

“What’s In Session” July 2022 Report

Your Session met on July 25 for the Stated Session meeting. We welcomed Becky Barefoot and Edwin Link from our Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). They gave an update on their progress, reporting that they are currently in the interview stage but are still receiving pastor information forms. Please keep the PNC in your prayers as they move forward in their work.

Each month, Session plans an educational component to help guide our planning. This month, Kathy Denlinger and David Massey offered background on the SACPC Auxano Vision Framework that was instituted in 2019. Auxano, both the name of the company and the process, was staff-initiated. It was designed to help our congregation look at our values of people, place and passion and help us to find our unique “Vision Pathway”. This framework is meant to be an action oriented and living document that will enable us to 1. **Rethink** what obstacles we are facing, 2. **Uncover** what we can do best, 3. **Talk up** what holds our vision together, 4. **Go Ahead** where God is taking us, and 5. **Live Out** the vision. Session will be spending more time focusing on the Auxano Vision and how SACPC can benefit from this work at the August Session Retreat.

During the New Business/Open Forum time, it was reported that the SACPC Preschool is mostly full and its finances are in good shape, Elders were reminded to make outreach calls to all church families, nominations for 2023 officers are encouraged through August 1, and volunteers are being solicited for christian education for both children and adults. There was a mutual feeling that the core of SACPC is strong and involved and that we are moving in the right direction.

Rev. Dr. Robert Bayley updated the Session with regards to many topics. In relation to personnel, Dr. Bayley reported that Rosalind Barker is now on board as the part-time CBA, Matthew MacDonald will begin in August as the Director of Contemporary Worship, and Ric Knight has concluded his time with us due to medical issues. With regard to the Building update, support services for filming in the neighborhood nearby in the coming weeks have rented space in the church, repairs continue as needed, and the Building Task Force continues to expand into a more permanent Buildings and Grounds Team. The Rental Property has been a busy place with the Carousel Center moving into the old South Care facility, The Bridge Church offices moving into space adjacent to The Hub, the Sisson House will be full the last week in July with a mission group and August through November with a missionary family from Vigilant Hope. Discussion continues regarding the best use of Sisson House going into the future. All rental spaces are currently leased. Dr. Bayley continues to make contact with church members both by phone and in person.

If you are interested in serving on the Session or the Diaconate please submit your name to the Church Nominating Committee (CNC). If instead, you are interested in serving on one of the Session Committees, please contact the chair of the specific committee.

Planning Committee: Jeff Flynn
Congregational Engagement Committee: Paige Williams
Governance and Training Committee: Brian Lanier
Human Resources Committee: David Massey
Finance Committee: William Gwathmey

If you have questions or concerns, please send correspondence to session@sacpc.org.