

Session Business

April 19, 2020

1. Church financials are currently favorable to budget plan, and people have been honoring their pledges during the coronavirus isolation period.
2. Missions Ministry reported that brown bag food drop-offs are being made to the Conroe House of Prayer and the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen during the current isolation period. Mission Sewing reported that more than 60 face masks have been delivered to people in need in our community and congregation.
3. Session approved submission of two Presbytery of New Covenant grant applications, one to support our work with Freedom Place (survivors of sex trafficking), the other to support our missions with the homeless in our area (i.e. Conroe House of Prayer, Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, Family Promise).
4. Worship Committee expressed appreciation for the great effort and response of everyone to moving all worship services online during this period, and Session approved a recommendation by the Trustees that we continue our electronic methods of meeting until the current limitations are lifted and it is determined that we can reasonably and safely return to face-to-face worship, fellowship, and meetings. PDS follows Conroe ISD actions in regard to school actions.
5. Session supports the work that the Trustees are doing in response to the coronavirus challenges to our church, approving its recommendations regarding an insurance claim and applying for a government payroll loan/grant.
6. The recommended sale of a donated vehicle was approved.
7. The columbarium supporting structure has wood rot due to water leakage in the area. The Columbarium Committee will reconvene to address remediation and solution measures.
8. Dr. Green reported on actions taken by staff and volunteers in response to the coronavirus and various related government and Conroe ISD guidelines, which has resulted in no “cancellations” but rather an expedited transition to online programming, worship and Communion services, meetings, and fellowship using Facebook Live and Zoom electronic platforms. Supportive communications to staff and volunteers during this period is important.
9. Each Committee/Ministry is requested to discuss what needs to be done to re-open our building safely and to make recommendations at the May Session meeting. Meanwhile, plans and discussions regarding re-opening needs and considerations are ongoing.
10. On Easter Sunday 516 discrete electronic devices signed onto the Facebook Live worship services.

New Members: None