

Session Meeting
 First Presbyterian Church
 Davenport, Iowa
 July 15, 2019

The regular meeting of the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Davenport, Iowa was held in Von Maur Hall on Monday, July 15, 2019.

Moderator Rev. Pat Halverson called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and opened with prayer.

	Class of 2019		Class of 2020		Class 2021
P	Stephanie Arp <i>Finance</i>	P	Samantha Crow <i>Worship & Music</i>	p	Paula Burnett <i>Hospitality & Welcome</i>
A	Peter Bawden <i>Buildings & Grounds</i>	P	Barbara Ehrmann <i>Adult Christian Education</i>		<i>Finance</i>
P	Marty Bowles Edwards <i>Clerk of Session</i>	P	Michael Ferris <i>Worship & Music</i>	p	Jeffrey Gomez <i>Congregational Development and Fellowship</i>
P	Sarah Greim <i>Christian Ed. & Fellowship for Youth</i>	P	Dick Koos <i>Personnel</i>	p	Jim Keenan <i>Adult Christian Education</i>
P	Matt Kabel <i>Buildings & Grounds</i>	P	Pamela Paulsen <i>Finance</i>	p	Merlyn Pete Madden <i>Buildings & Grounds</i>
P	Jane Magnusson <i>Christian Ed. & Fellowship for Youth; Worship & Music</i>	P	RuthAnn Tobey-Brown <i>Personnel</i>	p	Diane Roebuck <i>Christian Education & Fellowship for Youth</i>
P	Kristine Oswald <i>Worship & Music</i>	P	James Woods <i>Hospitality & Welcoming</i>	E	Karla Ruiter <i>Congregational Development and Fellowship</i>
P	Jeanne Sherwood <i>Hospitality & Welcoming; Nominating</i>			p	Don Wood <i>Worship & Music</i>

The Elders Roll (P=Present; E=Excused; A=Absent)

A quorum was present.

Staff members:

E	Rev Katie Styr <i>Associate Pastor Moderator</i>	E	Tiffany McClure, CRE <i>Director of Christian Education</i>
P	Matthew Bishop <i>Director of Music</i>	p	Kristine Olson <i>Finance Manager</i>
P	Darren Long <i>Facilities & Custodial Supervisor</i>		

Deacons' Representative:

E	Ted Brown <i>Deacons' Moderator</i>
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Guests:

P	Anita Burnett <i>Administrative Commission</i>	p	Pat Halverson <i>Administrative Commission</i>
E	Sam Massey <i>Administrative Commission</i>	p	Jeff Charis Carlson <i>Administrative Commission</i>

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On motion, the agenda was unanimously approved as amended.

DEACONS' REPORT –No report this month because the Board of Deacons did not meet.

STAFF REPORTS

Matt Bishop

- The musical, How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying, was presented June 29 & 30, 2019.
- Ticket Sales for the show, in addition to the PAS Series Patron Program, equaled \$3,041 which exceeded the budgeted amount of \$1,900.

Darren Long

- Phase one of the Stained-Glass Window Refurbishing was completed.
- Phase two will be not begin for approximately 1 1/2 years due to the back log of work for the company providing the service.

Kristine Olson

- June Financials are not yet prepared for sharing due to a combination of factors:
 - The added demands of a busy VBC week
 - Storm inflicted technology damage to the churches' Wi-Fi.
 - Triage and troubleshooting damages.
 - Service provider concluded the WI-FI system is in need of improvements.
 - Use of the newly installed security cameras will be enhanced with improved WI-FI.

On motion, the following CONSENT AGENDA items were approved as presented electronically:

- The minutes of the regular Session Meeting held June 12, 2019.
- **The REPORT OF THE CLERK OF SESSION** (A full copy of the June 2019 Clerk's report presented to the Session at the July 15, 2019 Session Meeting can be found in the Appendix of the official 2019 Session minutes.)

I. REQUESTS FOR ACTION:

***Baptismal Approval**

Franklin Cole Boyler
Son of Allison Leigh (Stafford) Boyler and
David Michael Boyler
Date of Birth: December 20, 2018

Date

June 30, 2019

Place of Birth: Davenport, Iowa

***This baptism was approved on the May clerk's report but has been postponed to a later date.**

II. INCREASES IN MEMBERSHIP:

New Members Received into Membership May 5, 2019

James Frohlich*

Confirmation

*Should have been on May Clerk's Report

III. COMMUNION RECORD:

In Church Communion

On Sunday, June 2, communion was served to 129 people at the 9:00 AM service. Elders/Deacons serving were: Pete Madden, Pam Paulsen, Elisabeth Riedesel, Jeanne Sherwood, Marty Bowles Edwards, Seth Crawford, Paula Burnett, Stephanie Arp, Kent Marcek and Tracy Riedesel. Communion was served to 46 people at the 11:00 AM service. Elders/Deacons serving were: Don Wood, Tracy Cracraft, Seth Crawford and Kristine Oswald.

Farthest Pew Communion

Communion was served to 6 people on Monday morning, June 3, by Rev. Katie Styrt and Deacon Cindy Schalk.
Communion was served to 6 people on Monday afternoon, June 3, by Rev. Katie Styrt and Deacon Colleen Duenas.

