

**MEDINA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STATED SESSION MEETING
DATE: 17 January, 2008**

SESSION ELDERS:

Jim Stalker	__P__	Brett Candler	__P__
Bill Sturgess	__P__	Terry Schuster	__E__
John Baxter	__P__	Ron Vlcek	__P__
Dick Dirham	__P__	Rick Balsinger	__E__
Sandy McLaughlin	__P__	Dan Kerr	__E__
Linda Forester	__P__	Denny Fruth	__P__

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MODERATOR: Rev. James Gilbert **CLERK OF SESSION:** Jack Howell

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 pm, with quorum present, in the Adult Sunday School room of Medina Presbyterian Church. Pastor Jim opened with prayer and a scripture lesson. The agenda was presented and approved.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Minutes were distributed and reviewed. They were accepted as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Kirk and Brandy Gray requested to transfer membership to Wadsworth Methodist Church.
New Elder and Deacon training Jan 31st or Feb 2nd.
Special Session meeting Feb 3rd.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

A very detailed written report was submitted, outlining many different areas with needs and basic information for pass-along to the next B&G chair. The major item of interest was that the furnace in Fellowship Hall had failed and needs immediate replacement. Details were discussed with Session.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

No report.

EVANGELISM AND FELLOWSHIP:

No report.

FINANCE:

The budget as previous presented in December appears to be safe as pledges are coming in. The Treasurer stated that she was more comfortable. The clerk, was appointed temporary moderator as the Pastor Terms of Call were discussed. The budget was discussed. A motion was made, seconded and approved for the budget of \$273,497.00. The pastor returned and moderator was passed to him.

MISSION:

No report.

PERSONNEL:

No report.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

A Communion sign-up form will be developed.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Shelly Rea was present to brief the Session on Middle School youth mission trips. She explained the history of how the Middle School mission trips were conducted and thinking behind where/when/how. She presented information on “Project Serve” in Cleveland with Youth for Christ as a possibility for this year. Motion was made seconded and approved to approve the Middle School mission trip to Cleveland. Sandy McLaughlin presented the Senior High Mission Trip proposal to Wasilla, Alaska. Much discussion occurred. Susan Vlcek the trip leader came to the meeting to add more information and answer concerns. Motion was made seconded and approved , for high school youth to pursue a Mission trip to Alaska.

A motion was made seconded and approved to adjourn at 1010

Respectfully submitted.

**MEDINA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STATED SESSION MEETING
DATE: 07 February, 2008**

SESSION ELDERS:

Jim Stalker	__P__	Brett Candler	__P__
Brenda Wise	__P__	Denver Jenkins	__P__
John Baxter	__P__	Ron Vlcek	__P__
Pam Stec	__P__	Cathy Powers	__P__
Sandy McLaughlin	__P__	Dan Kerr	__P__
Roy Teubl	__P__	Denny Fruth	__P__

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MODERATOR: Rev. James Gilbert **CLERK OF SESSION:** Jack Howell

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm, with quorum present, in the Adult Sunday School room of Medina Presbyterian Church. Pastor Jim opened with prayer and a scripture lesson. The agenda was presented and approved.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Minutes were distributed and reviewed. They were accepted as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Corporate Officers were elected. President will be Ron Vlcek. Secretary will be Dan Kerr. Clerk and treasurer were elected. Clerk will be Jack Howell, treasurer will be KC Howell.

Request for Baptism was approved. David and Bethany (Ross) Reed parents of Tyler Ross Reed and Avery Morgan Reed. Born Oct 26, 2007 in Akron, OH.

Pastor Gilbert suggested that out going B&G chairman Elder Bill Sturgess be recognized for his time of service as Elder for two 6 year terms with a church plaque. Idea was approved by consensus of all elders.

Pastor Gilbert requested that his increase in terms of call be stated in housing allowance. Motion was made seconded and approved.

Pastor Gilbert and Elder McLaughlin reported on the January Presbytery Meeting.

New committee assignments were distributed. New Elders were introduced and welcomed to the Session. Nominating committee Session chairs were elected and will be Dan Kerr and John Baxter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

No report.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

No report.

EVANGELISM AND FELLOWSHIP:

No report.

FINANCE:

New budget in place. January receipts were low.

MISSION:

Mission committee met and posted distribution of funds on their bulletin board.

PERSONNEL:

No report.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

Babysitting help was discussed for Choir practice. Elder Stalker will talk with Deanna. Elder Stalker requested that Wonderful Wednesday maybe be deferred to another day next year so as not to interfere with Choir practice.

