

First Presbyterian Church of Ada, OK
Stated Session Meeting September 24, 2023, 12 noon
Office Conference Room of Westminster Fellowship Center

Agenda

I. Call to Order

II. Prayer

III. Roll

A. Session Members (Present, Excused, or Absent)

Class of 2024

Margaret Barton

Amy Elliott

Terry Holman

Class of 2025

Cathy Blackburn

Edmon Perkins

Bruce Weems

Class of 2026

Justin Isaacs

Brooke Jackson-Holman

_____ Scott White (moderator)

_____ Teresa Mayhue (Clerk of Session)

B. Staff

_____ Carol Peshehonoff, Treasurer

C. Visitors

Deacon representative _____

IV. Determination of Quorum

V. Adoption of the Agenda

VI. Approval of Minutes

Session meeting August 27, 2023 (attached)

VII. From the Treasurer

August financial statements (attached)

VIII. From the Clerk of Session

IX. The Ministries by Committee, Etc.

Christian Education

Congregational Life and Membership

Deacons

Finance

Mission and Evangelism

Nominating

Personnel and Administration

Property

Five building usage applications, attached

Worship

X. Continuing business

1. Prospective sale of the east grounds
2. Scouting Pack 4 Update (attached), Troop 4 Update (attached)

XI. New Business

1. Thank you notes: Deacon Bobby Saunkeah and Deacon Robert Willis
2. Will there be a motion to call a congregational meeting with an item of business to recommend dissolution of the pastoral relationship between First Presbyterian Church of Ada and Scott White to Indian Nations Presbytery (G-2.0901)?
3. Oktoberfest Event Proposal (attached), moved and seconded by Terry, Brooke, and Justin.

It should be noted that the expenses for the event can be brought way down through donations and additional sponsorships... All we have to do is ask. I estimated the number of sponsors fairly low. If we all reach out to a few individuals and organizations, we should be able to raise the overall amount received from sponsors and increase the net profit of the event.

Regarding the question of serving alcohol: the way we currently have it set up is that adults with a valid ID showing that they are 21 or older will receive 2 drink tickets with the purchase of a meal ticket. This should prevent overindulgence, as individual drink tickets will NOT be for sale: under the Charitable Alcoholic Beverage Event license regulations, we must include the alcohol sales in ticket prices.

1. Will we approve the budget for the event, with the expectation of offsetting some of the expense through sponsorships and donations?
2. Will we allow alcohol to be served at the event under the specified restrictions (2 per meal ticket)?
3. To which line item(s) will the expenses be applied?
4. Will we approve the event to be held on the church grounds on the date/time specified?

4. _____

XII. Upcoming Key Dates (September and October calendars, attached)

Elder of the month for September: Amy; for October: Margaret

Stated meeting of Indian Nations Presbytery: Friday, October 6th, Westminster/Lawton.

Scott's last Sunday in the pulpit: October 15; last day in the office: October 17. Third week of vacation: October 18; second week of study leave: October 25. Tenure completes October 31.

Laureen continues on vacation through October 1.

Next session meeting: October 22nd.

XIII. On the Annual Planning Calendar

September

Nominating Committee provides report to session that it has nominees for the next class of session members

Session calls a congregational meeting for a Sunday in October. Names of the nominees (or the whole Nominating Committee report) are included in the Sunday bulletin or otherwise communicated to the congregation.

Committees provide budgetary needs for the next year to Finance Committee.

Finance Committee provides information on the annual stewardship campaign, with needs for session support.

October

Congregational meeting to elect session members

Stewardship campaign

XIV. Sharing Time

XV. Adjournment

XVI. Prayer