

Session Report for March 2018

The session of First Presbyterian Church-Roswell met on Thursday, March 15, 2018.

Reverend Guthrie led a discussion on an article entitled "Dear Church: It's Time We Stop Idolizing the Millennials."

After reviewing the Book of Order and not finding a definitive answer, the Clerk recommended that FPC continue to have the congregation approve Congregational Meeting Minutes.

Church Management Chairperson, Lynn Karnes, reported that long-time members, Walt and Jane Gibson have made a generous bequest to the church. There was no stipulation made on the use of these funds. They will be placed into reserves.

Lynn gave an update on planned carpet replacement in the narthex and pastor's office. The pastor's office carpet will be installed on March 19th. Regarding the narthex carpet, there was a question regarding the percentage of waste in the quotation. Lynn will check and get back to Session next month. Lynn is waiting on estimate from ABF regarding repairs to roof flashing and skylights.

Recent Church Attendance: February 18th - 62; February 25th - 67; March 4th - 72; March 11th - 71. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services will be held, both at 5:30pm. FPC-Roswell will host the ecumenical Holy Week Luncheon on Tuesday, March 27th.

Bob Entrop, Worship Committee Chairperson, noted that we have added three more high school scholarship singers to the choir. The other three that are participating will be graduating and leaving in May.

Moved/Seconded/Passed (M/S/P) to have Abie Smith and Bob Kurtz serve on the Nominating Committee as Session's representatives. M/S/P to recommend to the Congregation a change to the Manual of Operations to reduce the size of the Nominating Committee to five (5) members: 1

Elder, 1 Deacon and 3 at-large members, and that the members be allowed to serve on the committee for up to 3 years.

Paul Mysza, representing the Mission Committee, reported the possibility of a special offering for a Sierra Blanca Presbytery Fund to assist churches in the presbytery with mission projects.

Soup and bread have been served after the Wednesday Evening Lenten Services. For Easter Sunday, a breakfast is planned for 8:45am and an Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30am.

Bob Entrop, Session's Evangelism Coordinator, will be running advertising in the Daily Record, on local radio, and on Facebook for Holy Week services and Easter.

Reverend Guthrie will conduct another Bible Study beginning after Easter and ending at the end of May, to be held on Wednesday nights at 5:30pm.

The Deacons have divided church members into "flocks" with each Deacon assigned a flock. The Deacon shepherds will remain in contact with their flocks on a regular schedule.

Written Pastor's Report received. The Prayer Group continues to meet Fridays at noon. Reverend Guthrie will be taking vacation from April 16-24. Reverend Bob Williams (Ret.) will preach on April 22nd.

Reverend Guthrie requested a change in the Session Meeting date for April since he will be on vacation on Thursday the 19th. Session agreed to hold it one week earlier on Thursday, April 12th, at 5:15pm.

Robert C. Kurtz
Clerk of Session