwane Brenneman, is now in the mix as someone with a good background in finance that believes that maintaining the committee could provide a positive impact on the church's finances. This will be followed up upon. Session designated April 2 as the Sunday to officially elect the new deacons and elders. Four of the six deacon positions have been filled, as are two of the five elder positions. It was **MSC** for the election of officers to be held at the April 2 congregational meeting. The meeting will be held between the 8:15 and 9:45. **MSC**

Staff Reports

Pastor John Moody-The Staff and personnel chair are being kept aware of Gail's health issue and the staff is doing their best to continue with their work. There was a Presbytery meeting over the weekend, and Deanie Anderson attended for WPC. Some 200 people were in attendance. Technology grants are available online. A revision of the Book of Worship is going on and it is now 9,000 words shorter. Presbytery staffing is a work in progress. We will have one only Presbytery administrator in this area (there had been three). So we do not have as much staff support as there used to be. Reserves and endowments have increased. Mission giving has increased 8+%. There are 100 churches in our Presbytery.

Director of Christian Ed-No report

Two-Minute Drill (quick update on your area of ministry)

Personnel (Jim) no report

Gifts and Memorials (Ralph) absent, no report

Stewardship (Reg)-The committee is getting ready for The One great hour of Sharing.

Fellowship (Susan)-May 20 is the next Dinners for Eight

Worship (Carol) Krisha and David did a great job helping out the last two weeks. Carol, in an effort to help people become more comfortable with serving on the committee, is going to reduce the number of monthly committee meetings from 10 to 5 and has created a notebook for elders/members to help them understand what an elder and/or committee member does. It included a well-defined listing of all the people who have been involved with the team. On April 22, Earth Day, John will be Blessing the animals in the parking lot. All three services on Sunday the 23rd will include the Blessing, as the theme and service animals will be included in two of our services.

Outreach (Pamela)-no report

Family Ministry (Kirsten) Cinco de Mayo parents' night out is coming up. The committee is collecting toys to be included in the Easter egg roll.

Adult Ed (Krisha) Lenten explosion has gone well. A lot of people have stepped up to help. SOAR on Sunday the 19th focusing on immigrant detention centers in the U.S.

Children's Ministry (Carolyn)-One great hour of sharing banks have been sent out and will be brought back on Palm Sunday. Carolyn will be out for surgery but all positions are covered through Easter. We have had our first VBS planning meeting, and have a good head start. This Sunday (the 19th) is the daffodil trip to Hidden Lakes.

Buildings and Grounds-no report

Youth-No report

Adjourn (**MSC**) with Prayer by Pastor Moody at 8:20.

John Moody, Moderator

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