

Session Business

November 21, 2021

1. Minutes of the stated Session meeting of October 17, 2021, were approved as submitted.
2. Proposals for upgrading the church library space and its computer-based catalog system were approved. Funds for these improvements have come from generous donations made in memory of Pat Ezell, a long-time teacher and librarian.
3. The flooding problems from drainage issues at the back of the church have been resolved, clearing the way for completion (once again) of the columbarium. Plans are underway for replacing electric HVAC with gas units in the Sanctuary and Narthex, which should significantly reduce utility costs.
4. The PDS director and her assistant resigned on October 26. A search for their replacements is underway. Student enrollment is currently 19. Break-even enrollment is 24-30 students, so there is a current PDS cash flow challenge until two CDs mature in 2022.
5. Cara Wood and Ron Bailey resigned as Trustees effective October 27 due to concerns about late IRS reports and payments for PDS payroll taxes. The late reports recently have been filed and the payments made, but IRS assessments may be levied. Officers of the corporation (which our Trustees are considered to be) can be held personally liable for situations such as these. Actions are underway to ensure these issues do not recur.
6. A summary of the November 20 Presbytery meeting was provided. Rev. Lynn Hargrove has been appointed to two more years' service as General Presbyter and Stated Clerk for Administrative Process. Ruling Elder George James will be the new Presbytery Moderator.

Moderator's Report:

1. The new church pews provided by Bill Parker will be installed December 8-10. The final distribution to the church from the William S. Parker estate has been received.
2. If the way be clear, a congregation meeting during the 11:00 worship service on December 19 will occur for the purpose of receiving the Nominating Committee's recommendations and to elect new ruling elders and officers.
3. New efforts to identify a Music Director are underway with the help of several choir members.
4. Documents regarding the Trustees have been referred to the Administration Committee for reconsideration/revision.
5. The December Session meeting agenda is limited to budget items only.

New Members: None

Deaths: None