

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

Sept. 20, 2016
MEETING

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Sheridan, Wyoming convened a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 7:03 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: Carol Maloy, 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, Dick Birkholz, Sam Herring, Teresa Williams

Elders absent: Bill Porter, Sr., Mark Junek, Dennis Schreffler, Peggy Blaha, Bryan Luedtke

WORSHIP

Pastor Doug discussed the life cycle of any organization, including churches. Primarily, he outlined the different phases which include the future, maintaining, and remembering the good old days. He discussed giving in each phase. The “future” phase usually experiences the best giving as everyone is excited for growth. In the “maintaining or plateau” stage, giving usually just maintains. In the final stage, giving is mostly due to nostalgia. At that stage, church members just want to take care of themselves. We discussed where our church is on this curve.

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 approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Dennis Heizer, Financial Manager, presented the financial reports. He reported a loss for August of \$1,981.19 and a YTD loss of \$7,029.29.

The 2016 Balance Sheet reflects the following:

Total assets:	\$3,779,440.13
Total liabilities:	\$ 95,583.48
Reserves (Retained Earnings):	77,089.16

The Treasurer's Monthly Report also reflected the following:

August 2016 Income:	\$21,880.10
August 2016 Expense:	\$23,861.29
August Net Income:	\$ 1,981.19
YTD Net Income:	- \$ 7,029.29

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Finance & Stewardship Sept. 13, 2016

Dennis Heizer reported and referred to the written report. He reported an August income of \$21,880.10, with a net loss of \$1,981.19 for the month. The budgeting process is now beginning with committee work sheets to be returned within a month. The worksheets were handed out. The committee chairs are responsible for returning budget work and requests to Dennis. The financial review is complete now and a draft report was provided. Two members will report to Jamie Newbrough's office for the details and report back. Counters were given additional counting instructions.

Two motions were made from committee to session as follows:

1. Motion to move \$15,000 set aside for parking lot repair be transferred back from line item 2140.12 to the budget line item 5750.12.
2. Motion to approve an attached list of vouchers which Sue Storey and Dennis Heizer are authorized to approve. They include routine monthly expenses only, such as utilities, phone, pension payments and office supplies, annual fees and Presbytery payments.

Both motions carried.

Peacemaking Offering will be taken Oct. 2nd. The offering has been renamed to be the Peace and Global Offering. Dennis Heizer will develop a form for new hire information. A safe deposit box inventory has been requested to be done by Carla White. She will report back the inventory enclosed in the box.

Personnel Sept. 13, 2016

Carol Maloy referred to the written report. Kathy Lundberg shared information for need of a church disaster plan. It was recommended that a professional development line item for the Minister to Youth and Children be put in the budget for 2017. The committee will recommend 1% salary increases. COLA is at .8%.

Fellowship Sept. 13, 2016

Kim Kozel presented and referred to the written report. She reported there were 23 people who attended the PIGGS event in August. Five hikers hiked to the Geneva Pass, led by Tina Anderson. The Camp Story Potluck and Worship was attended by 140 worshippers from Sheridan, Gillette and Moorcroft. The lodge dedication took place, and the lodge was renamed the "Margaret F. Gibson Lodge". Future activities will include a movie night, new member potluck and pie social. A golf scramble will be held this Sunday, Sept. 25th.

Properties Sept. 13, 2016

Sam Herring reported for the committee and referred to the written report. He reported that we have had interest in renting the church for weddings. Additionally he reported that we may need some electrical lighting replacement in the sanctuary. More study will be given to this consideration.

Membership and Evangelism Sept. 13, 2016

Mary Ludemann reported and referred to the written report. There is money left in the budget and it has been approved by the committee to buy a meat slicer for the funeral dinner committee to use. Inquirer's class dates are Oct. 23rd after church and Oct. 29th in the morning. Session action was requested and approved to remove Catherine Storm from membership per her request. Also Debbie Williams will be removed, as she has relocated, and Judy Sathre will be placed on inactive, as she has moved also.

Mission Sept. 13, 2016

John Lundberg presented and referred to the written report. The committee voted to give \$1000 to Presbyterian Disaster Fund for victims of Louisiana flooding. We also donated \$200 to the Crop Walk, and \$300 to the local high school Christian Athletes Association, led by Aaron Gray. The youth ministry of our church has adopted the Sheridan VA Hospital for their local mission efforts. Jan DeVore has volunteered to head the Angel Tree Project this year. The Little Red School House project has raised \$130.

Worship Sept. 13, 2016

Tracey Burke presented an oral report, as well as the written report. Tom Sauer will be tuning the piano in the sanctuary in the next couple of weeks. Choir has started up and bell rehearsal is up and running. Our new video installation is underway and training will be on Sept. 27th. World Communion will be Oct. 9th. November 27th will be Christmas decoration Sunday. Sermons will be taped for homebound members. Sunday School has started and is doing well.

Christian Education Sept. 13, 2016

Mike Stoll reported and referred to the written report. Sunday School has resumed and is doing well. However more volunteers and teachers are needed. Adult Bible studies are resuming in the next weeks also. LOGOS will begin on Sept. 14th and more volunteers are needed there also. Kim Jacobsen will be the program director this year. Each committee is assigning a member to work with Kathy Lundberg on a disaster plan for the church.

Presbyterian Women September 2016

It was reported there will be no ABC Sale this fall.

CJ Clem, Minister to Youth and Children Report September 2016

CJ referred to her written report. CJ was on vacation the first week of August. The report details the many activities of the past month and the upcoming month. LOGOS started up on Sept 14th. At this time there are two possible mission trips planned for next summer.

Pastor Doug's Report September 2016

Pastor Doug presented a written report and referred to it. Doug presided at two funerals/committals during August and one wedding in early September. We are back to two worship services. The first Sunday in September 35 persons attended the first service and 135 attended the late service. Pastor Doug will be taking vacation in Vermont from Sept. 29th through Oct. 8th. The final installation of the AV system will be completed in the last week of September.

Other Business

The minutes of each session meeting will be posted on our church website, www.sheridanfpc.org, beginning this month.

REFLECTION

CAMP STORY DISCUSSION

Dick Birkholz reported on the camp. He explained the Council of Presbytery has contacted him and will give the camp \$75,000 from the Futures in 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

By John Lundberg

SESSION ADJOURNED at 9:08 p.m.

ATTEST:

Carla J. White, Clerk of Session