

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Minutes - Stated Meeting of Session

January 26, 2021

Class of 2021

EX Jo Broadston (Y6) M
X Dean Thede (Y6) Prop
X Mickey Waschkat (Y6) Per
X Felicia Cass (Y3) Fin
X Tasha Knight (Y3) CE
X Matt Loesche (Y6) Nom

X Rev. Dan Voigt, Acting Head of Staff, Moderator

Class of 2022

X Judy Kester (Y5) M
EX Karen Siler (Y5) N
X John Speas (Y5) Fin
EX Cody Alberts (Y2) Prop
X Jodi Fabrizio (Y2) Per
X Ryan Greve (Y2) WM
X Regina River (Y2) M

Class of 2023

X Marie Hills (Y4) WM
X Erin Arickx (Y1) WM
X Scott Cose (Y1) Per
X Rebecca Hoffman (Y1) CE

X Gary Iversen, Clerk

The Ministry of Session

- The Elders gathered by Zoom at 7:03 p.m. for the January Stated Meeting of Session. Rev. Voigt presented a scripture reading and discussion based upon Psalm 133:1-3. The Stated Meeting of Session was called to order by the Moderator at 7:15 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

- **Motion Cose/Second Fabrizio** to approve the Minutes of the Stated Meeting of Session of December 1, 2020 and the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Session of January 12, 2021. Motion passed.

Clerks Report

- **Motion Cose/Second Fabrizio** to approve the baptism of Watson Fodor at a time to be agreed upon between the parents and staff. The family would like the baptism to be done during an in person worship service. Motion passed.
- Clerk requested feedback from the Elders on any issues encountered at the recent Annual Meeting, particularly those who participated by Zoom. Clerk also reported that the PCUSA Annual Statistical Report had been filed and a copy had been emailed to the elders. Clerk's Report was accepted as presented.

Motions for Discussion and Vote

- **Election of Clerk/Officers:** The following persons were nominated to serve as corporate officers for 2021: Regina River – President; Mickey Waschkat – Vice President, John Speas - Treasurer, Gary Iversen – Clerk & Secretary. There being no further nominations, the slate as presented was elected.
- **Operations Manual – Motion Fabrizio/Second Arickx** to affirm the Operations Manual as required annually. Motion passed. Clerk requested that Committee Chairs review the Charter Statements and relevant committee policies with their committees at their next meeting.

- **Presbytery Sexual Misconduct Policy** - Clerk reported that Session is required to annually affirm that it will conduct itself in accordance with the Presbytery Sexual Misconduct Policy. That policy was made available to the Elders prior to the meeting. **Motion Waschkat/Second Thede** to affirm the Sexual Misconduct Policy and certify the action to the Presbytery. Motion passed.
- **Presbytery Commissioners – Motion River/Second Cose** to elect Elders Fabrizio and Hills to serve as Commissioners to Presbytery, and Elder Kester as an alternate, for 2021. Motion passed.
- **Electronic Meeting Policy** – Session was advised that a decision regarding future meeting format needed to be determined under the recently approved policy. **Motion Kester/Second Fabrizio** to meet only by Zoom through the April 2021 meeting. Motion passed. Future meetings' format will be discussed at the April Session meeting.
- **Long Range Planning** – Rev. Voigt suggested that the Session consider appointing a Task Force to begin discussing a 3-4 year plan focusing on financial planning and resulting staffing and programming goals. After considerable discussion, the consensus of the Session was that each committee chair should address the priority goals for their committees and be prepared to bring the information back to a later Session meeting.
- **Church Opening Guidelines** – Clarification was sought of when and how the recently approved Guidelines should be applied when the Black Hawk County 14 Day Covid-19 Positivity numbers alternate between Red and Orange status. After discussion concerning safety of members and staff and the desire to return to in person worship, **Motion Thede/Second Arickx** that the church should stay open for in person worship under the Orange guidelines until the Black Hawk County positivity rate returns to the Red category for 5 consecutive days. Motion passed.
- **Signs on Church Property** – Rev. Voigt raised the issue of whether Black Lives Matter/BLM signage would be permitted in or on church property. Considerable discussion took place regarding the impact on members of political/partisan issues and the potential for creating conflict within the church. **Motion Thede/Second Speas** to not allow Black Lives Matter/BLM signs anywhere in or on church property without prior Session approval except in the Youth Room or in the personal offices of staff. Motion passed.

Committee Minutes and Reports

Committee Minutes from Christian Education, Finance, Mission, Personnel, Property, Worship & Music, Deacons and Endowment were received with the following comments/additions:

- **Finance – Motion from Committee** to accept the December 2020 Financial Statement. Motion passed.
- **Property** – Rev. Voigt reported that Rick Gorman has been asked by Nominating to serve an additional year on Property due to the difficulty in finding members willing to serve.
- **Endowment** – It was reported that Endowment had agreed to fund the \$77,710 requested for the 2021 budget.

Upcoming Meetings

- February Committee Meetings
 - Monday, February 1: Mission - 6:00 p.m.; Christian Education – 7:15 p.m.
 - Monday, February 8: Finance – 5:30 p.m.
 - Monday, February 15: Property – 7:15 p.m.
- Deacons - Monday, February 15 - 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m. by reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary D. Iversen, Clerk

Next Session Meeting: February 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

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Clerks Report, February 26, 2021

- A. Baptisms – Watson Fodor (Lexi & Mike Fodor)(at date to be determined by parents/staff)
- B. Deaths – Susan Wieben 11.26.20
- C. Membership – Bruce, Hannah and Hope Jacobs transferred to University Presbyterian Church, Rochester Hills, MI
- D. Home Communions –
- E. Communion Dates Served – 1.3.21 (not served, home communion encouraged)
- F. Ordinations and Installations – 1.24.21 Elders (Arickx, Cose & Hoffman) Deacons (Northey, Osgood)
- G. Correspondence Received –
- H. Denominational Relations –
- I. Worship Attendance and Offering –

<u>2019</u>				<u>2020</u>			
12/1	119	9:00	\$26,899	11/29	100	online views	\$4,897
	92	11:15		12/6	115	online views	\$20,911
12/8	157	9:00	\$10,596	719	Cocoa & Carols	online views	
	102	11:15		12/13	92	online views	\$6,199
	200	Cocoa & Carols		12/20	111	online views	\$5,730
12/15	198	9:00	\$8,808			Cantata	
	68	11:15		12/24	213	online views	
	225	Cantata		30	approx. in person outside		
12/22	148	9:00	\$7,927	12/27	128	online views	\$26,279
	54	11:15		Year-end gift			\$6,559
12/24	330	5:00	\$9,291				
	195	7:00		1/3	95	online views	\$15,419
12/29	113	10:00	\$2,700	1/10	94	online views	\$1,180
12/31			\$10,858	1/17	74	online views	\$9,436
Year-end gift			\$6,305				
<u>2020</u>				<u>2021</u>			
1/5	133	9:00	\$17,971				
	56	11:15					
1/12	97	9:00	\$17,267				
	66	11:15					
1/19	75	9:00	\$3,635				
	64	11:15					