

Session Meeting Update

Tuesday, 02 January 2018, 7:15-9:30 PM

Moderator: The Reverend Shari Jackson Monson

Meeting began with devotions and prayer related to the January sermon series *Gospel Hospitality: Welcomes Everyone, Always*. Elders shared reflections on Acts 2:36-39.

2018 Nominating Committee Janet and Russ were elected to serve as elders. Deacons slated to elect their representatives at upcoming meeting. First meeting of the Nominating Committee is set for Sunday February 25th following worship. Janet is willing to serve as chair.

Financial Update Unified Giving up to 82%, praise the Lord. \$12,985 collected at the Christmas Offering.

Susie will give an announcement January 14th in Sunday worship service to share the good financial news with the congregation.

Security Update

Security has been much more visible at West Side and more changes are on the way. A new Check-in system will begin with children and youth in February. Dave Pimblett and Dan Phillips are working with the staff, and recognize a need for a staff person to be responsible for the program for sustainability. The role may require up to 10 hours/week to schedule, train, and support the volunteers and staff serving in this ministry.

Christian Education Dept. Report

Jesse's departure will impact what CE is able to accomplish this year, and leaves a gap.

Godspeed was such a meaningful video from our Mission Study retreat that we are pursuing a class around the film. We are seeking volunteers to facilitate the classes over 11 weeks.

Spiritual Life Dept. Report

Alan Muller is now serving as moderator. Jesse's departure also impacts preaching. Session approved as guest preachers: Keith Tanis, Thomas Speckhardt, Eliana Maxim, Scott Lumsden, and Danny McCaine.

Session affirmed that applicants for the Director of Music Ministries and Youth Ministry must personally ascribe to the [Essential Tenets](#) as articulated by The Fellowship Community.

Fellowship Dept. Report

Brainstorming about Fellowship Time after worship is taking place. We have a team working to propose some enhancements in the coming weeks and months: Kristin & Dave Pimblett, Scott Minaglia, Madeline May, Nick Upton.

Funds were approved to cover cost of registration for up to 5 elders or PNC members to *attend The Fellowship Community National Gathering in Atlanta, February 20-22, 2018*.

West Side is scheduled to host Seattle Presbytery Oct 16, 2018 at 5pm.

Pastor Shari's Report

Department moderators approved by session to serve as Head of Staff Pastor's Liaison Committee for 2018. One to be elected by the committee to serve as chair each year. The purpose of the committee is to meet with the head of staff regularly to serve as a 'sounding board' for ideas and concerns, and to seek ways to nurture and encourage the staff. A charter for the committee will be drafted and approved by session at a future date.

Note the Children's Message will be moved to earlier in the worship service to accommodate parent and child needs.

Communion Sundays in 2018 to include a Fellowship Meal after the service, as a tangible extension of the sacrament in keeping with the tradition of the early church, and for the purpose of enriching our fellowship and connection as a church body.