

MONDAY, June 19, 2023
REGULAR MEETING OF SESSION

On Monday, June 19, 2023, the 647th regular meeting of Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church was held in Galbreath Chapel at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Dr. Forrest was the Moderator and opened the meeting with prayer at 7:00 p.m.

Attending were Dr. Forrest, Ed Sutter, and Elders Berrott, Davis, Eccher, Exley, Galbreath, Locke, Ludwig, Malarkey, Marsh, McGee, Null, Page, Ralston, Rost, Waller, Widmar, and Williams, constituting a quorum.

REPORT OF THE CLERK

A motion to approve the minutes of the 646th (May 15, 2023) regular meeting of Session was made, seconded, and approved. A motion to approve the membership action reported below also was made, seconded, and approved.

BAPTISMS

June 18, 2023

Emery Ruth O'Leary	Parents: Michael and Kelsey O'Leary
Declan Anthony Leppo	Parents: Steven Leppo and Danielle Valicenti

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

During worship services on Sunday, July 2, 2023 and Sunday, August 6, 2023, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to communicants.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Format of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Dr. Forrest presented a proposed change in the format for the 2023 annual meeting of the Congregation, scheduled for October 29, 2023, as well as for future annual meetings. She explained that under the past and current practice the annual meeting is held only at the conclusion of the 11:00 am service on the last Sunday of October. The only members who participate in the voting are those who are present at the conclusion of the 11:00 am service. Consequently, although a quorum has been present, those members who attend the 8:30 service and the Bridge service usually do not attend the annual meeting. Dr. Forrest proposed that the format of the annual meeting be changed in to encourage participation by a greater number of members. Specifically, she suggested that the annual meeting be commenced following the

8:30 am service, that the meeting be suspended after the voting of members then present, and that it be called to order again after the Bridge service, suspended after voting of those then present, and called to order a third time at the conclusion of the 11:00 am service, with adjournment following the conclusion of business at that service.

Following a discussion in which all members of Session agreed that expanding the annual meeting to include members who attend all services is desirable, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to commence the annual Congregational meeting of the October 29, 2023, and all meetings of the Congregation thereafter, immediately following the first worship service, to continue the meeting to include members of other worship services held on the same day, and to adjourn the meeting at the conclusion of business after the last worship service on that day.

July 31, 2023 Worship Services and Picnic

Dr. Forrest reminded Session that the Deacons will sponsor a worship service and picnic in a reserved pavilion in South Park on July 31, in place of the Bridge and 11:00 o'clock services. The 8:30 worship service will be held in the Sanctuary and will be live-streamed. Session discussed the time of the worship service at South Park and agreed that the service should begin at 10:30, followed by the picnic.

Commission Reports and Actions

The following Commissions submitted written reports prior to the meeting:

Adult Spiritual Development
Children's and Family Ministries/WECEP
Community Engagement
Outreach
Personnel
Youth Ministry

Town Hall South also submitted its written annual report to Westminster.

SENIOR PASTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Forrest reported that Chris Hestwood has begun her additional duties as Interim Director of Communications and that Jack Kelly is now the permanent Director of Finance and Operations. She also reported that the Deacons have sponsored parties for residents at Friendship Village and Providence Point. Many of those who attended were delighted to learn many of their fellow residents are members of Westminster.

Dr. Forrest also stated in July she and Hamish will host a party at their home for new members and to prospective members who are attending the Inquirers class.

Dr. Forrest informed Session that Dave Reiter has been released from prison and is currently living in a halfway house. Neither the prosecutor nor the parole board informed Westminster prior to Reiter's release. The Church received an e-mail notification following the release.

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 8:10 p.m. with prayer led by Dr. Forrest. The next meeting of Session will be held on August 21, 2023 in Galbreath Chapel.

Respectfully submitted,

William C. Ludwig
Clerk of Session

Approved: