

## "What's In Session" June 2022 Report

Your Session met on June 27th for the Stated Session meeting. We were happy to welcome Rev. Jerrod Lowry (General Presbyter, Presbytery of Coastal Carolina), Rev. Steve Hein (former SACPC head pastor), Rev. Dr. Gary Smith (Parish Associate, SACPC), Catheryn Thomas (Executive Administrator, SACPC), Jen Phelps (Director of Youth Ministries) and Cindy Litzinger (Director of Music, SACPC). Fourteen of your Session members, Rev. Dr. Robert Bayley (Interim Head of Staff and Moderator of Session), Jo Carpenter (Clerk of Session) and Katherine Brandi (Assistant Clerk of Session) were also present. You, too, are welcome to attend the meetings and see how your Session operates under our current governance model.

The primary order of business for this month was to address one of the sources of conflict within SACPC. A motion was brought forth to request that the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina look into the possible pastoral misconduct of SACPC's former head pastor. Each elder present spoke in turn regarding the motion. The motion, as presented, was passed by Session. You have received correspondence from Jo Carpenter acknowledging this vote and request to Presbytery.

As Jo mentioned in the letter, Rev. Dr. Ann Jahnes, former Associate Pastor of SACPC will moderate a guided listening opportunity, on July 27, for congregants wishing to share or seek help in processing their feelings about various conflicts in our church. Additionally, questions, comments and input from interested parties who wish to be heard, can be directed to Rev. Jerrod Lowry at [jerrodlowry@presbycc.org](mailto:jerrodlowry@presbycc.org).

Each of the staff members present offered appreciation for their time spent with Emily Swanson from Holy Cow Consulting. Staff will be meeting again with Emily in September and suggested that Session avail itself of Holy Cow services in order to determine actionable ways that would improve working as a unit and with staff. Session agreed, and voted to meet with Emily while she is in town in September.

William Gwathmey, Chair of Finance, moved that Session approve \$15,000 for A/C repairs. While "the Church" is made up of people, the building allows us to be and do the work that we have committed to doing as Christians. It is our responsibility to be good stewards of our beautiful building. Session is acting on faith to move ahead with these repairs. Please continue to fulfill your pledge and if you would like to provide additional support for the A/C system, Susan Dykes (Financial Administrator, SACPC) would be more than happy to speak with you!

Staff is discussing the use of the SACPC Rental Property and how we should best utilize these assets. Jason Swain and Sam Lathan (managers) have worked hard for our church and have secured not only excellent tenants but also great terms to cover routine maintenance and upkeep. The Carousel Center will be leasing the old Southcare unit for the upcoming year. The Sisson House has been a wonderful property that has provided space for numerous groups over the years. It has been a place where our own members have stayed for service

opportunities, outreach and study. We must now consider how to best use the Sisson House to further our goals as followers of Christ. The group that has been working on these rental projects will become a Long Range Planning Team. The team currently includes: Robert Bayley, Cindy Litzinger, Catheryn Thomas, Jeff Sulick, Jen Phelps, Gail Richardson, Rita Pasquariello, William Gwathmey, Jason Swain and Sam Lathan. If you would be interested in serving with these members, contact Robert Bayley.

Thank you for your emails with questions and concerns. Please send correspondence to [session@sacpc.org](mailto:session@sacpc.org) and consider joining us for a meeting!

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