

“What’s in Session”

December Session Report

Your Session met twice in December.

The December 5th called meeting was to examine the incoming elders and deacons.

The stated Session meeting was held on December 13, at 6:00pm and began with a dinner celebrating our outgoing Session members: Kent Anderson, Kelly Hawkins, Carolyn Leonard, Bob Padula, and Rene Sasser. These five members have served SACPC with unwavering dedication, love, and leadership for four years. They have ushered in our new form of government with commitment that is awe inspiring and have led us through difficult times with our Head of Staff resigning and Covid 19 taking the spotlight. Please let them know how much you appreciate their service!

Our meeting began with a discussion of the Session’s **Governing Style**: The Session will govern with prayerful discernment of God’s will, and by observing the principles of the Policy Governance model with an emphasis on: (A) an outward vision rather than an internal preoccupation, (B) encouragement of diversity in viewpoints, (C) strategic leadership more than administrative detail, (D) clear distinction of the Session and Head of Staff roles, (E) collective rather than individual decisions, (F) future rather than past or present, and (G) proactivity rather than reactivity.

We highlighted areas that we would like to investigate further in 2022, including but not limited to: engaging people, hearing from our members, post-Covid re-engagement, and the future of our church. We will endeavor to learn more about each of these areas and how they can help us become a stronger church community.

Your Session continues to review the membership roles at SACPC and over the coming year we hope to have a church-wide understanding of what it means to be an active member. Look for more information as the summer draws near!

The Human Resources Committee, by collaborative consensus and in concurrence with the Head of Staff, brought two motions to the Session for approval. First, a motion that the Session approve the hiring of Cindy Litzinger as Director of Music with a start date of January 10, 2022, and that the Session approve moving Savannah Crews, our current Interim Children’s Director from interim status to a permanent status. Second, a motion that Session approve the development of a new position titled Church Administrator to manage all of the administrative staff of the church and to report to the HOS. Both motions were voted on and approved.

The Human Resources Committee, in concurrence with the HOS, informed Session that Matthew Talley has resigned from his full-time position as Communications Director. Matt has accepted an opportunity that will greatly benefit him and his new wife. Matt's last day as full-time will be 12/25/21, however he has agreed to stay on part-time until we find a replacement for his position. Therefore, Matt will continue working on Sundays during this transition period to ensure that the live streaming of services goes well. We are extremely thankful for all of Matt's work and we are very grateful for his continuing efforts during this time of transition.

Session was well pleased with the number of CAT (congregation-wide survey) scans that were completed. Holy Cow Consulting will crunch the data and produce a report which will interpret the results for us. Robyn Strain, our representative, will be in Wilmington the weekend of January 7-9 and will meet with staff and officers over the weekend to provide the interpretation, answer questions, and provide basic information. We look forward to providing the congregation with the results!

Rev. Bayley asked Kelly Hawkins to present the proposed 2022 budget to Session. After a brief discussion, Session decided not to vote on the proposed budget at the time. There will be further discussion in January once Session has a clearer understanding of where the church is financially and once all pledges have been received.

Session's next stated meeting will be held January 24th. You are welcome to attend!

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 2021

Kent Anderson
Kelly Hawkins
Rene Sasser
Bob Padula
Carolyn Leonard

Class of 2022

William Gwathmey
Brian Lanier
Paige Williams
Jeff Flynn
David Massey
Rita Pasquariello

Class of 2023

Lisa Bohbrink
Kathy Denlinger
Russell Herring
Matthew Hilliard
Tony McEwen
Eddie Stuart