

# SILVER SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Session Meeting Minutes May 22, 2025

1. Rev. Dr. Don Wahlig shared scripture from Ephesians and lit the Christ Candle to begin the meeting at 7:02 pm.
2. ATTENDANCE VIA ZOOM AND IN PERSON: Rev. Dr. Don Wahlig (Moderator), Jim Anderson, BJ Lopez, Gary Hollinger, Fred Shatto, Susan Neville, Carol Service, Fred Voigt, Diane Lupia, Ashley Ringquist, Sarah Neville, Scott Pepperman, Lily Taylor, Bill Resser, Alan Flenner, Ellen Frey, Gary Hollinger, Bethany Kavulich, Cheryl Moore, Scott Pepperman, Bill Vipperman, Alan Flenner, Ellen Frey, Kris Carpinello, John Carroll, and Tracy Katshir (Deacon Representative)
3. EXCUSED: Forrest Adams, Clint Coldren, Drew Crompton, Gary Karkuff, Bob Davis, Reverend Lisa Chase
4. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT –New members and existing members of the Deacons and Session shared information to become more familiar with one another as the leadership in the church.
5. APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED AGENDA

**Motion:** Motion was made to proceed with ordination and installation of ruling elders and deacons who will begin in August. Motion made by BJ Lopez, seconded by Gary Hollinger. Motion passed.

**Motion:** A commission will be formed to examine two people new to their office and not present: Judy LaPointe and Rick Campomizzi. Fred Shatto and Scott Pepperman agreed to this. Examination must be complete before June 8, 2025, when ordination and installation take place. Gary Hollinger made a motion, Jim Anderson seconded; motion passed.

**Motion:** Need to act on the installation of officers: Forrest Adams Susan Neville  
John Carroll Megan Crompton  
Drew Crompton Holly Lawrence  
Diane Lupia

Motion was made by Scott Pepperman and seconded by Jim Anderson. Motion passed.

**Motion:** Approval of proposed Agenda: No changes needed  
Motion to adopt was made by BJ Lopez and seconded by Fred Shatto. All items in consent agenda are approved.

## 6. CLERK'S REPORT

[C] Average Sunday Worship attendance for March and April 2025:

	IN PERSON		YOU TUBE		TOTAL
	Traditional	Gathering	Traditional	Gathering	
Apr. 6	110	47	87	33	277
Apr. 13	149	70	110	37	366
Apr. 20	290	48	142	52	532
Apr. 27	112	50	88	25	275
Total	661	215	427	147	1450
		Avg. Week	# Services		
	Traditional	165	4		
	Gathering	54	4		
	Trad.YouTube	107	4		
	Gath.YouTube	37	4		

	IN PERSON		YOU TUBE		TOTAL
	Traditional	Gathering	Traditional	Gathering	
Mar. 2	115	46	78	44	283
Mar. 9	100	50	94	29	273
Mar. 16	87	55	87	23	252
Mar. 23	120	59	92	30	301
Mar. 30	114	58	72	55	299
Total	536	268	423	181	1408
		Avg. Week	# Services		
	Traditional	107	5		
	Gathering	54	5		
	Trad.YouTube	85	5		
	Gath.YouTube	36	5		

- [C] Home Communion
- [C] Baptisms conducted
- [C] Wedding requested
- [C] Deaths

[C] Membership: Letter of transfer requested by Judy and Bob Babiarz. Session approved.

7. YOUTH SESSION REPORT – Scott Pepperman provided the Youth Session report on behalf of Lilly Taylor. Upcoming events such as Lock In, Gospel Concert, Bowling, and Dave and Busters were shared.

8. PRECHOOL REPORT – received. Graduation took place today.

#### 9. MINISTRY OF MONEY

a. Financial Report-April 2025 report received and update provided by Gary Hollinger.

b. Finance Committee Minutes – 5/20/25 minutes received.

c. Financial Update-

YTD Revenue - \$398,384.94 YTD Expenses - \$308,079.79 Net - \$90,305.15

d. Fall Faire committee gave recommendations for allocation of funds. There is money that is not designated. **MOTION:** It was moved that the undesignated money be used to offset the deficit projected for the retreat center. Scott Pepperman made the motion, with the second by Gary Hollinger. This was passed.

#### 10. PRESBYTERY MEETINGS:

- a. Wednesday, April 30, 2025: Evening Hybrid Meeting – Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church. Scott Pepperman, Gary Hollinger attended. New worship communities are being formed in the Presbytery. Participants were engaged in this worship at the meeting. Betsy Neilson was made President of Corporation.
- b. Saturday, September 13 – Morning Hybrid – First Presbyterian Church in Carlisle
- c. Wednesday, November 19 – Evening Hybrid – Harrisburg Korean Presbyterian Church

11. DEACONS REPORT – The May 2025 meeting minutes were received. The Deacons hope to have the new “Care Communities” up and running by the end of the summer.

#### 12. TEAM REPORTS

Personnel- May 12, 2025 minutes received. Currently there is one candidate for the Youth Director position.

Christian Education – VBS is coming along with great organizers. They never turn down offers to help.  
June 8 End of School Year bash.

A Smart television will be purchased and put on a rolling cart to be utilized in various locations. It will be available in room 112. Work with the IT committee and Buildings and Grounds to purchase. An additional classroom will be provided for the preschool with the intention that it be shared, for use on Sundays as we see fit.

[C] Buildings & Grounds – 5/1/25 minutes received.

[C] Commitment, Legacy and Endowment – 4/9/25 minutes received.

Annual meeting took place on May 14. New participants joined. The goal is that the proceeds will eventually pay expenses at the church. Last year, \$156,000.00 was donated and this marks the most

generous year yet, from the congregation. Members of the committee expressed gratitude and felt encouraged.

[C] Fellowship – Minutes from 4/27/25 meeting attached.

[C] I.T. – No report or Minutes.

[C] Membership – 4/15/25 minutes received.

[C] Mission – 5/8/25 minutes received. May 21 was the third “Meal with a Mission”. Members expressed thanks as this was a successful event, creating over 1500 laundry kits to help Downtown Daily Bread and their new ministry. They also welcomed nonmembers to share a meal and participate.

[C] Nominating – No report or Minutes.

Worship – 5/15/25 minutes received.

14. OLD BUSINESS - Update on proposed revisions to the SSPC Child Protection Policy - No action pending advice from the Presbytery.

15. NEW BUSINESS –

a. Each member of the Session is to view the Leadership Handbook online and report to Priscilla that you viewed it and if you have any revisions.

b. The PA Department of State sent a postcard to the church asking for an annual report. Confusion about purpose. Gary Hollinger will look into this to see if we are considered a Corporation and will determine if we are exempt.

c. Request from Voices of the Valley to present a concert for the public on December 17, 2025, in the afternoon. After the discussion, a motion was made by Fred Shatto and seconded by BJ Lopez to welcome them with no cost to the church.

16. OTHER

a. [C] Report of the Senior Pastor/Head of Staff as printed is attached.

17. ASSIGNMENTS: Bill Resser will attend the 7:00 p.m. Deacons meeting on June 2, 2025.

18. CLOSING PRAYER/ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Rev. Wahlig adjourned the meeting with prayer 8:55 pm.

Respectfully Recorded,



Diane Lupia