

Session Meeting Summary
May 18, 2023

Beginning at 6:30 p.m., Pastor Katie opened the meeting with prayer.

Building Report on Fire Recovery: Phill Toops

Still waiting for the architect to decide on office renovation. The City needs complete drawings.

- Hallway in main office back to pastor's office needs to be widened.
- Barlow Lock & Security is working on direct fire alarm.
- Promised end of the week everything will be finished with drawings etc.
- Tables & plastic covered chairs are gone
- Flooring: still waiting on figures
- Blinds covered under building coverage
- Nothing pressing for session to work on
- Sound equipment: Eric & Brent have list of what was used for streaming. Does not include Rachelle's equipment. Costs will be covered under the building coverage.

Clerk's Report:

- ACTION: Approved Minutes of the March 2023 meeting, Email vote of 4/21/23 for committee requests and April reports and Email Vote of 5/6/23 for accepting the energy supplier proposal from Constellation of a five-year fixed rate of 0.1191 for 60 months with no early termination fee. The renewal date is 5/11/23.

Membership: Janet Henderson passed away May 15, 2023.

Treasurer and Finance Committee Report:

Tom Henderson went over the financial reports. Our expenses have been less compared to last year since we are not in the church. Total income is down approximately \$4500 compared to the same time frame as last year. He did note that Schopmeyer Fund has not yet donated any money towards missions this year. Last year they gave \$37,500.

Pastor's Report:

Katie will be at Montreat June 10-17th. Regular session meeting is June 15th. Discussion held whether to choose a date or skip & meet in July at the next scheduled meeting. Decision made to put out an Email for a vote with possible dates in June, or to cancel. Katie to work with Theresa on this.

Effingham Child Development Center is asking to use our church van occasionally over the summer. Discussion about insurance coverage and Tom said they would be covered. They are also working on planning and then partnering with our church for activities & missions.

ACTION: Motion made and approved to allow the Child Development Center the use of the church van this summer.

Lakeland Nursing Home sent the church a Memorandum of Understanding that needs to be renewed. This covered allowing Lakeland to temporarily use our building to move their residents into in the event of a fire or disaster at their facility. Tom advised that Lakeland needs to have additional

insurance on their policy if they were to use our facilities and have our church named as an additional insured.

ACTION: Motion made and approved to sign memorandum pending insurance policy addition by Lakeland Nursing Home.

Debbie will have an irregular schedule in June. She is on vacation for two weeks starting May 27th and will have random days off the rest of the month.

Katie is not planning a vacation until July.

Committee Reports

Deacons Report –

Two in home communions given on 5/11/23 by Pastor Katie and assisted by Pam Slone.

Administrative & Worship – Roger Stevenson

Communion was May 7, 2023. Next communion is May 28 and June 11.

No meeting report – Committee did not meet.

Faith Formation – Kristen Schoonover

Summary of Meeting Notes:

Missy is looking at the possibility of having a horse-riding event at the Hope for Horses rescue for some of the Presby kids. Laurel is planning the young adult group, The Gathering (18+ and twenties), activity for June, and she is helping Lana plan a trip to the Chihuly in the Garden event at the Botanical Gardens for the JOY (55+) group for June. We are also looking into renting a float boat or 2 for the Xenial group for an event in June. Dinner club is planning a family night at Pinky's in June, and a Church friends and family reunion at Evergreen Park for July 8th 4:30 PM (eat at 5). Kristen needs to reserve the pavilion. We will plan adult dinner club events for August and September.

Chicks on Lit (Ladies Book Club) - For June, we are looking at reading a Hannah Swenson book and holding a bring a dessert from the book you read event.

For Easter we distributed Easter books to families with children in 5th grade and under.

Kendyll is continuing to work on VBS plans. We are trying to work with the Methodist church. Sunday School ended April 30th for the year. Graduates and teachers were recognized on May 14th. Attendance awards will be handed out at a later date.

Young adult group is making their own plans.

Action: Session approved

- Dinner club at Pinky's - Family night on a Tuesday in June. (May be moved to another weekday due to church softball games on Tuesdays)
- Dinner Club Church Friends and Family reunion at Evergreen Park – July 8th 4:30 PM (5pm Potluck dinner)
- JOY Group – attend Chihuly in the Garden event at Botanical Garden in June (date TBD)
- Xenial- Float Boat night at the Lake in June (date TBD)
- Presby Kids - Horse Riding event (date TBD)

Mission – Theresa Harner – Amy Hoffmeister Session Liaison

Summary of Meeting Notes

- Manna Closet – May is canned pasta (preferably with easy open lids).
- Nursing Home Visits – (Darlene) We chose a date of June 11 or 25 for Darlene to proceed to schedule.
- El Shaddai Home –
 - Lana Henderson has donated a couple flower arrangements to put in the planters in front of the El Shaddai home.
 - We collected baby items for a raffle basket to be given away at the breakfast on June 3 from 7am – noon at Cornerstone Christian church.
- Montreat Youth Conference – The fundraiser will run May 14–June 4. Katie will ask a couple of youth to speak at worship on May 14. A basket will be available at the chapel until June 4.
- Church On-The-Go – Workday will be June 4 for members who need projects done at their home but are unable to complete them. There will be a shortened worship service that day before dividing into groups. We will have pizza at the park following work (early afternoon?). We will make phone calls to some members that we feel are most likely to benefit from this offer.

Action: Session approved

- Mission Trip to Mayfield, KY, July 10-15, 2023. Joe Freimuth is the contact person.

Buildings and Grounds – Ellen Ritz

Summary of Meeting Notes

The committee met at the church to discuss the grounds and work that needed to be completed. Work has been done on the inspiration garden & planned for plants to be relocated and when available to mulch. Also discussed rust on gazebo and cleanup needed at the pavilion. Bushes against church by the garden will be removed. Since the meeting, the inspiration garden has been weeded/plants relocated/mulch applied. The Workday is still planned for May 20th.

No Requests of Action by Session

OLD BUSINESS

- Memorial for Rev. Drew Holloway. We previously agreed to the parament but had originally planned to do something additional. Discussion about what type of parament as there are commercially made and custom ones. Katie will look into examples and bring them to a future session meeting. Hallway plaque was discussed and possibly have an artist paint something on the wall instead. Rita Beck was mentioned as a possibility. No decision was made.
- Update on Realm information sheets. Forms are coming in every week. Katie to encourage people to turn in the forms & also will work with the deacons to gather information from people who have not yet responded.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ellen would like the property committee to take over looking into a security system for the church. This currently falls under the administrative committee who is not meeting. It is more convenient and cheaper to get the wiring installed at a minimum during the reconstruction stage. Tom mentioned that Barlow could package it together with the direct fire alarm system. Also since the fire system is a code requirement, they may also cover the camera system.

Session is OK moving this to the building and grounds committee. Ellen will contact Phil about proceeding with Barlow.

Stated meeting adjourned with closing prayer by Pastor Katie at 8:00 p.m.
Next meeting is a Tentative date to be decided on results of email votes.