A communion signup form will be passed around to fill available dates. Communion this Sunday.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pastor Gilbert distributed a letter to Session outlining member concerns in relation to Mission trip planning and funding. Discussion occurred. Elder Vlcek explained in detail how mission monies are spent and how much the mission committee voted to give to mission trips. The underlining thought is a definite procedure needs to be developed concerning all facets of the Mission Trip in relation to funding, site selection and work performed. Proposals should be brought to Christian education and subsequently Session for approval. Upon approval the congregation would be fully informed. Elder McLaughlin explained that the process has started within the Christian Education committee and is being developed. The goal is that all guidelines should be in place by the 2009.

The Church ByLaws were distributed for further discussion at the March Session meeting.

A motion was made seconded and approved to adjourn at 925 PM .

Respectfully submitted.

**MEDINA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STATED SESSION MEETING
DATE: 13 March, 2008**

SESSION ELDERS:

Jim Stalker	<u> </u> P <u> </u>	Brett Candler	<u> </u> E <u> </u>
Brenda Wise	<u> </u> P <u> </u>	Denver Jenkins	<u> </u> P <u> </u>
John Baxter	<u> </u> P <u> </u>	Ron Vlcek	<u> </u> P <u> </u>
Pam Stec	<u> </u> P <u> </u>	Cathy Powers	<u> </u> P <u> </u>
Sandy McLaughlin	<u> </u> P <u> </u>	Dan Kerr	<u> </u> E <u> </u>
Roy Teubl	<u> </u> P <u> </u>	Denny Fruth	<u> </u> E <u> </u>

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MODERATOR: Rev. James Gilbert **CLERK OF SESSION:** Jack Howell

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm, with quorum present, in the Adult Sunday School room of Medina Presbyterian Church. Pastor Jim opened with prayer and a scripture lesson. The confirmands for this year were introduced and they each read their individual Statement of Faith. The agenda was presented and approved.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Minutes were distributed and reviewed. They were accepted as presented. The clerk explained a new webpage appended to the church main web page that is being used to disseminate documents. Minutes of each Session meeting are posted by month and other documents will be posted as necessary.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor thanked everyone in helping with decisions on canceling church due to weather March 9th. Pastor Gilbert handed out an article from The Presbyterian Outlook concerning scrupling the fidelity-chastity standard.

March meeting of Presbytery is March 31st in Lakewood. Elder Baxter will act as Elder Commissioner.

The triennial Session visit from Presbytery is April 21st at Northfield Church.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

Written report was distributed. The new installation of the dishwasher was discussed. The discussion centered around lack of or disregard for standard operating procedures and need for Session oversight and approval.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

April 11th Special Event for women in the church.

April 27th is Youth Sunday.

VBS is June 16th to the 20th.

EVANGELISM AND FELLOWSHIP:

No report.

FINANCE:

Bret Candler and Cathy Powers are co-chairs. Priorities for the committee are protocol and procedures for spending, explore increasing revenue through various means and educate and communicate with congregation concerning financial growth. Treasurer reports that income is adequate for expenses at this time. However, due to January being an expensive month statistically, its important that giving keep up.

MISSION:

No report.

PERSONNEL:

No report.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

Signups for communion distribution went well. Several Elders and Deacons have committed through the end of the year.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Confirmands present reading their Statement of Faith were; Christina Baxter, Steven Dodds, Michaella Stucky, Nick Duliba, Danny Hopkins, Chase Johanson, Kelly Rea, Lilly McLaughlin Cary Pallini and Julianne Guzik. Each statement of faith was carefully read and prepared. A motion was made seconded and approved to receive the group into membership by Profession of Faith. They will be welcomed at the 10:30 service 16 March 2008.

The DCE delivered a special report on the communicants class outlining how outstanding this class is. On April 11th a special event will be held here for middle and high school girls.

Due to Spring Break, Session for April will be deferred one week to 10th.

A motion was made seconded and approved to adjourn at 935 PM .

Respectfully submitted.

**MEDINA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STATED SESSION MEETING
DATE: 10 April, 2008**

SESSION ELDERS:

Jim Stalker	<u> P </u>	Brett Candler	<u> E </u>
Brenda Wise	<u> P </u>	Denver Jenkins	<u> P </u>
John Baxter	<u> E </u>	Ron Vlcek	<u> E </u>
Pam Stec	<u> P </u>	Cathy Powers	<u> P </u>
Sandy McLaughlin	<u> P </u>	Dan Kerr	<u> P </u>
Roy Teubl	<u> P </u>	Denny Fruth	<u> E </u>

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CLERK'S REPORT:

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CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

A new member orientation will be April 27th.

Pastor Gilbert reported on the latest Presbytery meeting, 31 March 2008. The majority of the meeting centered around the Bay Presbyterian situation. Pastor Gilbert gave an excellent report on the proceedings.

