

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ROSWELL
SESSION MEETING REPORT
MEETING DATE: JUNE 21, 2018

Reverend Guthrie called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. He led a discussion on an article titled "Trends Affecting Church Leadership."

Clerk Bob Kurtz presented an updated church membership list and a draft list of members to be removed from the list. The majority of these are members who are deceased. The Clerk will present the list at the next session meeting for approval.

The Clerk reported the disaster preparedness plan is about two-thirds complete. Lynn Karnes and Bob Kurtz have been conducting an inventory of church equipment to be included in the plan.

The new carpet in the Narthex has been installed. Two bids have been received for repair of skylights and roof flashing. The Church Management Committee will accept the bid from Do Right Roofing for approximately \$2,000.

Jim Bloodhart will renovate the outdoor lighting along Kentucky Street. Matt Hinkle is gathering estimates to replace the wood fencing with chain link fencing along Kentucky Street. Lynn Karnes will confer with Gordon Patton regarding a crack in the exterior wall near the Christ Window. Mark Daniels will pursue handrails at the side of the chancel in the sanctuary, probably using wrought iron instead of wood.

Session approved the establishment of a designated line item to augment the budget line item "Pastor's Discretionary Fund."

Session approved the purchase of New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) Bibles to replace the New International Version (NIV) Bibles in the pews, at a cost of approximately \$1,200, which will be drawn from the designated Memorials budget line.

Session authorized the Clerk to pursue rezoning the northern half of the church property from residential to commercial, allowing for the possible installation of an LED sign.

Worship Attendance: May 20th: 72; May 27th: 47; June 3rd: 48; June 10th: 54; June 17th: 40.

Custodian Joe Fuentes is scheduled to have knee surgery on July 31st. Joe's granddaughter, Miranda Fuentes, has been hired to assist Joe before his surgery as needed and fill in for Joe after his surgery. She will be paid \$11/hour up to a maximum of 25 hours/week.

Session approved and will recommend to the Congregation the following slate of Ruling Elders and Deacons for approval at the June 24th Congregational Meeting: Ruling Elders for the Class of 2021: Jim Bloodhart (second term), Robert Kurtz (second term), Mike Hunter. Deacons:

Mary Lou Glass (Class of 2019); Lorrie Miller (Class of 2020); all the following for the Class of 2021: Connie Wolf (second term), Stacye Hunter, Mary Hubbard, Ann Ruback, and Kalith Smith. Session approved the draft agenda for the June 24 congregational meeting.

The Pastor's Wednesday evening study of Ephesians has ended. A new Pastor's Class will begin in August/September.

The pastor presented a draft plan for the 2018 stewardship season, which will begin on September 23rd and conclude on October 14th. The season will involve two letters to the congregation, four "Moments for Stewardship" minutes before worship, two letters to the members, thank you notes and a Celebration Sunday with luncheon on October 14th. Session approved the draft stewardship proposal.

The pastor provided written reports for his activities in April and May. He will be taking vacation from July 15th to 23rd, with pulpit supply on July 22nd. After the congregation meeting on June 24th, he will schedule dates for ordinations and installations.

The pastor presented a list of session committees and other session functions and discussed the need to have an elder over each committee/function: sharing the load. Session will not meet in July or August, but will have a Session Retreat on Saturday, August 25th, from 8-12 at the church.

Bob Kurtz
Clerk of Session