

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Minutes - Stated Meeting of Session
April 22, 2025

Class of 2024

X Ryan Greve (Y6) Fin
X June Klein-Bacon (Y3) Fin
X Marv DeWaard (Y3) Prop
X Rick Gorman (Y3) Prop
EX Don Kester (Y3) Prop
X Christina Sales (Y3) Nom
X Kim Porter (Y3) W&M

Class of 2025

X Scott Cose (Y5) Per
X Matt Haines (Y2) Mis
X Jeff Morgan (Y2) CE
EX Kerri Powell (Y2) W&M
X Bonnie Smith Davis (Y2) Mis

Class of 2026

X Jennifer Owen-Kuhn (Y4) Per
X Judy Clauson (Y4) W&M
X Trisha Crawford (Y3) Nom

X Rev. Jonny Craig, Moderator

X Gary Iversen, Clerk

Also present: Confirmands: Joseph Craig, Joseph Hellman, Anthony Lambert and Paisley Lambert; Parents: Kayla Craig, Sarah Hellman, and Charissa Lambert; Confirmation Leaders: Susan Larsen, Jim Galanits and Calli Tenson

The Ministry of Session

- The Elders gathered in the Shared Life Center at 6:30 p.m. for the April Stated meeting of Session. The meeting was called to order with prayer by the Moderator.

Confirmands

- Confirmands Joseph Craig, Joseph Hellman, Anthony Lambert and Paisley Lambert were present and presented their Statements of Faith and chosen Bible verses. Elders asked the confirmands a number of questions concerning their journeys of faith and Westminster activities. Following that discussion, **Motion Cose/Second Klein-Bacon** to accept Joseph Craig, Joseph Hellman, Anthony Lambert and Paisley Lambert into membership in Westminster Presbyterian Church. Motion passed. Rev. Craig advised the Elders that Confirmand Madilyn Knoll had presented her Statement of Faith and chosen Bible verse, and was approved for membership, at the Special Session Meeting held April 6, 2025.

Approval of Minutes

- **Motion Greve/Second Gorman** to approve the Minutes of the Stated Meeting of Session of March 25, 2025, and the Special Meeting of Session of April 6, 2025. Motion passed.

Clerk's Report

- Clerk's Report was accepted as presented.

Motions for Discussion and Vote

- **Christian Education – Motion from Committee** to request funding of \$1000 for VBS t-shirts. Motion passed.

- **Worship & Music – Motion from Committee** to approve changes to the Charter Statement for the Committee as submitted at the March Session meeting and direct the amended Statement to be attached to the Minutes and placed in the Operations Manual. Motion passed.
- **Property** – Proposed changes to the Facility Usage Policy were submitted at the March Session meeting; in addition, discussion at the March meeting included the need to include some language in the Policy concerning usage by partisan and political groups. The Docket included the following proposed language amending the Facility Usage Policy Guidelines as follows:
Guidelines
 1. This policy shall prohibit any group from using the building whose purpose and intent is contrary to the stated policy and mission of Westminster and those specific policies set forth in our church constitution. In addition, no overtly political or partisan group shall be permitted to use the building without specific approval by the session period neither shall any group be allowed to put the congregation at a liability risk.

Motion from Committee to approve the proposed changes to the Facility Usage Policy, including the amended Guidelines and direct the amended Facility Usage Policy be attached to the Minutes and placed in the Operations Manual. Motion passed.

Committee Minutes and Reports

Committee Minutes from Christian Education, Mission and Worship & Music were received with the following comments/additions:

- **Christian Education** – Rev Craig and Elder Morgan described the changes approved by Christian Education to the Confirmation process. Commencing in the fall of 2025, Confirmation classes will be taught to 7th and 8th grade students on one Sunday each month (time TBD). Rev. Craig will lead the classes (with volunteer and staff assistance); each year will begin and end with a retreat. An adult mentorship element is being developed. Changes to WesPres and Sunday School offerings are still being determined. Morgan reported that Easter Joy was well attended and VBS registration and planning was underway.
- **Finance** – Greve reported that year-to-date receipts are still in excess of expenditures although March receipts were less than monthly expenditures.
- **Mission** – Smith-Davis reported that a congregational Day of Service is scheduled for Saturday, July 26th as an element of the Lily Grant with more details to be released as the date approaches. In addition, the Habitat for Humanity Women’s Build has been scheduled for Saturday, August 23rd.
- **Property** – Gorman reported that 21 volunteers had helped on Clean-Up day and thanked those who were there. The new door locking system is installed and in use; anyone needing access for a meeting should contact the church office for instructions.

Upcoming Meetings

- May Committee Meetings
 - Monday, May 19: Finance - 5:30 p.m.; Deacons – 6:00 p.m.; Property – 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m. with prayer by Elder Cose.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary D. Iversen, Clerk

Next Session Meeting: May 27, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

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Clerk's Report, April 22, 2025

- A. Baptisms –
- B. Deaths – Betty Hellman 3.30.2025, Julie Ireland 4.1.2025
- C. Proposed for Membership – Joseph Craig, Joseph Hellman, Madilyn Knoll, Anthony Lambert, Paisley Lambert (Confirmands)
- D. Home Communion – Julie Ireland, Nancy Fox, Luanne Shubert, Shirley Magalsky
- E. Communion Dates Served – April 6, April 16
- F. Communion Captains: May 4 – Marv DeWaard, June 1 – Scott Cose
- G. Ordinations and Installations –
- H. Correspondence Received –
- I. Denominational Relations –
- J. Worship Attendance and Offering –

<u>2024 – Online views in ()</u>					
3/24	139	(49)	9:00	\$8,382	
	71	(22)	11:00		
3/28	72	(19)	6pm	N/A	Maundy Thurs.
3/29	140+ at First Pres Waterloo Good Friday				
3/31	45	(n/a)	6:25am	\$5,149	Easter
	207	(71)	9am		
	112	(34)	11am		
4/7	110	(35)	9am	\$24,590	
	50	(21)	11am		
4/14	99	(30)	9am	\$7,621	
	59	(n/a)	11am		

<u>2025 - Online views in ()</u>					
3/23	126	(37)	10:15	\$2,942	
3/30	108	(23)	9:00	\$2,193	
	72	(13)	10:15		
4/6	112	(37)	9:00	\$16,224	
	56	(52)	10:15		
4/13	170	(35)	9:00	\$4,072	Palm
	72	(25)	10:15		

CHARTER STATEMENT OF THE WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PURPOSE

To be the standing committee of Session responsible for oversight in all matters related to the worship life of the congregation.

OBJECTIVE

To serve the Lord and the congregation, within the vision and call of Westminster Presbyterian Church, by providing the necessary resources and support for the pastors and music staff, and ensuring that all elements essential to corporate worship, including prayer, scripture reading, music, preaching and the sacraments, are faithfully carried out.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. Create and oversee an annual committee budget, subject to Session approval;
- b. Maintenance of musical library under supervision of Music Director;
- c. Advocating for staff vision for elements that would enhance the overall worship atmosphere;

ACCOUNTABILITY TO SESSION

Responsibility to Recommend for Session Approval:

- a. Policies and procedures relating to committee activity;
- b. Changes in prescribed times for corporate worship;

Authority to Act on Behalf of Session:

- a. Enhancing Westminster's worship life, within the approved policies and budget;