

SILVER SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Session Minutes

March 27, 2025

1. Rev. Dr. Wahlig opened with Scripture, Prayer and Lighting of the Christ candle @ 7:05 pm
2. ATTENDANCE VIA ZOOM AND IN PERSON: Rev. Dr. Wahlig (moderator), Rev. Lisa Chase, Scott Pepperman, Drew Crompton, Diane Lupia, Fred Shatto, Carol Service, Bill Vipperman, Gary Hollinger, Bill Resser, Fred Voigt, Bob Davis, Susan Neville, Alan Flenner, Kris Carpinello, BJ Lopez, Susan Neville, Cheryl Moore, Lilly Taylor (Youth Representative), and Heather McCarthy (Deacon Rep); Confirmand guests: R.J. Holt, Morgan Grace Crompton, Kyla Grace Callahan, Charlotte Gillis, Brynn Hipp, Jaymie Whittle
3. EXCUSED: John Carroll, Bethany Kavulich, Clint Coldren, Ellen Frey, Gary Karkuff, Jim Anderson and Forrest Adams.
4. APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY and CLERK PRO TEM –
Motion: Upon motion of Fed Shatto and seconded by Scott Pepperman Gary Hollinger was approved to serve as Secretary and Clerk Pro Tem for this meeting.
5. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: Discussion with Confirmation Class. Rev. Chase summarized what was covered during the Confirmand Class. The Session members were divided into 6 groups to examine the Confirmands. Each group had one Confirmand and had a discussion asking the Confirmands 4 predetermined questions. At the end of the discussion, each group reported back to the full Session by summarizing their discussions.
Motion: Upon motion of Susan Neville, seconded by Gary Hollinger the following individuals were acknowledged by Session for completing the Confirmand program and approved for presentation to the congregation during Palm Sunday Worship Service, where they may be acknowledged and affirmed in public worship service as members of Silver Spring Presbyterian Church: R.J. Holt, Morgan Grace Crompton, Kyla Grace Callahan, Charlotte Gillis, Brynn Hipp, and Jaymie Whittle.
6. APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED AGENDA
Motion: Upon motion of Bill Resser, seconded by Scott Pepperman all agenda items on the Consent Agenda, marked with a [C] were approved.

7. CLERK'S REPORT

Approval of Minutes: [C] Administrative Commission of Session, Jan. 19, 2025 [C] Session Meeting, February 27, 2025

[C] Average Sunday Worship attendance for January and February 2025:

	IN PERSON		YOU TUBE		TOTAL
	Traditional	Gathering	Traditional	Gathering	
Jan. 5	79	52	107	23	261
Jan. 12	101	56	107	37	301
Jan. 19	88	42	164	54	348
Jan. 26	110	65	105	51	331
Total	378	215	483	165	1241
		Avg. Week	# Services		
	Traditional	95	4		
	Gathering	54	4		
	Trad.YouTube	121	4		
	Gath.YouTube	41	4		

	IN PERSON		YOU TUBE		TOTAL
	Traditional	Gathering	Traditional	Gathering	
Feb. 2	122	36	90	36	284
Feb. 9	68	33	182	44	327
Feb. 16	79	53	124	54	310
Feb. 23	107	53	75	50	285
Total	376	175	471	184	1206
		Avg. Week	# Services		
	Traditional	94	4		
	Gathering	44	4		
	Trad.YouTube	118	4		
	Gath.YouTube	46	4		

- [C] Home Communion: none to report
- [C] Baptisms conducted: none to report
- [C] Wedding requested: none to report
- [C] Deaths: none to report
- [C] Membership: none to report

8. Youth Session Representative Report - Lilly Taylor provided an update on activities of the youth since the last meeting.

- a. PRECHOOL REPORT – The Preschool March Report was received. Emily Cocores presented the 2025-26 Preschool Calendar for approval.

Motion: The 2025-26 calendar was approved on Motion of B.J Lopez, seconded by Scott Pepperman. Emily then presented the 2025-26 Preschool Budget for approval.

Motion: The 2025-26 was approved on Motion of Bill Resser, seconded by Cheryl Moore.

9. MINISTRY OF MONEY

- a. Financial Report – The February 2025 report was received and update provided by Gary Hollinger
- b. Finance Minutes – The 2/25/25 minutes were received.
- c. Financial update – YTD Revenue - \$227,155.59 YTD Expenses - \$151,773.64 Net - \$75,381.95

10. PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

- a. Wednesday, April 30, 2025: Scott Pepperman will be a Commissioner at the Evening Hybrid Meeting – Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church. Additional volunteers are needed to attend as Commissioners.
- b. Saturday, September 13 – Volunteers needed to be Commissioners at the Morning Hybrid – First Presbyterian Church in Carlisle
- c. Wednesday, November 19 – Volunteers are needed to be Commissioners at the Evening Hybrid – Harrisburg Korean Presbyterian Church

11. DEACONS REPORT – 3/3/25 minutes were received. Heather McCarthy provided an update regarding the man responsibilities and initiatives of the Deacons. Rev. Lisa Chase spoke regarding the proposed implementation of Zones and the use of Captains in assigned Zones. In response, Scott Pepperman talked about the concerns and problems they previously experienced when the Deacons used the Zone concept for Deacon care. Scott wanted to make sure the implementation team takes prior experience into consideration before implementation.

12. TEAM REPORTS

PERSONNEL – Drew Crompton provided an update on the search process for a Youth Director. He indicated that the Search Committee has finished the administrative process and the team is preparing an advertisement for release in about two weeks.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS – 3/6/25 minutes received. Fred Voigt reported that the Committee is getting quotes to repair the cemetery wall. They are also looking into repairing the Kitchen floor and looking into alarming the Chapel door and a few adjustments to make it more useable.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Scott Pepperman reported that the Committee is starting to prepare for Vacation Bible School and they are seeking additional adult and youth volunteers.

Earth Care Team – 2/24/25 minutes received. Scott informed everyone that Rev. Kevin Long will be here to speak on Earth Care during the Adult Form, Sunday June 1, 2025.

Young Adults Group (Pathfinders) – 2/9/25 and 2/23/25 minutes received.

[C] Commitment, Legacy and Endowment – 3/18/25 minutes received.

[C] Fellowship – NO REPORT or MINUTES

[C] I.T. – NO REPORT OR MINUTES

[C] Membership – NO MINUTES – **Rev. Dr. Wahlig has tasked the Membership Committee with exploring the possibility of hiring a photographer to take photos of members to update the photos in Realm.

[C] Mission – 3/13/25 minutes received.

[C] Nominating – NO REPORT OR MINUTES

[C] Worship – 3/20/25 minutes received.

13. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Update from Task Force on Child Protection Policy – No update available.

14. NEW BUSINESS

15. OTHER:

[C] Report of the Pastor


[C] Report of the Associate Pastor

16. ASSIGNMENTS: B.J. Lopez has agreed to attending the Deacon meeting @ 7 p.m. April 7, 2025.

17. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER – All minutes and reports were received by Session

18. CLOSING PRAYER/ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, Pastor Wahlig adjourned the meeting with prayer at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Recorded,



Gary Hollinger

Secretary Pro Tem