



CALLED TO WORSHIP, EMPOWERED TO SERVE
MINUTES OF THE STATED SESSION MEETING
September 15, 2019 at 6:00PM – Room 319

1. **Declared Quorum** **Barb Newbauer, Clerk of Session**
2. **Call to Order** **Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee**
3. **Opening Devotion and Prayer** **Susan Porter**
Reflections on Ephesians 4:11 - "Leaders do not merely 'have gifts;' they are the gifts."
4. **Clerks Report/Consent Agenda** **Barb Newbauer, Clerk of Session**
 - Correspondence from Salem Presbytery with 2020 pledge card
 - Correspondence from the Presbyterian Counseling Center: thanks for the donation
 - Committee assignments for 2020, progression from vice-chair to chair; see attachment page 4
 - Possible date for Session retreat: Saturday January 18, which is MLK weekend

MOTION to approve item listed on the Consent Agenda as follows: **APPROVED**
The minutes of the stated Session meeting of August 18, 2019

5. **Moderator's Report** **Charlie Lee**
 - Thank you to Susan Porter and family for hosting the youth at White Lake this weekend.
 - Beth Utley facilitated an offsite staff retreat at Westminster Presbyterian Church, August 20; activities focused on team dynamics.
 - Charlie and Kathryn visited the Presbyterian Counseling Center for a lunch and tour.
 - It is possible for elders to choose 2020 committee assignments other than those shown (page 4).
 - Elders need to let Charlie know if the proposed January 18 retreat date is unworkable.
 - The committees involved have determined that we do not need to hire a bus driver for Sunday morning transport. Goal is for affected families to obtain personal transportation.
 - The Nominating Committee is certain of four out of five officers to propose for the Class of 2022; will likely hold the Congregational Meeting on September 22, even if one slot remains unfilled.
 - The church received a generous gift from the estate of Marian K. Solleder, upwards of \$500,000 for the general endowment.
 - Committee chair meeting tentatively planned for October 27 after worship to address year-end reporting and the 2020 budget. Libby will provide budget worksheets. Committees to submit their budgets to Finance by November 13.

6. **Update from Associate Pastor** **Rev. Dr. Kathryn Campbell**

As a member of the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE) Ministry Team, specifically its Diversity Task Force, Kathryn will travel to the Austin Theological Seminary on September 16 for an antiracism training session, returning on September 18.

7. Discernment

Charlie Lee

Charlie led a discussion of Chapters 12-13 of *Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory*, by Ted Bolsinger. Highlights from plenary and small group sessions:

- The church as family; family relationships may be fraught
- Responding (blue zone) v. reacting (red zone) to sabotage
- What “level of discomfort” we can tolerate without suffering a “failure of nerve?”

Session assignment: Read final chapters 14-15 for October 20, AND come to the October Session meeting prepared with your two or three take-aways from *Canoeing*, important points to convey to the new elders so that they will join us in 2020 with a common vocabulary.

8. Update from the Discernment Task Force

Ginger Walton and Slade Lewis

Thank you to Kevin Kattmann for his announcement at the start of today’s worship to explain the upcoming church-wide discernment process. Plans are solidifying for the October 6 Discovery Lunch. Attempting to set up online video streaming of the meeting. Elders will take notes to capture comments at their tables. Make-up session on October 13 during the education hour prior to worship.

9. Committee Highlights

- Drake: (Buildings and Grounds) Insurance company is hiring a roofing engineer to assess the hail damage and determine liability for repairs.
- Donna (Personnel): Floated some possible dates (October 20, November 10, or November 11) for eight of us to meet with representatives from the Board of Pensions to fulfill our Healthy Pastors, Healthy Congregations commitment.
- Ginger (Faith Formation): Adult Ed is off to a good start, “Wired Word” curriculum.
- May (Caring): Considering “CanCare” training for cancer survivors (per Ann Turnage of Westminster Presbyterian)
- (Fellowship): Dessert and Discussion Wednesdays are underway, with a representative from Habitat for Humanity last week and the IRC this week.

10. Financial Report

Libby Wilson

Financial picture is solid. More details on handling the Solleder gift.

11. Prayer Concerns

Gary Webb receiving chemotherapy and being evaluated for a study at Chapel Hill; Ned Bryan underwent an elective tracheotomy as his cancer progresses; Connie Kronenfeld to receive a pacemaker on September 16; Martha Bursey recovering from elbow surgery; Vera and Bob McLendon appreciate impromptu meal deliveries.

12. Closing Prayer

Charlie Lee

October Devotion – Mary Overman

October Closing Prayer – Ginger Walton

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

1. **Roll:** The elders shown in **BOLD** were present.

<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>
Drake Dowler	Jack Barry	Donna Bailey
Elaine Gustafson	Martha Bursey	Joy Kronenfeld
Barbara Newbauer	Cathy Ingram	Slade Lewis
Mary Overman	Cuyler McKnight	Kevin Shoffner
Susan Porter	Ginger Walton	May Williams
Matt Winters		

Staff present: **Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee** (Head Pastor and Moderator), **Rev. Dr. Kathryn Campbell** (Associate Pastor), **Libby Wilson** (Director of Finance & Administration)

2. **Worship Attendance Report**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>		<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Jan	163	165	154	July	158	150	134
Feb	196	180	170	Aug	165	160	160
Mar	186	174	175	Sept	177	160	
April	219	195	191	Oct	170	162	
May	168	162	152	Nov	172	170	
June	184	164	147	Dec	248	218	

Average weekly attendance to date 2019: 160

3. **Membership Report** - Total active members August 18, 2019: 397

Active members September 15, 2019: 397

2019 Committee Leadership

	2019	2020	2021	
Administrative	C – Mary. P L – Slade L. L – Barb N.			
Buildings & Grounds	C – Drake D. VC -			
Caring Ministries	C – May W. VC –	C – May W.	C – May W.	
Congregational Nominating	C – Cuyler M. VC – Joy K.	C – Joy K.		
Endowment	C – Elaine G. VC – Joy K.	C – Joy K.	C – Joy K.	
Evangelism & Membership	C – Elaine G. VC – Kevin S.	C – Kevin S.	C – Kevin S.	
Faith Formation	C – Susan Porter VC – Ginger W.	C – Ginger W.		
Fellowship	C – <u>Richard P.</u> __ & <u>Karen S.</u> VC – Carolynn C.			
Finance	C – Jack B. VC -	C – Jack B.		
Mission	C – Cathy I. L – Donna B.	C – Cathy I. VC – Donna B.	C – Donna B.	
Personnel	C – Donna B. VC – Slade L.	C – Slade L.	C – Slade L.	
Preschool	C – Susan Preston L – Barb N.			
Stewardship	C – Cuyler M. L – Mary O.	C – Cuyler M.		
Worship & Music	C – <u>Parks W. &</u> <u>Matt W.</u> VC –			
Youth	C – Marth B. VC –	C – Martha B.		

(Bold/Underline = Active Elder)

President of Corporation – **Elaine Gustafson**

Vice President – **Drake Dowler**

Clerk of Session/Secretary – **Barb Newbauer**

Assistant Clerk – **Cuyler McKnight**

Treasurer – **Jack Barry**