

**SESSION NOTES
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCUSA)
HELENA, MONTANA**

June 26, 2018

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Helena met on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at 6:30 PM at the Church. Rev. Scott Wipperman opened with worship and communion in the sanctuary. Reverend Wipperman (Scott) moderated the meeting. The Session Meeting was postponed one week as Pastor Scott was attending General Assembly.

There was a quorum with the following Elders present: Marvin Carpenter, John Coefield, Mary Craigle, Dianna Goodman, Matthew Richards, Joe Steffens, John Warren and Mary Wright. Excused were: Kathy Chambers, Marshall Gingery, Judy Birch, and Linda Bench. Also, in attendance: CRE Butch Plowman, Deacon Joy Edgar.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Printed report attached. Finances were minimally better with expenses exceeding income by \$6,198. Scott briefly discussed the "happenings" at GA in St. Louis.

Scott reminded us all to worship where you can on your travels and prayer works just as well during the summer months.

CLERK'S REPORT: Acting Clerk Matthew Richards read a thank you card from Good Samaritan and distributed a letter for review from Serious JuJu Worshipping Community.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration Committee: Pastor Scott reported. Printed report attached. A Stewardship committee was appointed consisting of Mary Craigle, John Warren, and Pastor Scott. Mary Craigle indicated the stewardship program will start earlier than planned.

Session Committee Chairman are to have their proposed 2019 budgets into the office of August 10.

Building and Grounds: Elder Marvin Carpenter reported and distributed his report. He expressed his appreciation to all who helped with church cleanup day. Marvin indicated the sanctuary door is up and functioning.

Education Committee: Elder Joe Steffens reported. Printed report is attached. Safety of the children during Vacation Bible School was discussed and Mark Goodman will serve as Safety Officer. Joe Steffens distributed and led discussion on the draft MOU for the temporary position of Youth and Children's Education leader. The education and personnel committees will continue to refine.

Congregational Fellowship: Elder Mary Wright reported. A printed report is attached. Upcoming Fellowship Activities include: July 18 – Baseball Game, July 22 at 2 pm – Lost Soles Hike, August 19 – Church Picnic and September 30 – Pot Luck.

Mission Committee: Pastor Scott reported. Printed report is attached. The committee made a contribution to Good Samaritan.

The Pentecost Offering collected was \$455 with \$273 sent to PC(USA) and \$182 will be used for transportation to Glacier Camp.

Personnel Committee: Elder John Warren reported. Session unanimously approved the updated version of the Personnel Policy Manual.

Worship Committee: Elder Dianna Goodman reported. Printed report attached. Pastor Scott will be out of the pulpit on July 1 and July 8 with CRE Butch Plowman preaching.

Deacon Report: Deacon Joy Edgar reported. A printed report was distributed detailing hospital visitations and home communion served as well as cards sent, and meals served. The minutes of the March 11 meeting were included in the packet.

New Business:

Fellowship Chairman: Elder John Warren moved to waive the one-year committee service requirement for the Acting Fellowship Chair and Education Chair positions. Mary Craigle seconded and Session unanimously approved.

Solar Energy: Pastor Scott discussed the possibility of installing solar panels on the church roof. Session recommended we obtain cost estimates and more details for further discussion.

2019 Budgets: Pastor Scott reminded everyone 2019 budgets are due to him no later than Monday, August 10th.

Mary Wright moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John Warren and passed. John Warren closed the meeting with prayer.

Next Session Meeting: August 21, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Matthew Richards
Acting Clerk of Session