

“What’s In Session”

January Session Report

Your Session has met twice in January. The January 13th meeting was a Called Session Meeting to present the proposed slate for the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) and request that Session schedule a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, January 23, 2022 in order to vote on the proposed PNC. Many thanks to the Church Nominating Committee (David Massey, Kathy Denlinger, Amy Stuart, Jack Richardson, George Chadwick and Lora Padula) for choosing such a qualified group. The following members were chosen from a field of 50 names nominated by the congregation: Becky Barefoot, John Bohbrink, Jeff Denlinger, Joseph Gray, Kelly Hawkins, Shelley Hobson, Edwin Link, Sue McCaffray and Stephanie Williams. Please keep them in your prayers throughout the entire Pastor Nominating process.

The new paragraph would look like this:

Your Session has met twice in January. The January 13th meeting was a Called Session Meeting at the request of the Church Nominating Committee (CNC). A proposed slate for the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) was ready to present to the congregation. The CNC requested that Session schedule a Called Congregational Meeting for Sunday, January 23, 2022 to receive and act on the report from the CNC. Many thanks to the CNC (David Massey, Kathy Denlinger, Amy Stuart, Jack Richardson, George Chadwick and Lora Padula) for their time and dedication to listening for God’s direction in choosing such a qualified group to serve. The following members were chosen from a field of 50 names nominated by the congregation: Becky Barefoot, John Bohbrink, Jeff Denlinger, Joseph Gray, Kelly Hawkins, Shelley Hobson, Edwin Link, Sue McCaffray and Stephanie Williams. Please keep them in your prayers throughout the entire Pastor Nominating process.

The Session held their regular Stated Session Meeting on January 24th. This was the first stated meeting for our newly elected elders and we welcomed Lynn Atkinson, Hugh Caison, Beth Cherry, Joan Gray, Cliff Hester, and Jim Snyder. One of the first motions that the Session voted on was to approve our “at-large” members who serve on each of the Sessional committees. We approved the following slate:

Planning: René Sasser, Tom Glatt, Bob Cherry

Human Resources: Kevin Crooks, Sarah Holt Gwathmey, Ryan Johnson

Training/Governance: Ann Danchak, Bob Padula

Congregational Engagement: Jane Raney, Katherine Brandi

Finance: Lynn Kozik, George Chadwick, Kelly Hawkins

If you would like to consider serving as an “at-large” committee member, please speak with a Session member.

Session considered the 2022 Asking Budget and there was much discussion. The asking budget is considerably greater than the pledges that have been submitted. Session plans our budget according to what we believe we can realistically afford, and we have great plans. But we need every member to support our church with their pledge. Currently we have **167** pledges which is down **47** from last year (however the average pledge is up almost \$1000). Our 2022 Asking Budget is \$1,536,111 and our current pledges total \$1,071,238... Please, if you have not sent in your pledge for 2022, do so today.

Session’s next stated meeting will be held February 28th at 6:30. You are welcome to attend.

If you are interested in reading the Minutes from Session meetings, they can be found in the Realm system which can be accessed from our SACPC website or the Realm App. To find the minutes, after you sign in look for the “Community” tab. Click to open and then choose “Groups”. You will then have several options, choose “St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church” which will open a new window. Here you will see three tabs, “News”, “Participants” and “Files”. Click on “Files” and you will be able to access the Session minutes. The minutes are not posted until they have been approved by the Session, so they will look to be one month late because Session does not vote on them until the following Stated Meeting.

As always, if you have comments, suggestions or questions, please contact any session member directly or send an email to session@sacpc.org.

Session

Class of 2022

Jeff Flynn
William Gwathmey
Brian Lanier
David Massey

Class of 2023

Lisa Bohbrink
Kathy Denlinger
Russell Herring
Matthew Hilliard

Class of 2024

Lynn Atkinson
Hugh Caison
Beth Cherry
Joan Gray

Rita Pasquariello
Paige Williams

Tony McEwen
Eddie Stuart

Cliff Hester
Jim Snyder

*****Great News*****

Emily Donovan has accepted the new position of “Communications Director”. Emily will continue to produce weekly email newsletters and manage all social media accounts, internal and external communications and implementation of church communication strategies. She will now be managing our website and its content as well. She will be doing all of this in 30 hours each week at SACPC. Please thank her for taking on this additional responsibility! If you have not visited the website lately, take a look. She has already begun working her magic.