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Attendance

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

Call to Order

The meeting was held in F202 and Pastor Trey Haddon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and opened with prayer.

A **motion** to approval agenda for the meeting was **passed with additions**.

Old Business

A **motion** for approval of the minutes for the Session on July 26, 2022 was **passed**.

New Business

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

Clerk's Report

Clerk Bill Cummins read from an affirmation regarding the gracious and smiling volunteers at the Thornton memorial service.

A **motion** to re-activate Wade Irwin's membership for the purpose of transferring membership to Danvers Presbyterian was **approved**. The Clerk's report was **accepted**.

Pastor's Reports

Pastor Trey remarked that he was starting a new pastor's cohort for study. Trey commented that he has been meeting with service organizations and has heard that inflation and rising costs have pushed many more into homelessness and asked us to be mindful that we are intentional in our efforts.

Mackenzie Jager reported that she is studying hard for her next exam, in early September and that she has three more in September. Mackenzie is also working on Fall Retreat.

Rev. Eric Vinsel followed up on Mackenzie's comments and reminded us that the Presbyterian exams are very difficult and asked us to give her all the prayers and support we can offer. Eric also gave an extensive written report on the developments in Legos and Robotics and highlighted the process and current successes. He is excited at the continuing growth in these youth programs and asked (begged?) for volunteer help; emphasizing that it wasn't technical support but leadership and mentoring.

A **motion** to approve the Pastor's reports was **approved**.

Other business

Volunteers and volunteer expectations. Elder Sara Palmgren started a big discussion on volunteers and volunteer expectations. Session offered several examples and in general agreed that there were too few doing too much and that we needed some changes, Pastor Trey asked that we organize and communicate our thoughts to him, and he would begin to synthesize some plans.

Kids in big church. Elder Morgan Marquardt talked about the functional problems with families and children in "big church" and how she as a parent and how others need some solution to the spiritual needs of the parents and the kids needs some additional stimulation such as service projects or guided service supplements.

Mission Partner Update. Elder Laurie Sprague reported with sadness that our mission partner in Chiapas, Pablo Feliciano-Cruz, is in hospice with severe cancer. She asks for prayers for Pablo and Jan.

Deacon Update. Elder Janet Frankeberger discussed plans for home visits and communion and Deacons are working to involve sufficient ordained members to provide coverage. There can be training if desired. Although not final, the 2022 Group Sale has netted more than 22,000 dollars. Deacons have a form for funds requests. Volunteers for the Group Sale were incredible; so many helpers and everyone did what they could.

Trustee LED Light Demo. Elder David Kaeb showed an LED panel replacement light for the three-tube fluorescent fixtures throughout the church. The church has an impressive 500+ fixtures and the electric savings could be quite dramatic. The item is new and not yet on the rebate schedule for Ameren but when it is the installation could pay for itself quickly.

Closing Prayer

A **motion** to adjourn was requested by the moderator and **approved** by the Session. After Rev. Eric Vinsel's prayer, meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully recorded and submitted:

Bill Cummins, Clerk