

Eastminster Presbyterian Church
Wichita, Kansas
Stated Meeting of Session
July 19, 2011
7:00 PM
C13/14

Members present: Rev. Dave McKechnie, Moderator, Rev. Kermit Opprieht, Jack Argetsinger, Wayne Becker, Barry Blades, Doug Crow, Tom Davis, Bill Faflick, Bill Hendrix, Deb Hilscher, Lou Jacobs, Ken Juell, Susan Lear Ray Jones, Jack Kirkham, Walter Lewis, Roger Lowe, and Scott MacLeod. Russ Pickering, Lisa Ritchie, Sandi Simon, and Monte Vines.

Members excused: Rev Paul Bammel, Bill Johnson, Steve Johnson, and Todd Mestepey.

Staff Present: Kyle McCormick and Steve Dickie

Guests: Rev. Elder John Moody.

A quorum being present, Rev. Dave McKechnie, Moderator, called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

Motion made and passed to approve the docket.

Motion made and passed to seat Elder John Moody.

Motion made and passed to receive and file the minutes of the Deacons Meeting June 7, 2011

Sessions Actions: Consent agenda approved by consent.

Clerks Items

Minutes –Moved and Approved

Stated Meeting of Session June 21, 2011.

Special Meeting of the Congregation June 26, 2011.

Wedding Requests- Approve

May 5, 2012, Ann Kathryn Obermuller and Kyle J. Unruh by Rev. Paul Bammel

Communion - Record

Holy Communion was celebrated at the 8:00a.m., 9:30a.m., 11:00a.m., and 5:00p.m. Services on June 5, 2011.

Glorify God - Worship

Worship

July 12, 2011 minutes recommended to Session for receipt and filing.

Grow in God - Spiritual Formation

Student Ministry

June 27, 2011 minutes recommended to Session for receipt and filing.

Serve God – Missions

2010/2011 Mission Financial Report recommend to Session for receipt and filing.

Operations

Finance

June 30, 2011 minutes recommended to Session for receipt and filing.

Operations

May 9, 2011 minutes recommend to Session for receipt and filing.

Session Actions: Discussion Agenda

Motion made and passed to ratify the email vote of June 24, 2011, resulting in a total of 21 votes, 19 in the affirmative and 2 opposed. That motion was as follows:

1) That session approve the Eastminster Foundation for the Promotion of the Reformed Faith, Inc., as an additional lender to Eastminster Presbyterian Church of Wichita, KS.

2) That session authorize the Barwick (\$71,930 as of 5/31/2011), Barnabus (\$31,573 as of 5/31/2011), and the Witterman (\$223,303 as of 5/31/2011) endowments, including all future contributions, pledge payments, and earnings, if any, be transferred on June 30, 2011 to the Eastminster Foundation for the Promotion of the Reformed Faith, Inc. (Transfer of the Frank N. Kik Endowment funds was previously approved at our June 1, 2011 session meeting.)

3) That session authorize the President of the Eastminster Presbyterian Church Board of Trustees to sign the borrowing document(s).

This motion is made with the proviso that the Foundation prepares and returns to Session a Donor Restricted Policy for each of the three endowments as required by the Foundation's Articles of Incorporation, Article III A. 1. (Monte Vines requested that his Dissent be noted.)

Motion made and passed to inform Presbytery about the Foundation and transfer of endowment funds above into the Foundation. (Monte Vines requested that his Dissent be noted.)

Motion made and passed to reconsider the previous motion.

Previous motion failed.

Motion made and passed to provide further information on session/ Foundation activity noted above to Presbytery upon request. (Monte Vines requested that his Dissent be noted.)

Motion made and passed to call the first Stated Congregational Meeting for August 14, 2011 at 12:00PM in the Sanctuary.

Motion made and passed to form a Task Force to investigate Sunday Worship and Education times.

Motion made and passed to instruct Kim Case to pay Rev. Steven Marsh the balance of the Eastminster portion of the Severance Agreement and make proportional Board of Pension contribution for the period of March 16, 2011 to April 6, 2011.

Motion made and passed to direct Personnel Committee to verify the amount of the payments and to make said payments out of the reserve balance of last fiscal year.

Adjournment

Motion made and passed to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned with prayer at 9:35 pm.

Jack Kirkham
Clerk of Session