The triennial Session visit from Presbytery is April 21st at Northfield Church. Everyone meet at church at 530 and then car pool.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

A written report was distributed. Spring cleaning dates are set at 26 Apr and 03 May. Denny Fruth donated a very nice zero turn mower to the church.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

April 11th Special Event for women in the church.

April 27th is Youth Sunday.

VBS is June 16th to the 20th. Susan Blick will be the coordinator.

Mission trip guidelines are being formulated.

EVANGELISM AND FELLOWSHIP:

No report.

FINANCE:

Committee met March 18 and subsequent meetings are last Monday of each month at 7am at Bob Evans. A cash flow projection was done. It indicated cutbacks of 10% are necessary. The committee wrote a letter to all Session members and staff of the concerns and findings. Elder Wise brought up a concern of advertising costs. That will be discussed at the next committee meeting. The treasurer pointed out that a lot of costs were for personnel ads, ie organist. A per capita announcement was proposed to educate the congregation and request each member contribute accordingly. A 500 dollar limit will be explored for the church credit card. Also as a protocol all expenses exceeding 500.00 will need Session approval. A motion was made seconded and approved to limit all expenditures to 500.00 except for normal expenses such as salary, utilities and mortgage. Those expenditures over 500.00 will require Session approval. To help keep up with giving, the possibility of automatic deposit of pledging might be explored.

MISSION:

No report.

PERSONNEL:

Pastor Gilbert, Elder Kerr and Elder Baxter reported they had a meeting with head of the Kitchen crew concerning expenditures. The meeting was positive. A communication will be sent back to the Kitchen crew from finance concerning discussions and possibilities concerning how funds are distributed and decisions are made. There was question from Kitchen crew about having own funds and checking account. The finance committee will discuss this and report at a later Session meeting if this is advisable, allowable or needed.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

May 18th will be a communion date. Sound system help is needed to help John Baxter each and every Sunday.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Deacons have requested an input from Session if a new directory is required. Elder Wise responded that she is a committee of one and would need assistance. That information will be communicated to the Deacons. Deacons will send birthday cards to all members.

A motion was made seconded and approved to adjourn at 935 PM .

Respectfully submitted.

**MEDINA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STATED SESSION MEETING
DATE: 1 May, 2008**

SESSION ELDERS:

Jim Stalker	<u> P </u>	Brett Candler	<u> E </u>
Brenda Wise	<u> P </u>	Denver Jenkins	<u> E </u>
John Baxter	<u> P </u>	Ron Vlcek	<u> P </u>
Pam Stec	<u> P </u>	Cathy Powers	<u> P </u>
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CLERK'S REPORT:

Minutes were distributed and reviewed. They were accepted as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Elder John Baxter summarized our Presbytery Triennial visit at Northfield Presbyterian Church from 21 April. Pastor Gilbert elaborated and reviewed the Bible verses we had studied and homework for the Session that was assigned.

Pastor Gilbert reported on the Presbytery conversational meeting concerning the exit of Bay Presbyterian Church.

Elder John Baxter will serve as Elder Commissioner at the May 28th Presbytery meeting.

Pastor Gilbert distributed his vacation schedule for 2008. *A motion was made seconded and approved to accept the schedule as presented.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

Written report was submitted. East side of Fellowship Hall roof was repaired. Estimates for other roof repairs were obtained for future use. Keys have been redistributed and outstanding key returns are being pursued. Various signs around the church are still needed. The first spring cleaning/outside maintenance was held on April 26th.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

The young women's event on April 11th was a huge success. Youth Sunday on the 27th was also well received. Elder McLaughlin reported on Mission trip preparations. *A motion was made to recognize the Trip leaders with a small gift at the June 15th service. It was seconded and approved.*

EVANGELISM AND FELLOWSHIP:

No report.

FINANCE:

Committee met on Monday 27 April. Stewart Rea was added to the committee. An annual audit was discussed and is being planned. The committee has decided to be aggressive this year with

the stewardship campaign. Reverend Peel will address the committee on 27 May with ideas and suggestions for a campaign strategy. Electronic transfer of funds is a possibility and procedures are being established to implement. Communications with the congregation are important and the committee will pursue avenues to inform everyone. Treasurer presented the financial report. Budgets are tight and should be closely watched. Presently expenditures are exceeding budget levels.

MISSION:

No report.

PERSONNEL:

No report.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

Elders were signed up for distribution of communion on May 18th.

OLD BUSINESS:

The issue of giving the Kitchen crew their own checking account was discussed. Per last session meeting this was sent to Finance committee. They met and discussed the issue. More information is needed and the committee will query the kitchen crew. This is an important issue and care is being taken to thoroughly review all options before a decision is made in committee and a recommendation brought to Session. A tentative date of May 18th was set for a joint meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

New members were introduced and they presented how they came to MPC. They are Jeff and Jennifer Peterson, Frank and Aimee Pientka and Sally Hudson. All are joining by Reaffirmation of Faith. *A motion was made seconded and approved to accept them into membership.*

A motion was made seconded and approved to adjourn at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted.