BUSINESS OF THE CLERK - Marty Bowles Edwards

- Letter from the former CG&P Committee was shared upon request:
To the Clerk of Session and the Moderator of the Administrative Commission, Harry Hoyt as the Appellant filed an Appeal with the General Assembly re: the dismissal received from the Permanent Judicial Commission of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies (SPJC). Last week we received a response from the Permanent Judicial Commission of the General Assembly (GAPJC) that “the officers [of the GAPJC] determined that the GAPJC has jurisdiction, Appellant has standing to file this Appeal, the Appeal papers were properly and timely filed, and the Appeal states one or more of the grounds for appeal set forth in D-8.0105.
A hearing on the Appeal of the SPJC Decision will be set for a time and place to be determined by the GAPJC.”
- Nancy Chapman will let Session know when there is further information but wanted to communicate this information to the Session as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCIAL REPORT - Stephanie Arp

- The current fiscal year budget deficit is not to be ignored and any financial contracts/commitments to prospective new employees will not be possible without a detailed review of the overall financial picture.
- The June 17, 2019 Session Vote to redirect surplus funds from the Deacon’s Neighborhood Picnic to the VBC lunches was short sighted.

On motion, approved the unused dollars from the \$900 picnic surplus remain in the fund and any committee that wishes to reimburse the VBC lunch expenditure by personal donations may submit those dollars for deposit to Kristine Olson.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE – Pam Paulsen

- Detailed description of the Door Security hours was shared in printed form and verbally
(A full copy of the EPC report presented to the Session at the July 15, 2019 Session Meeting can be found in the Appendix of the official 2019 Session minutes.)
- The Handicapped accessible door will be programmed to open with a single FOB/Card swipe.

On motion, approved the refundable deposit charge of \$5.00 for every entry fob or card that is issued except for employees of the church. Further, in the case of lost or misplaced entry fob or card there will be a non-refundable replacement charge of \$10.00. This charge will include the employees of the church.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION – Jeff Charis Carlson

On motion, unanimously approved the Letter to the Presbytery, outlining the Sessions’ specific questions for a Synod Administrative Review, with the addition of an introductory paragraph phrase for more specific timing, “...the events over the past two years.”

CEFY - Sarah Greim

- Pastor Tiffany McClure’s last day of employment will be Tuesday, July 16, 2019.
- The Christian Education Staffing Task Force is recommending searching for a full-time Certified Director of Christian Education or a Youth Pastor.

- Task force members include Sarah Greim, Diane Roebuck, Paul Hartmann, Jeff Ehrmann, and Mark Galbraith (once Mark is on staff).
- Triennium participants depart Tuesday, July 16, 2019 for Purdue.

INTERIM PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE, Sarah Greim

- Mark Galbraith was approved by a vote of the Presbytery, for temporary employment beginning August 1, 2019 and will go before the Presbytery for questioning and full approval vote on September 21, 2019.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC – Matt Bishop

- August 11, 2019 Communion Servers are needed. Please contact Kristine Oswald to designate which service you will be present to serve.

On motion, approved a single morning service (10:00 am) on Sunday, September 22, and an evening service (“Food for the Soul”) with communion at 4:30 pm.

On motion, approved the 2019-2020 PAS program as provided in printed form as follows:

Mission Statement

The Performing Arts Series of First Presbyterian Church was created in the fall of 1992 to reclaim to the church the role of curator of the arts. As the Christian guardians of God’s gift of music, the series educates, enlightens and enriches church members as well as the secular community. This evangelistic outreach provides, through the church’s choirs and members, as well as guest artists, performances with the highest degree of artistic excellence. The series affords the resources and opportunities for the membership of First Presbyterian Church, Davenport, to share their God-given talents in dimensions not otherwise possible.

- At the end of the 2018-2019, the Performing Arts Series had a balance of \$8,597.16. The anticipated budget for the 2019-2020 series is as follows:

Anticipated Expenses

- **Saturday, November 16, 2019**

Ivan Moshchuk, pianist \$2,500

- **Sunday, December 1, 2019**

FPC Chamber Chorale: A Service of Advent Lessons and Carols (not ticketed)

- **Saturday-Sunday, December 14-15, 2019**

FPC Christmas Concert 2019: “Let Heaven and Nature Sing” \$11,000

- **Saturday, January 18, 2020**

QCA Visiting Artist: The Rose Ensemble \$2,500

- **February 21, 2020**

Alex Gilson’s Organ Recital

- **March 14, 2020**

Hannah Holman, cellist (with Matt Bishop, pianist) \$1,000

- **Friday, April 11, 2020**

Good Friday Tenebrae Service \$2,100

- **Saturday, April 25, 2020**

FPC Choirs and Orchestra: “When in Our Music God Is Glorified” \$8,500

Additional Expenses: Total \$32,280

- VANCO Website Sponsorship \$480

- Guest Artist Services \$100
- Security \$600
- Misc. (Advertising, Programs, etc.) \$3,500

Anticipated Income: Total \$33,500

- Full Concert Sponsor (2) \$6,000
- Partial Concert Sponsor (2) \$3,000
- Benefactor (4) \$4,000
- Contributor (6) \$3,000
- Supporter (21) \$5,250
- Patrons (51) \$5,100
- Series (15) \$750
- Individual Ticket Sales (estimate) \$1,000
 (200, 200, 200, 400)
- Christmas Concert Donations (estimate) \$400
- Bernice Wiebener Restricted Fund Contribution for Good Friday \$3,000
- Gertrude Morgan Restricted Fund Contribution for Christmas \$2,000

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm and Moderator Halverson closed with prayer.

The next meeting of the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Davenport, Iowa will be held on, August 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm in Von Maur Hall.

Moderator,
The Rev. Pat Halverson

Clerk of Session,
Martha Bowles Edwards