

THE SESSION IN ACTION.....

SESSION IN ACTION.....

The Session met on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 6:30 pm. Rev. Scott Wipperman opened with worship and communion in the sanctuary, and he also moderated the meeting.

There was a quorum with the following Elders present: Linda Bench, Marvin Carpenter, Kathy Chambers, Marsha Davis, Marshall Gingery, John Gneckow, Rose Leavitt, Melissa Stiles, John Warren, and Deb Whitcomb. Dianna Goodman was excused. Also present: Butch Plowman, CRE; Clerk of Session, Elaine Gingery; and guest, Matthew Richards.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Scott thanked the individuals who are nearing the end of the Elder/Deacon class of 2017. This will be the last meeting with the members of this class. He also shared that expenses in April exceeded income by \$3,179.37, bring our shortfall for the year to \$3,378.89. April expenses were higher partially due to two expenses that would have fallen in other months – quarterly Per Capita, and an energy bill totaling \$2,716.00.

He reminded Session about the Church Spring Cleaning Days on June 2nd and 3rd and the need for more volunteers for Vacation Bible School.

Committee Reports

Administration Committee: Elder John Gneckow stated that the printed report is contained in the packet. He presented a modified version of the Check Request form which would allow an individual to indicate that instead of receiving reimbursement for a church-related expense, the amount could be recorded as a donation on their annual giving record.

Building and Grounds: Elder Marvin Carpenter distributed the report. The annual garage sale will be held on July 7th and 8th this year. The profits from this event are to be used for the electrical hook-up for the new air conditioner in the sanctuary. The annual church clean-up day will be June 2nd and 3rd.

Christian Education: Elder Marsha Davis reported that 30 children in grades K-5 have signed up for VBS to be held June 12-15 from noon to 3 pm. Lunch will be provided. More volunteers are needed, and a training session for volunteers was tentatively set for May 22nd. Lexsey has designed an application for scholarships to camp which will be sent out to parents. Sunday School will be taking a summer break beginning June 4th. The Seeley Family Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Hailey Fadness in the amount of \$250.

Congregational Fellowship: Elder Rose Leavitt reminded everyone about the Movie Night scheduled for Friday and the next Bingo night on June 9th. Lost Soles Hikes will begin in June, and the Committee is looking at the possibility of a night at the Brewers baseball game.

Mission Committee: Elder Melissa Stiles distributed her report and stated that a plastic palm tree will be placed in the narthex with tags on it for people to take. The tags will contain names of items to be purchased for Intermountain Children's Home.

ACTION ITEM: The committee requested that Rose Leavitt be appointed to the Memorial Committee. Motion carried.

Nominating Committee: Elder Rose Leavitt reported that Matthew Richards has agreed to be nominated to fill the vacant position on Session. A called congregational meeting will be held on May 21st for this purpose.

Personnel Committee: Elder Leavitt reported a 90 day review of Lexsey Carpenter's Financial Coordinator position will be held. The review will be conducted by Linda Bench, John Warren and Pastor Scott.

Worship Committee: In the absence of Elder Goodman, Pastor Scott called attention to the report attached. He noted the Acolytes will light candles on the first Sunday of each month.

Deacon Report: Minutes of the May 16th meeting are attached. Minutes included hospital visitations, home communion served, cards sent and meals served.

Unfinished Business:

Bridges: Rick Hulbert is looking for people to serve on the Board of Directors. Marsha Davis and Marvin Carpenter volunteered to serve on that Board. Scott will check as to how many volunteers are needed.

New Business:

Session as Estate Executor: Lona Albright has requested that the Session serve as Personal Representative of her estate. Marshall Gingery moved that the Session serve in this capacity. The motion was seconded and voted upon favorably.

July Session Meeting: There will be no July Session meeting.

Website: Deb Whitcomb reported that she is looking at the Share Faith website company to use as a template to develop the church's new website. Points she shared – complete program; cost is \$724.20 per year; includes website hosting; mobile apps for phone; good support; migration takes 21 working days; takes over domain registration.

Next Session Meeting: June 20, 2017, at 6:30 pm.

If anyone would like additional information about the Session meeting, copies of the minutes and committee reports are available.