

## SESSION MINUTES

The Session of the Lemoore Presbyterian Church conducted a regular monthly meeting in the sanctuary of the church at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, 19 February, 2019.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Modertor, Rev. Dave Dack

**Present:** Chelsa Hawk-Wildes, Dawn Perkins, Riley Jones, Pepper Jay, Charlie Ennes and Jay Salyer plus Church treasurer Mina Wetterberg and Clerk of Session Jim Clark

**Absent:** Linda Beyersdorf and Shaina Mackey

Prior to starting the regular meeting Session discussed a request from the Christ Church Anglican Mission to utilize our church for its worship and fellowship activities. Friar Aaron G. Prosser – Rector, was present along with Kathy Seigel, a member of his congregation. They were planning to worship at the Methodist Church but due to recent turmoil within that denomination they will not be able to do so. They would rent the church, they carry their own insurance, attendance averages from 40 to 70 members – depending on the season. They also need two classrooms for their children’s program.

After Aaron and Kathy left, the proposal was discussed but more consideration need be taken prior to making any final decision on this request.

At 7:50 P.M. the regular meeting resumed.

**Agenda:** The Agenda for the meeting was approved with the addition of adding discussion on conducting the required Annual Audit of Church finances.

**Consent Agenda:** The Consent Agenda was approved as presented  
Minutes of the January, 2019 Session Meeting and the Annual Congregational Meeting were approved as presented

Pastor’s Report: (1.) Communion was received by 75 people on Sunday, February 3dr with Elders/Deacons Charlie Ennes, Dawn Perkins, Sandy Salyer and Jim Clark assisting. The Pastor took home communion to Jim and Beverly Forte that afternoon and to Grant and Rosie Myers the next day.

(2.) The Pastor attended a course for the Executive Certificate in Religious Fundraising at Austin Theological Seminary. As part of the course he will complete a final project related to fundraising at LPC. Details will be forthcoming.

(3.) The Pastor has included in this packet his initial proposal for the National Clergy Renewal Program. This will be revised at the session meeting and then again following a Called Congregational Meeting on 24 February following worship. At the March Session meeting we will finalize the proposal and the application which must be submitted by April, 2019.

## II

### Treasurer's Report: for January, 2019

Balance on Hand 12/31/2018:	\$64,996.06
Receipts:	\$26,746.81
Expenditures:	\$24,412.33
Balance on Hand 1/31/2019:	\$67,330.54
Actual Giving for January:	\$17,242.00

Correspondence: The church received two letters from Presbyterian Mission thanking us for donations of \$250.00 and \$9.88 for Disaster Relief and one from Presbyterian Disaster Relief for a donation of \$644.00. We also received one from Living Water World Missions for donations totaling \$6,120.00. We also received a request from King's Christian School asking for a donation for Sober Grad Night Celebration.

**Old Business:** (1.) Committee functions and congregational involvement were discussed. (A.) It is noted that committees receive authorization to act in behalf of the church from Session and are free to use their budgeted funds at their discretion and do not require the approval of the Session. (B.) Session should focus on doing God's work. (C.) There should be more work on obtaining congregational involvement in the life of the church. Session should also improve communications with the congregation on matters such as the use of budgeted funds for the work of the church.

(2.) Initial plans for the Clergy Renewal Program were presented. It will be a three-month sabbatical from 5/31/20 until 8/23/20. During that time the church should plan on congregational activities such as walk-a-thons, rafting, camp outs, and activities that emphasis fellowship and working together for spiritual renewal. We need to obtain input from the congregation as to what those activities could be.

It was voted to proceed with plans for the Clergy Renewal Program.

(3.) There was a motion from the Personnel Committee to approve the Family Ministry Coordinator job description – final draft.

Following discussion, this motion was tabled.

**New Business:** (1.) Buildings and Grounds(1.) has received two bids for demolition of the house at 232 "B" Street. The first, from Housley Demolition Company, Inc. is for \$6,100.00.the second from Bryan Company Demolition, Inc. was for \$8,500.00.

It was voted to accept the bid of \$6,100.00 from Housley Demolition for Removal of the house at 232 "B" Street.(2.)

(2.) The church has received only one bid, from Phil's Lock Smithing in Lemoore, for the rekeying of the doors and making them ADA compliant. The cost with Crash Bars would be \$4,106.58 and with ADA compliant lever handles would be \$2,519.82. the cost of each option includes duplication of 19 keys plus tax. This does not include the kitchen door on the north side.

Following discussion, this motion was tabled for further study.

### III

(3.) The Nomination Committee submitted Sandy Hudson to fill the vacant seat on Session, Class of 2021.

It was voted to submit Sandy Hudson for election as Elder, Class of 2021.

(4.) The Book of Order requires churches to conduct an Annual Audit of the books. We have not complied with this requirement for several years.

The Pastor will contact Presbytery and find out how other churches handle this requirement. We may have to hire an auditing firm unless we can find a member of the congregation qualified to perform audits. No action was taken at this time.

(5.) A discussion was held regarding attendance counting during Sunday morning worship. The Media person has been doing the count but there has been some problems with this.

Following discussion, it was determined that the Worship Leader would do the count during the anthem when everyone is seated.

(6.) There was also a discussion as to who should be responsible for lighting the candles prior to worship.

It was decided that the Ushers could light the candles each Sunday.

#### **Worship Leaders:**

Feb 24 <sup>th</sup> :	Charlie Ennes	Mar.17 <sup>th</sup> :	Riley Jones
Mar. 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	Jay Salyer	Mar. 24 <sup>th</sup> :	Dawn Perkins
Mar. 10 <sup>th</sup> :	Pepper Jay	Mar. 31 <sup>st</sup> :	

The meeting was closed with prayer at 8:52 P.M.

The next Regular Meeting of Session will be at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday,12 March, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Clark – Clerk of Session