

First Presbyterian Church of Sheridan, Wyoming
Minutes of Regular Session Meeting

October 18, 2016
MEETING

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Sheridan, Wyoming convened a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 7:04 p.m. in Westminster Fellowship Hall. Pastor Doug Melius moderated the meeting.

QUORUM

Ex Officio: Pastor Doug Melius, and Financial Secretary Dennis Heizer, CJ Clem, Minister to Youth and Children

Elders present: John Lundberg, Mary Ludemann, Jon Botten, Linda Luegge, Janis DeVore and Kim Kozel, Aaron Gray, Jerry Saunders, Tracey Burke, Brooke Holstedt, Carla White, Mike Stoll, Teresa Williams, Bryan Luedtke

Elders absent: Carol Maloy, Bill Porter, Sr., Mark Juneke, Dennis Schreffler, Dick Birkholz, Sam Herring

WORSHIP

Pastor Doug led a discussion on the work and teachings of John Calvin, and “Calvin for Armchair Theologians”. Calvin believed church and states needed each other. Church cares for souls, states make order. Calvin’s model rejected simple hierarchy.

Pastor Doug Melius opened the meeting with prayer.

The **AGENDA** was approved.

CLERK’S REPORT

The clerk’s report and minutes of the last meeting were corrected and approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Dennis Heizer, Financial Manager, presented the financial reports. He reported a gain for September of \$12,414.14, with a transfer of \$15,000 (parking lot) back into the budget and a YTD gain of \$5,384.85.

The September 2016 Balance Sheet reflects the following:

Total assets:	\$3,788,583.37
Total liabilities:	\$ 77,620.98

Reserves (Retained Earnings):	91,780.76
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The Treasurer's Monthly Report also reflected the following:

September 2016 Income:	\$22,573.91
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September 2016 Expense:	\$10,159.77
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September Net Income:	\$12,414.14
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YTD Net Income:	\$ 5,384.85
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Finance & Stewardship Oct. 11, 2016

Teresa Williams reported and referred to the written report. She reported a September income of \$22,573.91, with a net gain of \$12,414.14 for the month and a YTD gain of \$5,384.85. Two committee members met with Jamie Newbrough, CPA, to complete our Financial Review report. The committee will again send the stewardship letter and pledge card to congregation members. Teresa asked for all budgets to be turned in so they may be compiled soon. No decision has been made if or when to sell our currently owned gold coins. They are being held in safekeeping in the safe deposit box at First Interstate Bank. She reported that we need to improve our processes on I-9 forms.

Personnel Oct. 11, 2016

Jon Botten referred to the written report. Jon reported that everything is going smoothly. The committee approved the proposed Personnel budget for 2017 for submission to session.

Fellowship Oct. 11, 2016

Kim Kozel presented and referred to the written report. She reported on the Kendrick Golf outing and the Motorcycle Rally. The Fellowship budget is ready for submission to session. A new member potluck will be held Sunday, Oct. 30th.

Properties Oct. 11, 2016

Bryan Luedtke reported for the committee and referred to the written report. Work for fall clean up and winter preparation has been done on church property. Discussion is ongoing for concrete repairs on sidewalks to prevent ice buildup. At some future point we may need to consider replacing tile in the fellowship hall. An electrician is being contacted to check out lighting safety factors in the sanctuary. The committee budget has been prepared for submission.

Membership and Evangelism Oct. 11, 2016

Mary Ludemann reported and referred to the written report. There will be an upcoming new members class on Oct. 23rd. There are eight possible new members. The budget has been prepared and turned in for the committee. A motion from committee was made and carried to drop Peggy Campbell from the church rolls, due to her death.

Mission and Outreach Oct. 11, 2016

John Lundberg presented and referred to the written report. The committee has begun reviewing their annual gifting for the years 2016 and 2017. When they inquired as to where our \$21,000 to Unified Mission goes, they learned a great percentage goes to pay administrative salaries in the Presbytery. They feel this is a misallocation. They believe it should go to programs on the ground or to our mission co-workers whose funding appears to be drying up. The committee will now specify where our gifts will go. They will only go to mission specific programs, and not be allowed to cover Presbytery payroll.

Worship Oct. 11, 2016

Tracey Burke presented an oral report, as well as the written report. The pipe organ will be tuned this month. Kathy Lundberg has picked the Christmas music. Our new video equipment is up and running and training will be held on Oct. 20th at 10:00.

Christian Education Oct. 11, 2016

Mike Stoll reported and referred to the written report. Sunday School has resumed and reporting an average of 13-16 students. LOGOS has smaller than anticipated attendance, perhaps due to normal fall activities which are sports related. However more volunteers, parents and teachers are needed to assist with the program. Adult Bible studies are going well. The committee budget has been turned in and a continuation of the past year's budget amount is being presented.

Presbyterian Women October 2016

Mary Ludemann reported that circles will meet Oct. 19th. They will vote on whether lunches or brunches will be held in the coming year.

CJ Clem, Minister to Youth and Children Report October 2016

CJ referred to her written report. She reported LOGOS will finish for the fall and winter session on Nov 16th and start again on Jan. 18th. Sixteen children have been attending. She reported there are 26 youth in the church. There will be a Sunday School Christmas program on Dec. 11th. A possible youth lock-in will be held in December.

Pastor Doug's Report October 2016

Pastor Doug presented a written report and referred to it. Doug also reported on the final installation of the AV system. Additionally he reported on his trip to Vermont. His written report details the upcoming events for the next month.

Other Business

It was announced that the minutes of each session meeting are now posted on our church website, www.sheridanfpc.org.

REFLECTION

CAMP STORY DISCUSSION

Ten persons assisted with camp cleanup recently. There will be a commission meeting on Nov. 1st. We have learned the Council of Presbytery will give the camp \$75,000 from the Futuring the Faith Fund, as a matching grant. The camp commission will put together a fundraising letter to go out to meet the match. The grant money must be used for capital improvements at the camp. They may include improvements around the exterior property, improving the fire ring, Ryland cabin rewire, building an outdoor shelter near the chapel, finishing the ceiling in the McClure cabin, improvements to the women's bathroom, wiring outside the chapel, and possible cabin for the director. Seventy youth attended camp this summer.

WORSHIP

CLOSED WITH PRAYER

Tracey Burke closed the meeting in prayer by reading a poem by Mary Oliver entitled "Mindful."

SESSION ADJOURNED at 8:22 p.m.

ATTEST:

Carla J. White, Clerk of Session