

The Downtown Presbyterian Church
Minutes of the Called Meeting of the Session on September 5th, 2023

A called meeting of the Session of The Downtown Presbyterian Church was held by Zoom on September 5th, 2023 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Erin Bell (Clerk), Tom Wills, Samera Zavaro, Betty McConnell, Denny Harris, Tara Herbert, John Booth, Debra Gentry, Stephanie Coleman, and Rev. Claire Berry (moderator)

Mr. Booth led an opening prayer. Rev. Berry called the meeting to order at 6:38.

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda as presented from Mr. Booth; second by Ms. Zavaro; the motion carried.

Update from the PNC:

The PNC notified the Session that a pastor (undisclosed) has been selected by the committee and requested that the Session call a congregation meeting. The PNC delegates allowed for discussion and questions before putting forth the motion to call a congregational meeting.

Motion from the Pastor Nominating Committee to call a congregational meeting on September 24th, following the 11 a.m. worship service, to present the terms of call for the nominee selected by the PNC; the motion carried unanimously.

Following the approval of the motion, the Session reviewed the Book of Order & church bylaws as pertains to congregational meetings, establishing a quorum, approving terms of call for a pastor, and dissolving the Pastor Nominating Committee. The Session emphasized their intention to adhere to all guidelines within these documents and proceed accordingly.

Congregational Care & Life Issues:

Review of congregational care concerns and how to best care for our members.

Next meeting & Reminders:

- Next meeting: September 19th at 4:30 p.m., to be hosted by Mr. Booth
- **Reminder:** Please continue to email committee meeting details to info@dpchurch.com.

Volunteers for Promoting Trust & Connection:

- Lead the next opening prayer: Mr. Harris
- Update to the congregation: Ms. Zavaro

Motion to adjourn from Mr. Harris, seconded by Ms. Zavaro; the motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:13. Rev. Berry closed the meeting in prayer.

Rev. Claire Berry
Interim Moderator
The Downtown Presbyterian Church

Erin Bell
Clerk of Session
The Downtown Presbyterian Church