

Session Meeting Minutes: February 28, 2023

Attendance

- **Present:** Sally Cummins, Janet Frankeberger, Ruth Gabor, Shelly Gant, Jan Harrell, Mike Ireland, David Kaeb, Sara Palmgren, Laurie Sprague, Kate Springer, Jeanie Wendt
- **Excused:** Martha Everman, Barbara Meek
- **Moderator:** Rev. Trey Haddon
- **Clerk:** Bill Cummins
- **Staff and Others:** Mackenzie Jager

Call to Order

The meeting was held in F202 and Pastor Trey Haddon called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and opened with prayer.

A **motion** to approve the agenda for the meeting was **passed**.

Old Business

A **motion** for approval of the minutes for the Session on January 24, 2023 was **passed**.

A motion for approval of the minutes for the Congregational Meeting on January 29, 2023 was **approved**.

New Business

Enrichment and Devotions. Pastor Trey asked “Why does Easter matter?” After some discussion, Pastor Trey asked if dying on the cross was necessary; what would have happened if Jesus had died in another fashion or an earlier time? Provocative discussion followed.

Joys of Ministry. Elder Janet Frankeberger the completion of the February Blood Drive and thanked those who helped. Frankeberger reported the additional distribution of Sale funds and that there are more requests to process. Elder Sara Palmgren reported that Dawn returned to in-person work and that Dawn was grateful to be back. Elder Mike Ireland reported the good news that sufficient pledges have been returned that the 2023 budget plan has been filled. Elder Laurie Sprague said that all 4 of our global partners will visit Second Pres during the year.

Pastor’s Report(s).

Pastor Trey reported many one-to-one meetings last month and was also pleased with the new membership class. Installation will be in March.

Mackenzie reported that she passed all her ordination exams and that Presbytery wants to do my final oral examination on August 26. She could be ordained on September 10 or 17. Session applauded her achievements. Mackenzie reported that she is putting together some dramatizations for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, and asked for volunteers.

A **motion** to accept the Pastor’s reports was **approved**.

Other Business

Foundation. Mackenzie pointed out the new Estate and gift planning document in the Session Packet and that Session is invited to contribute to the needs list. Elder Sprague asked about the Restoration request for future building needs and Pastor Trey reported that foundation respectfully declined participation.

Global Missions. Elder Sprague detailed the planned dates for Global Mission partners presence.

Elder Jan Harrell reported that the Earth Care team wants a “home” committee for a place and voice at Session. Session tabled the discussion to the March meeting.

Designated funds. Session **moved** to send the current list of designated funds to Finance and Stewardship to develop a strategy for implementing a process for future gifts. The motion **passed**.

Mackenzie highlighted questions from Barbara Meek in her session report: (1) How is your committee impacting the Visitor experience?, (2) How can Connection Point assist your committee?, and (3) How can we support our existing membership or reach out to the community through efforts of your committee?

HR. Elder Sara Palmgren presented a letter outlining the process for implementing a designated fund as a mechanism for creating sustainable funds to be used for salary adjustments for ordained staff. The letter will be mailed to all members of the congregation March 1st.

A **motion** to approve the consent agenda was **approved**.

Closing Prayer

A **motion** to adjourn was requested by the moderator and **approved** by the Session. After Mackenzie Jager’s prayer, meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully recorded and submitted:

Bill Cummins, Clerk