

**Session Summary**  
**Joint Meeting with the Board of Trustees**  
**January 29, 2018 Session Meeting**

Following are **highlights** of the January 29, 2019 Session Meeting. *For further clarifications and/or questions, please feel free to contact one of the elders listed at the end of this summary.*

Due to the icy weather the previous week, this meeting had been moved to January 29th which offered severely cold weather. Although dinner was cancelled, a majority of our hardy trustees and elders were in attendance for the meeting. Pastor Ray read a passage from Ephesians and opened with prayer. Tom Wuellner was installed as a trustee.

**2019 Budget**

Elder Bob Bastian, former trustee and chair of the 2019 Budget Committee, presented a revised version of the budget approved by the Board of Trustees and Session in September 2018. Since the 2019 Stewardship Campaign came in short, this budget carries a \$188,000 deficit. While the Session and Trustees approved this budget, further discussion is needed as to how to reduce the deficit. The congregation will have a chance to review it at the Annual Meeting on February 17th.

In addition to the Annual Budget, the Building Maintenance Budget was also approved. Considerable time was given discussing some of the building maintenance priorities for 2019, one of which is re-carpeting and upgrading the Crib Room.

*The trustees were thanked and excused at this point.*

**Clerk's Report**

Marilyn Haase, Olga Ricketts-Peart, Clark Robinson, Barbara Smith, Sharyn Wilson Woods, and Marge Stromberg (alternate) were elected as Commissioners to the Chicago Presbytery for 2019. (Note: Since Sonia Bodi serves on the Presbytery's Nominating Committee and Laurie Kaeser serves on the Commission on Ministry, they are automatically serving as commissioners.)

Clark Robinson will serve as church treasurer in 2019 and Laurie Kaeser will continue to serve as Clerk of Session through May 2019. This marks the ninth year that Laurie has served as clerk and she has expressed the desire to move on to other things. A replacement clerk has not yet been named.

The elders approved allowing our youth to serve communion on March 3rd which is Youth Sunday. This will be communion by intinction and each youth will serve alongside an elder.

**Pastors' Reports**

Since we were running short on time, and it was getting colder outside, it was decided to delay discussion on the *Visioning Summit Goals and Benchmarks*. These had been put together as a result of the Ministry Architects Visioning Summit for all church officers and program staff directors on January 11th and 12th.

The remainder of the meeting was spent in executive session.

*Laurie Kaeser, Clerk of Session*

## **2019 Session**

### **Ordained Pastors**

Rev. Raymond Hylton, *Senior Pastor & Moderator of Session*

Rev. Henry Coates, *Designated Associate Pastor*

### **Ruling Elders**

Laurie Kaeser, *Clerk of Session*

Daniel Allen, *Children's Ministry Council*

Bob Bastian, *The Counseling Center Board*

Sonia Bodi, *Worship Ministry Council, Chicago Presbytery Commissioner*

Bryan Carmody, *Worship Ministry Council*

Dwayne Dobschuetz, *Youth Ministry Council, Stewardship Committee*

Katie Duke, *Pastoral Care Ministry Council*

Susan Hood, *Youth Ministry Council*

Laura Jones, *Pastoral Care Ministry Council*

Kim Klamm, *Personnel Ministry Council, Budget Committee*

Rosemary Mauck, *Evangelism & Membership Development Ministry Council, Nominating Committee*

Matt McLeod, *Adult Discipleship Ministry Council, Nominating Committee*

Hugh Parry, *Personnel Ministry Council*

Dan Shiau, *Adult Discipleship Ministry Council*

Barb Smith, *Evangelism & Membership Development Ministry Council, Chicago Presbytery Commissioner*

Marge Stromberg, *Children's Ministry Council, Chicago Presbytery Commissioner*

Dick Warnecke, *Mission Ministry Council*

Sharyn Wilson Woods, *Mission Ministry Council, Chicago Presbytery Commissioner*