

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Minutes - Stated Meeting of Session

June 22, 2021

Class of 2021

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

X Rev. Ken Locke, Transitional Head of Staff, Moderator
X Rev. Dan Voigt, Associate Pastor

Class of 2022

X Judy Kester (Y5) M
X Karen Siler (Y5) N
X John Speas (Y5) Fin
X 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 in Room 216 at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Locke presented a Devotion, reading from Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 and 9:9-12. The devotion's message to the elders was that the church is both the bride of Christ and Christ's presence in the world. The Stated Meeting of Session was called to order by the Moderator at 7:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

- Rev. Locke asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes of the Stated Meeting of Session of May 25, 2021 as distributed. There being none, the Minutes were approved.

Clerks Report

- **Motion Hoffman/Second Fabrizio** to approve the baptism of Gabriella Wood on July 18, 2021. Motion passed.
- Clerk's Report was accepted as presented.

Motions for Discussion and Vote

- **Elders Seeking Wisdom (ESW)** – Speas briefly reviewed the ESW Executive Summary and results of the congregational feedback; recommendations from ESW were presented for next steps forward. **Motion Speas/Second Waschkat** to authorize ESW to prepare two or three transitional staffing plans to address Westminster's staffing vacancies through the pastoral nominating process. Motion passed. **Motion Speas/Second Greve** to hold a Special Session meeting on June 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom to receive and consider staffing patterns. Motion passed.
- **COVID Protocols** – Rev. Locke inquired whether the Session felt any additional changes to the seating arrangements in the Sanctuary for worship were advisable at this time. Following

discussion, **Motion Siler/Second Alberts** to retain the pod seating for now. The issue will be discussed again at the August Session meeting.

Staff Reports

- Rev. Locke and Rev. Voigt reviewed the highlights of their staff reports. Rev. Locke distributed a handout entitled “The In-Between Time: What to Do During the Interim” that provided some recommendations for churches during a pastoral search process. Rev. Locke also distributed a document from a webinar he participated in entitled “Tiny Survival Guide” and encouraged the elders to review its advice.

Committee Minutes and Reports

Committee Minutes from Christian Education and Mission were received with the following comments/additions:

- **Christian Education** – Hoffman reported that VBS had begun with approximately 65 kids in attendance and was going well. A CE subcommittee has been formed to meet with Rissi concerning several issues, including confirmation, dances and small group options. The first meeting is in the process of being scheduled.
- **Finance** – Speas advised the Session would be provided with a monthly recap of financial operations, in addition to the Financial Statement. **Motion from Committee** to accept the May Financial Statement. Motion passed.
- **Mission** – Kester reported that the congregation will be asked to donate non-perishable items during the month of July to be divided between the Food Bank and the Food Pantry. She further reported that the Women’s Build for Habitat for Humanity will be held in August with sign-up information to be available soon.
- **Worship & Music** – Hills reported that Charissa Lambert has been hired as Music Coordinator for the months of June through August, as authorized at the May Session meeting. Hills further reported that issues with the streaming of worship services were being investigated and corrected.

Session Sharing

- Prayer requests were solicited from the Elders.

Upcoming Meetings

- Committee Meetings scheduled for July & August:
Monday, August 2: Mission -6:00 p.m.; Christian Educ. – 7:15 p.m.; Personnel – 7:15 p.m.
Monday, August 16: Finance – 5:30 p.m.; Property – 7:15 p.m.
- Deacons - Monday, August 16 - 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m. with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary D. Iversen, Clerk

Next Session Meeting: August 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Clerks Report, June 22, 2021

- A. Baptisms – Gabriella Wood July 18
- B. Deaths –
- C. Membership –
 - a. Total Membership – 459 (one member moved away)
- D. Home Communions –
- E. Communion Dates Served – 6.6.21
- F. Ordinations and Installations –
- G. Correspondence Received –
- H. Denominational Relations –
- I. Worship Attendance and Offering –

<u>2020</u>	
Recorded Services only due to Covid-19	
5/24	\$4,797
5/31	\$9,327
6/7	\$20,472
6/14	<u>\$6,872</u>
Total	\$41,468

<u>2021</u>	
<u>Online views in ()</u>	
5/23	84 10:00 (48)
5/30	71 10:00 (57)
6/6	115 10:00 (48)
6/13	89 10:00 (33)
Total	\$38,757