

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Akron, Ohio

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Minutes of the Session Meeting – FINAL

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The regular meeting of the Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church was called to order by Moderator and Pastor Jon Hauerwas at 7:08 p.m.

Elders (+ present, * excused, - absent)

Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
+ Michael Dunbar	+ Nancy Keogh	* Rob Gilbert
+ Brad Hall	+ Phil Fry	+ James Gray
+ Shelley Koutnik, Treasurer	* Rebecca Pool	+ Sandy Gruneich
+ Todd Willis	+ Don Rearick	* Ginny Melver

Also present: Pastor Jon Hauerwas, Moderator; guest Kate Clark, acting clerk; guest John Childs, Chair of Personnel Committee

Opening, Declaration of Quorum and Extension of Floor

Pastor Jon opened the Session meeting with prayer at 7:09 pm. The presence of a quorum was confirmed and declared. A **motion** was made and seconded to welcome and extend the floor to our guests. A **motion** was made and seconded to elect Kate Clark as Clerk of Session for the February 25, 2020 meeting.

Adoption of Agenda and Consent Agenda

A **motion prevailed** to adopt and approve the Agenda and the Consent Agenda.

Received Terms of Call for Pastor

2020-034 MOTION prevailed to receive the Terms of Call for Pastor Jon Hauerwas for 2020, to be presented to the congregation for their approval at the congregational meeting on March 15, 2020.

John Childs, Chair of Personnel Committee, will meet with Pastor Jon for his annual review.

Clerk's Report

Kate Clark, Acting Clerk

The Consent Agenda as approved included the following motions:

2020-035 MOTION prevailed to approve the minutes of the regular Session meeting of January 28, 2020.

2020-036 MOTION prevailed to receive the following report of all weddings, funerals, baptisms, and Communion that have taken place since Session's January 28, 2020 meeting

1. Weddings: none
2. Funerals: none
3. Baptisms: none
4. Communion: February 9, 2020, attendance 127 (10:30 am service)

2020-037 MOTION prevailed to receive the report of the average worship attendance for January: 123.

2020-038 MOTION prevailed to remove Mary Ann Strassburg (#1663) from the membership rolls (died January 23, 2020).

2020-039 MOTION prevailed to approve the membership statistical report for the month of January 2020:

Total Membership as of 1/1/2020	374
Additions: none	0
Deletions: none	0
Deaths: Mary Ann Strassburg (#1663)	1
Total Membership as of 1/31/2020	373

From Personnel:

2020-040 MOTION prevailed to approve Pastor Hauerwas' study leave February 10 - 16, 2020 (inadvertently omitted in January agenda).

2020-041 MOTION prevailed to approve Rev. Ben George to lead the worship service on February 16, 2020 (inadvertently omitted in January agenda).

2020-042 MOTION prevailed to rehire Luella Wertz, former evening custodian, to serve in any capacity as requested to fulfill the custodial needs of the church at a rate of \$15.00 per hour effective upon Session approval.

2020-043 MOTION prevailed to approve a week to week contract with Office Team, a division of Accountemps, to fulfill the secretarial needs of the church, if necessary, until Claudine is released for full duty.

2020-044 MOTION prevailed to approve the engagement of Your Cleaning Service LLC and/or Servpro on a month-to-month basis to fulfill future emergency custodial needs upon vacancy in the evening or daytime custodial positions occurring between March 1, 2020 and February 28, 2021.

From Outreach:

2020-045 MOTION prevailed to approve December 12, 2020 as the date of the annual Christmas Basket Delivery with a Moment for Ministry on November 22 to request funds and volunteers. Pew envelopes will be available from November 22 through December 13.

2020-046 MOTION prevailed to approve the Giving Tree collection of gloves, scarves and hats with a Moment for Ministry on November 29, 2020. The giving tree will be accessible from November 29 through December 31.

From Discipleship:

2020-047 MOTION prevailed to schedule Our Whole Lives (OWL) training for adult leaders to teach 4-6th graders at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Training will be held Thursday, August 20, Friday, August 21, and Saturday, August 22, 2020. Rev. Deborah Dean-Ware and Rev. Kelly Burd will be the OWL trainers, and are authorized by OWL to facilitate training, and have confirmed their availability.

2020-048 MOTION prevailed to reschedule the Eberts Lecture to September 12-13, 2020 (Rally Day) to accommodate the schedule of the chosen speaker, Will Willimon.

2020-049 MOTION prevailed to hold a “Messy Day” for young children (2-4 years old) at church on Saturday, May 9th, 2020, from 10:00 to 11:30 am, with snacks included.

Committee Reports and Actions

Personnel Committee

Shelley Koutnik

Five motions were approved in the Consent Agenda.
January minutes were attached.

2020-050 MOTION prevailed to permit Claudine Schooley to use Room 106 of the church for her “Beyond Suffering Disability Ministry” classes through April 6.

Claudine postponed the classes due to a person injury. The event scheduled for Saturday, March 21, 2 pm to 5 pm (approved by Session on January 28) will continue as originally planned. Phil Fry volunteered to be present to help.

Discipleship Committee

Sandy Gruneich

Three motions were approved in the Consent Agenda. December minutes were attached.

Finance Committee

Todd Willis

Financial reports were attached. The committee did not meet in February but will meet in March. No motions.

Properties Committee

Brad Hall

February minutes were attached.

Membership Committee

Michael Dunbar

No minutes.

2020-051 MOTION prevailed to approve the unveiling of past senior pastor portraits on Sunday, March 29, with Moments for Ministry announcements on March 15.

The portraits of past senior pastor hung in the corridor behind the sanctuary has not included all senior pastors. This project has located portraits for all that were missing and hung them.

Worship Committee

Phil Fry

No minutes or motions. The committee will meet on Sunday, March 1.

Outreach Committee

Shelley Koutnik

Two motions were approved in the Consent Agenda. Minutes were attached.

Deacons

Pastor Hauerwas

WPC will host the September Presbytery meeting. Assistance will be needed for meal prep, ushering, and other needs on that evening.

Sound System Task Force report

James Gray

A full proposal will be presented at the next Session meeting.

Kitchen Renovation Task Force report

Brad Hall/Todd Willis

A proposal will be presented to Session at an upcoming meeting.

Safety and Security Task Force report

Don Rearick

An orientation and training meeting was held for ushers and interested others where they learned about the fire suppression system. An ALICE training session will be scheduled on an upcoming Saturday. The whole congregation will be invited to attend.

Pastor's Report and Remarks

Pastor Hauerwas

Pastor Jon will attend the next Presbytery meeting on March 3.

Old Business

No old business.

New / Other Business

The Session met in a visioning meeting on Tuesday, February 18 with a focus on what could be done to make the outside Church property more attractive to families with young children. Discussion continued about possibilities. Todd Willis reported a conversation with a person from WKSU about ways WPC might have a greater local media presence; she is willing to come and discuss the possibilities with Session. Todd will pursue this further.

The next Session meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 7 p.m.

There was no other new business. A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved. The meeting was then closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:27 p.m.

Kate Clark, Acting Clerk of Session

Pastor Jon Hauerwas, Moderator