

First Presbyterian Church
Regular Meeting - Session Minutes

Somerset KY
2023

February 16,

Moderator Rev. Andrew Bowman

Elders Present Bill Fountain, Charlie Leveridge, Perry Waller, Zack Vaught, John Wright, Chris Phillips, Forrest Brock, Kelly Joplin, Sharon Mandt

Members Not In Attendance Kimberly King

Gathering in God's Name The Session of First Presbyterian Church met in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm on February 16th, 2023, for its stated regular meeting. Rev. Andrew Bowman called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. **A quorum was present.**

Agenda

A **motion** to approve the Agenda was made by Perry Waller and seconded by Charlie Leveridge, and **Motion carried.**

Consent Agenda

A **motion** to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Forrest Brock and seconded by Chris Phillips, and the **Motion carried.**

1. Motion: Approve January 19th Stated Meeting minutes
2. Motion: Approve January 29th Called Congregational Meeting minutes
3. Motion: Approve January financial reports
4. Motion: Approve Fellowship Hall use June 17th by Mary Beth Waller for baby shower
5. Motion: Receive committee reports as information

Clerk

1. Elder of the Month - Forrest Brock, February, and John Wright, March
2. The clerk will use a Google Shared Drive as a repository to organize Session Documents

Pastor's Report

1. Andrew Bowman discussed an Off-the-street Wedding on 2.13.23 for a \$200 fee received.
2. New Earth Care Team will discuss earth care and sustainability during the season of Lent.

3. Ash Wednesday service will be at 12:15 during lunch on February 22nd. A Lent luncheon with the community will be discussed soon.
4. A. Bowman will be away from Feb 28-Mar 2 for Arts, Recreation, and Worship Conference planning.
5. There was good participation at Valentine's Day Dinner on February 15, 2023.

A motion to approve was made by Perry Waller and **seconded** by Chris Phillips. **Motion carried.**

New Business

Property Committee There was an attempted entry into the basement church, and a stronger lock was added to the door.

C. Leveridge introduced Terrorism Income Insurance Policy as part of our church Insurance Policy Package. A discussion by the elders about whether this should be continued or discontinued. **John Wright motioned to cancel, and Zack Vaught made a second. The motion carries.**

C. Leveridge introduced the need for a chair rail to be added to the Fellowship Hall. This is due to marks on the walls from chairs. This can be done inexpensively compared to more expensive painting. Discuss facility usage for AA by clients receiving services from a local recovery center. Rev. Bowman is in communication with center leadership to convey the session's concerns about capacity, facility wear, and the large number of clients participating in the community-led support group hosted by the church. **Zack Vaught made a motion to add a chair rail to the walls in the Fellowship Hall. John Wright seconded the motion. Motion carries.**

Old Business

Property Committee C. Leveridge followed up with the quotes on floor stripping, waxing, buffing, and maintenance. Floor stripping and wax floor floors will cost \$2,655.00, and buffing floors will cost \$150.00 per month or \$27.00 per hour. **C. Leveridge motioned for PKC to provide striping and waxing, then buffing will be requested as needed. Motion passed.**

Worship Committee A. Bowman updated the committee is continuing to work on gathering quotes for the Sound System upgrade.

Mission Perry Waller reported an Earth Care Team had been created. Earth Care suggestions will be made during the season of Lent in an effort to emphasize sustainability by the congregation.

Christian Education Committee Zack Vaught reported an All Member Canvas to pair up elders and deacons and do visits. The committee will seek to connect with nonactive members and

regenerate interest in active members by identifying what nonactive and active church members might need. The directory might be a way to begin the conversations.

Worship The Committee submitted a monthly report.

Personnel Sharon Mandt reported the clearing service had been changed to a contract cleaning service. The personnel chairperson will have oversight of the contract clearing, which will allow greater monthly evaluation. The Personnel committee has voted on moving to a contract cleaning service, and it will not have any change on the budget.

Next Meeting The next Stated Session Meeting will be on Thursday, March 16, 2023, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. **Forrest Brock made a Motion to adjourn. Zack Vaught seconded. Motion carried.**

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Bowman.

Submitted, Kelly Joplin, Clerk of Session