Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church Highlights of Session December 17, 2023

The Session of Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church held a stated meeting on December 17, 2023.

A quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order with prayer by Pastor Stephanie at 11:21am.

Clerk's Report

Communion will be served on December 24, 2023 and January 7, 2023. Elders assisting on December 24, 2023 are, Judy Cronise, Trish Chinoy, Dave Callans and Chuck Green. Lead elder will be Judy Cronise. On January 7, 2024 at 9:00 Dave Callans will serve and at 11:00 Jeff Campbell and Melissa Michael will serve.

Old Business

The Security System and Generator are in the process of being installed.

Long Range Planning has submitted an update.

New Business

The job descriptions for Youth and Children Ministry Director and Ministry Associate were presented. Bill Staufer will continue as the Ministry Associate and we will begin a search for the Youth and Children's Ministry Director.

Going forward we will always have a moderator in our Session Meetings to facilitate discussion.

Sue Schaub is stepping down as Business Manager. Christine Rampe will be assuming some of Sue's duties.

Reports

Kurt Thompson of the Finance Committee expressed his concerns and they were discussed.

Committee reports were reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned in prayer at 12:13pm. Our next meeting is on January 16, 2024 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Cronise, Clerk of Session

Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church Highlights of Session January 16, 2024

The Session of Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church held a stated meeting on January 16, 2024.

Devotions were from Luke 7 and were led by Marci Capel.

New Session members, Brad Michael and Candis Mirande were welcomed to Session.

Clerk's Report

Communion will be served on February 4, 2024. Elders assisting at 9:00am are Judy Cronise, Rick Schaub, Dave Callans and Sue Wert and at 11:00 are Brad Michael and Marci Capel.

Rick Schaub will assist in the baptism of Fiona Criscuolo on January 21, 2024 at 9:00am.

The rolls were reviewed and members were moved to inactive.

Old Business

The security system and generator are in the process of being installed and nearing completion.

We have received a grant from the state for our security system which will be used to fund the video surveillance cameras.

Cemetery was discussed and there are several issues which are being addressed. A clear process is being put into place going forward.

New Business

Kurt Thompson, Chair of the Finance Committee presented the 2024 budget. He recommended approval of the budget with a surplus equal to zero dollars. Some adjustments may be required once 2023 revenue and expense is firmed up.

The Annual Meeting will be February 4, 2024 at 10:00am.

Reports

The Personnel Committee recommend that we approve the hiring of Ariana DuPont as our organist.

The nominating Committee presented their report. Trish Chinoy will be the Session member in charge of the Cemetery, Tom Barford will head the Personnel Committee and Dave Callans will head the Music and Worship Committee.

The Policy Manual will be reviewed next month as more revisions need to be done.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Cronise, Clerk of Session

Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church Highlight of Session March 5, 2024

The Session of Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church held a stated meeting on March 5, 2024.

A quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order with prayer by Pastor Stephanie at 6:07pm.

Devotions from Ephesians were led by Pastor Stephanie.

There was a review of the Beyond Conference which was attended by seven members and the pastors.

Clerk's Report

Communion will be served on April 7, 2024. Elders assisting at 9:00 am are Tom Barford and Sue Wert and at 11:00 are Jeff Campbell and Tim Sandford.

Old Business

The installation of the security system and generator are nearing completion. A grant was requested to partially cover the cost of security cameras. Cathy Sandford has been writing the grant. Instructions from New Hope Generator on how to operate the system are scheduled.

Long Range planning will hold a listening session on March 17 between 12:00 and 2:00. Lunch will be served.

Regulatory controls are being put into place as we plan for a new business manager.

The Personnel Policy Manual will be forwarded to Session to read and approve changes.

New Business

A request for the baptism of Scarlett Nickels on April 21, 2024, was made.

Trish Chinoy proposed some minor changes to the Cemetery rates.

Some of the cemetery equipment will be sold. Tim Sandford has worked on this equipment to have it in working order for sale.

Personnel gave an update on the hiring of a new secretary. We are still interviewing for a business manager. James, our new Sexton is a great hire.

We will be using a new software program called SubSplash and we need to promptly change our E-Givers over to the new software.

Pastor Stephanie will be away on a study leave April 8-14.

Pastor Bailey presented her sabbatical plans.

Reports

Committee Reports were reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned in prayer by Tim Sandford.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Cronise, Clerk of Session