

Stated Session Meeting
Presbyterian Church of the Master
Tuesday, April 18, 2023

The Session of Presbyterian Church of the Master met in the Library at 6:30 PM for its stated meeting.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Gary Eller at 6:30 PM.

Session members present were:

Andy Cook, Kathy Egr, Moderator Rev. Gary Eller, Cleve Evans, Loren Ilg, Rachel Loewens, Dee Moriarty, Bill Norton, Marilyn Puett, Guy Shelton, Doug Wise

Session members absent were:

Darrin Collins, Becky Swartz-Brown

Membership present constituted a quorum.

Others present were:

- Bill Joe, Treasurer

Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Report of the Clerk

Minutes approved:

- Stated Session meeting held March 21, 2023

Record of Baptisms:

- Liam McBride Pirsch, on April 16, 2023 (born Dec. 12, 2021), infant son of Perry and Idaly Pirsch (non-members), Rev. Dr. Gary Eller officiating

Miscellaneous Reports

Reports were received from

- Bill Joe, Treasurer
- Marlene Mattson, Board of Deacons Liaison
- Elder Becky Swartz-Brown, Presbytery Ruling Elder Commissioner
- Rev. Gary Eller, Pastor

Ministry Reports

Reports were received from the following committees:

- Administration and Personnel
- Building and Grounds
- Education
- Mission and Interpretation
- Outreach
- Stewardship and Finance
- Technology

- Worship, Sacraments and Music

Actions Taken By Session:

- The Session scheduled a Called Congregational Meeting, to be held Sunday, April 30, 2023, immediately following the 10:30 AM worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee.
- The Session approved allowing the Pastor Emad to hold Arab Christian Fellowship services in the Chapel on Saturdays at 6:30 PM until the space they have been using at Faithful Shepherd becomes available to them again.
- The Session approved updates to the Counting Team Job Description, on page 90, in the Session Manual (2023 Edition), as proposed by the Stewardship and Finance Committee (see attached)

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- None

The meeting was closed with prayer prepared by Elder Becky Swartz-Brown at 7:15 PM.



Andrew J. Cook
Clerk of Session

II. Responsibilities/Activities

- Giving reports will be prepared and sent quarterly to all ~~pledgers~~ pledging units.
- All supplemental fund-raising activities presented by any group of the church throughout the year must first be approved by Stewardship and Finance.
- The committee and Treasurer will monitor contributions and expenses throughout the year.
- The Treasurer will prepare the monthly Treasurer's Report for Session and attend Session meetings when possible.
- ~~The committee will grant participation in the community giving event of Omaha Gives! This event is usually held in May.~~
- The annual Stewardship Campaign will be held in the Fall with pledges submitted on the designated Sunday in November. The committee will decide how to present the campaign information to the congregation through activities such as original skits, testimonials or ~~pre-printed~~ materials on Stewardship available from Presbytery or General Assembly.
- The Counting Team will be under the leadership of Stewardship and Finance Committee. The team is responsible for receiving, recording and depositing all offerings made to the church ~~each Sunday~~. Deposits shall be made weekly. Money received between deposit dates shall be secured in the locked, fireproof file cabinet until processed and deposited by the counting team. The team will consider all donations made to the church as confidential information.
- Throughout the year articles may be submitted to The Voice on announcements from the committee.