

## SILVER SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### Session Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2022

1. Meeting called to order by Rev. Wahlig at 7:00 pm on Zoom with Scripture from Daniel, Prayer and Lighting of the Christ candle

Attendance – Kris Carpinello, Gary Hollinger, Scott Pepperman, Rev. Don Wahlig, John Carroll, Bill Vipperman, Jerry Schnell, Susan Bruner, Lydia Fehr, Ellen Frey, Maryan McCormick, Lucy Vaughan, Chris Kavulich, John Ake, Emily Krebs, Mark McGaffin, Pat Ferris, Carol Bogar, Jim Smith, and Laura Shoop.

Also attending: Beth Vipperman (Deacon representative), Megan Crompton (Deacon-Elect).

Excused: Bill Resser, Kathryn Ressler, and Gary Karkuff

#### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- a. Examination of Deacon-Elect: Megan Crompton was examined by Session. A motion to approve Ms. Crompton was made by Jim Smith, seconded by Lucy Vaughan, and approved.
  - b. Discussion of DMin Proposal: Rev. Wahlig presented his proposal for a second 6000 word paper on “being church in a post-Christian world.” Elders are encouraged to review and comment on the written proposal for small group formation which are intended to be relational and transformative and focused on life-stage similarities with mission, worship and fellowship components.
2. APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED AGENDA This approval includes all agenda items on the Consent Agenda, marked with a [C]. All items on the Consent Agenda are approved and/or received with this approval of this motion by Elder Smith, seconded by Elder Schnell and approved.

#### 3. CLERK’S REPORT

Approval of Minutes: [C] Session Meeting, January 27, 2022; [C] Annual Meeting of the Congregation Minutes, January 30, 2022; [C] 2021 Annual Church Statistical Report [C] Administrative Commission of Session, February 12, 2022  
[C] Average Sunday Worship attendance for January 2022

|         | IN PERSON   |           | YOU TUBE   |             |
|---------|-------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
|         | Traditional | Gathering | YouTube    | TOTAL       |
| Jan. 2  | 45          | 40        | 157        | 242         |
| Jan. 9  |             |           |            | no services |
| Jan. 16 | 63          | 23        | 139        | 225         |
| Jan. 23 | 58          | 35        | 268        | 361         |
| Jan. 30 | 60          | 33        | 145        | 238         |
|         |             |           |            |             |
| Total   | 226         | 131       | 709        | 1066        |
|         |             | Avg. Week | # Services |             |
|         | Traditional | 56.5      | 4          |             |
|         | Gathering   | 32.75     | 4          |             |
|         | YouTube     | 177.25    | 4          |             |

Home Communion: none

[C] Baptisms requests approved: Son of Max and Katie Flessner, Theodore (Teddy) Jones Flessner, Feb. 27, 2022; Ashley Dierich, Feb. 27, 2022

[C] Weddings conducted/requested: none

[C] Deaths: none

[C] Membership - New members joined February 12, 2022: Kayla and Ashley Dierich (Kayla by Letter of Transfer from Camp Hill Presbyterian, Ashley by baptism); Max and Kate Flessner (both by Reaffirmation of Faith)

4. APNC UPDATE – Bill Vipperman reported that a candidate has been in negotiation with the Committee and that Presbytery will meet on March 15<sup>th</sup> to approve her for ordination. A motion was made by Bill Vipperman, seconded by Gary Hollinger and approved by Session to call a congregational meeting for March 20<sup>th</sup> immediately following a 10:00 am combined worship service in the meeting house.
5. PRESCHOOL REPORT – see attached report and 2022-23 Preschool calendar. Session approved the calendar as presented by the pre-school director.
6. MINISTRY OF MONEY
  - a. Financial Report – see attached January 2022 financial report
  - b. Finance Minutes – 2/22/22 minutes attached
  - c. Revenue on and through January - (\$121,407.08) and YTD (\$121,407.08)  
Expenses on and through January - (\$ 46,285.72) and YTD (\$ 46,285.08)  
Net on January 31, 2022-- (\$ 75,121.36) and YTD (\$ 75,121.36)
7. PRESBYTERY MEETINGS in 2022:  
February 26, 2022 (9:00 am by Zoom): John Carroll, Gary Hollinger and Emily Krebs were selected to attend the meeting.  
Meetings scheduled for May 3, 2022, September 24, 2022, December 6, 2022
8. DEACONS REPORT – 2/7/22 minutes attached. Beth Vipperman briefly discussed the new funeral policy involving caterers.
9. TEAM REPORTS

Personnel: The committee will be looking at options for addressing administrative needs in the pre-school

[C] Buildings & Grounds – 2/3/22 minutes attached  
Christian Education – 2/10/22 minutes attached: Scott Pepperman expressed concern over elder support for youth Sunday and a challenge to do better

[C] Earth Care Team – 1/24/22 minutes attached

[C] Commitment, Legacy and Endowment – 2/16/22 minutes attached  
Fellowship – 2/20/22 minutes attached

A Committee motion was presented by Ellen Frey urging Session to begin allowing large meal gatherings starting in March 2022, now that the levels of Covid 19 are much lower, which would reverse a previous moratorium on large meal gatherings. After lengthy debate the motion was withdrawn. The mask issue will be discussed again at the March meeting of Session. (see similar motion below)

[C] I.T.

[C] Membership – 1/24/22 minutes attached

[C] Mission – 2/10/22 minutes attached

[C] Nominating

[C] Worship – 2/10/22 minutes attached

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Review of SSPC mask policy. A motion by Scott Pepperman, seconded by Bill Vipperman to make mask wearing optional at all church activities was debated at length and withdrawn. Further consideration of masking policies will be added to the March agenda.

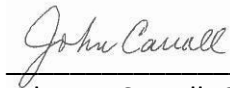
11. OTHER: [C] Report of the Pastor

12. ASSIGNMENTS Scott Pepperman will attend 7:00 pm Deacon meeting (next meeting –3/7/22):

13. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

14. CLOSING PRAYER/ADJOURNMENT: Rev. Wahlig adjourned the meeting with prayer at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



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John W. Carroll, Clerk of Session