SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2023 REGULAR MEETING OF SESSION

On Saturday, January 7, 2023 the 643nd regular meeting of Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church was held in Fellowship Hall at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Dr. Forrest was the Moderator and opened the meeting with prayer at 11:05 a.m.

Attending were Dr. Forrest, Rev. Rogers, and Elders Baculik, Berrott, Davis, Eccher, Exley, Heilman, Galbreath, Killmeyer, Locke, Ludwig, Malarkey, Marsh, McGee, Page, Ralston, Rost, Schmitt, Waller, Williams, and Widmar, constituting a quorum.

REPORT OF THE CLERK

A motion to approve the minutes of the 642nd (December 5, 2022) regular meeting of Session and the December 18 Special Meeting for the Fall 2022 confirmation class was made, seconded and approved. A motion to approve the membership action reported below also was made, seconded, and approved. The Clerk reported that the review of the 2021 minutes of Session recently was concluded and was submitted to and approved by the Pittsburgh Presbytery.

DEATHS

None

MEMBERSHIP

Confirmation Class December 18, 2022

Alyvia Baculik
Nolan Daniele
Mackenzie Langlois
Daniel Shanholtzer
Eleanor Shanholtzer
Alexander Zimmerman
George (Nate) Zimmerman

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

During worship services on Sunday January 1, 2023, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to communicants.

BUSINESS ITEMS 02701

Review of Upcoming Dates

Dr. Forrest reminded Session of the following scheduled events:

Congregational meeting January 15, 2023 Officer Ordination and Installation January 22, 2023 Annual Meeting February 26, 2023

Regular Meetings of Session will continue to be held on the third Monday of the month, unless otherwise determined by Session, at 7:00 p.m. in Galbreath Chapel. Due to conflicts with holiday weekends, meetings will not be held on January 17 and February 20, provided that the budget Session approves the 2023 operating budget prior to one of those dates.

Presentation of 2022 Statistical Report

Dr. Forrest presented the 2022 statistical report and explained its importance and use by the Pittsburgh Presbytery and the General Assembly. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2022 statistical report. The motion passed unanimously.

Review and Approval of 2023 Operating Budget

Elder Eccher, Chair of the Finance Commission, presented the proposed operating budget for 2023. He explained the budget process and the reasons for increases, reductions, and reallocations of amounts budgeted for the commissions. A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed budget. The Session then engaged in a review and discussion of amounts allocated to various categories of expense. Following a thorough discussion, the question was called and the motion to approve the 2023 operating budget was approved unanimously.

Written Commission Reports

The following commissions submitted written reports on Sharepoint:

Adult Spiritual Development
Bridge Worship
Children's & Family Ministry/WECEP
Finance
Membership
Outreach

Dr. Forrest reported that the newest edition of the Spire has been printed and mailed. She encouraged the Commissions to submit articles about their activities for publication in future editions. She also advised that she will post the schedule of meetings of the Pittsburgh Presbytery, and she encouraged members of Session to attend.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Meeting participants shared individual joys and concerns for the Church, its members and their families, and for the community.

ADJOURNMENT WITH PRAYER

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. with prayer led by Dr. Forrest. The next meeting of Session will be held on March 20, 2023 in Galbreath Chapel.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: William C. Ludwig
Clerk of Session