

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Akron, Ohio
Tuesday, August 9, 2022
Minutes of Session E-meeting - FINAL

Be adaptive, engaging, generous, inclusive and relevant. Be faithful. Be Westminster!

The e-meeting of the Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church was called to order by the Moderator, the Reverend David Aber. The clerk sent an email on his behalf at 8:13 p.m. on August 9.

Elders (+ present, * excused, - absent)

Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
+ Rob Gilbert	+ Ellen Daugherty	+ Dan Gorring
+ Sandy Gruneich	+ Dottie Erb	+ Becky Pool
+ Ginny Melver	+ Brian Rodabaugh	+ Dave Stobbs
+ Don Rearick	+ Alec Works, Clerk of Session	+ Rosemary Wright

Also present: Rev. David Aber, Moderator.

New Business

On behalf of Pastor David, the Clerk of Session sent an email at 8:13 p.m. on August 9, 2022 calling the e-meeting to order. Five motions were presented. Four were from committees, one from the Safety and Security Task Force. The committee motions were readily approved as follows:

2022-133 MOTION prevailed to approve the Discipleship Committee's request for \$1000 from restricted funds to supplement the committee budget for the purpose of providing additional supplies and refreshments for an expanded Ice Cream Social and information table during the August 20 PorchRokr event and for funding fall activities including Rally Day, children's Halloween event, and Christmas event.

2022-134 MOTION prevailed to approve the Discipleship Committee's request to print and distribute a brochure welcoming people to Westminster. [Clerk's notes: Draft wording was attached; artwork was being developed by Cindy Beidler.]

2022-135 MOTION prevailed to approve the Discipleship Committee's request that Session create a Marketing Task Force, comprised of appropriate individuals to develop and implement an effective marketing campaign for the Church.

2022-136 MOTION prevailed to approve the Personnel Committee's request that Session authorizes the Treasurer to identify an appropriate source of funds to cover the \$200 cost of the gift basket for Abby Haake and her family.

The fifth motion, from the Safety and Security Task Force, read as follows: That masks be mandatory for the combined service with participating churches on 8/28. This motion relates to the joint worship service for 12 area Presbyterian churches which is to be held at Westminster on August 28.

There was some confusion as to the proper way to propose amendments in an e-meeting. Ultimately, the original motion passed (see below) and an amendment was made, seconded and approved:

2022-137 MOTION prevailed that masks be mandatory for the combined service with participating churches on 8/28.

2022-138 MOTION prevailed to amend Motion 2022-137 as follows: that masks be mandatory for congregants for the combined service with participating churches on 8/28. Worship leaders (clergy, liturgists) are excused. Masks will be optional for choir members while performing. Requirements may be dropped if CDC guidance changes.

It was noted in closing that CDC recommendations have been changing recently.

The e-meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m. on August 15, 2022.

Alec Works, Clerk of Session

Pastor David Aber, Moderator