**MEDINA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STATED SESSION MEETING
DATE: 05 June, 2008**

SESSION ELDERS:

Jim Stalker	<u> E </u>	Brett Candler	<u> E </u>
Brenda Wise	<u> P </u>	Denver Jenkins	<u> P </u>
John Baxter	<u> P </u>	Ron Vlcek	<u> P </u>
Pam Stec	<u> P </u>	Cathy Powers	<u> P </u>
Sandy McLaughlin	<u> P </u>	Dan Kerr	<u> E </u>
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MODERATOR: Rev. James Gilbert **CLERK OF SESSION:** Jack Howell

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm, with quorum present, in the Adult Sunday School room of Medina Presbyterian Church. Pastor Jim opened with prayer and a scripture lesson. Reading time to digest the many reports presented for the evening was held. The agenda was presented and approved.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Minutes were distributed and reviewed. They were accepted as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter to Session from Elder Barb Leuchtag concerning the Kitchen crew request for a separate checking account. See committee report under Old Business.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Gilbert and Elder John Baxter reported on the May 28th Presbytery meeting. The main topic was the exit of Bay Presbyterian Church and the motions involved. Elder Baxter and Elder Denver Jenkins will attend the July 28th meeting at Faith church in Lakewood.

Pastor Gilbert reported on a WCRF commentary after the Presbytery meeting that was negative in tone. Pastor Gilbert responded for the Presbytery to the station.

DCE Deanna Dubiel requested an 8 week non-paid leave of absence for the summer. ***Motion to grant was made, seconded and approved.***

Pastor Jim requested prayer while he is at General Assembly for himself and all commissioners.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

Written report was submitted. Replacing a furnace before Fall is scheduled. Now that summer weather is here, painting will be a priority. A donation was made for landscaping funds for outside flowers and bushes. A new office door sign is being made. A maintenance request form was handed out to better schedule projects.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

A Mission trip update was presented. An update was presented for the Session handbook for Youth Mission Planning, Policies and Procedures. Reading and discussion occurred. It was

adopted by Session with 5 minor admendments to the wording. The handbook will be distributed to the congregation ASAP.

EVANGELISM AND FELLOWSHIP:

Picnic at Plum Creek is scheduled for July 13th.

FINANCE:

The Treasurer presented the financial report. It was noted that the higher income reported was from mission trip dues and that money is earmarked for mission trip costs. The committee met on May27th with Rev. Peel to discuss finance campaign strategies. Further committee discussions will occur and a more detailed report given to Session for consideration.

MISSION:

No report.

PERSONNEL:

No report.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

A meeting was held with the kitchen crew as scheduled from the May session meeting. Session members present were John Baxter, Sandy McLaughlin and Cathy Powers. The Treasurer and Ed Hiteshue from finance committee were also present. The finance committee requested that a period of 6 months be allowed for them to consider this request of a separate checking account. Discussion occurred. A suggestion was made by Elder Stec that we present the crew with all the information they have requested and all the possible ramifications on how the church is affected and let them decide what they believe is best for the church. ***A motion was made that when the treasurer has all information together, the elders and the treasurer will meet with the kitchen crew to present the information. The crew will be instructed to use the credit card for all purchases. The finance committee will then review the information and make a recommendation to Session. The motion was seconded and approved.***

NEW BUSINESS:

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A motion was made seconded and approved to adjourn at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**MEDINA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STATED SESSION MEETING
DATE: 04 September, 2008**

SESSION ELDERS:

Jim Stalker	__P__	Brett Candler	__E__
Brenda Wise	__P__	Denver Jenkins	__P__
John Baxter	__E__	Ron Vlcek	__P__
Pam Stec	__P__	Cathy Powers	__P__
Sandy McLaughlin	__P__	Dan Kerr	__E__
Roy Teubl	__P__	Denny Fruth	__E__

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MODERATOR: Rev. James Gilbert **CLERK OF SESSION:** Jack Howell

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm, with quorum present, in the Adult Sunday School room of Medina Presbyterian Church. Pastor Jim opened with prayer and a scripture lesson. Pastor Gilbert reported that member Jack Schron had passed away this morning. The DCE Deanna Dubiel was present to report on the coming year Christian Education activities.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Minutes were distributed and reviewed. They were accepted as presented. The agenda was approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Gilbert and Elder Denver Jenkins reported on the July Presbytery meeting at Faith Presbyterian Church, Lakewood Ohio.
Pastor Gilbert asked for attendees at September's Presbytery meeting. Everyone is checking the calendars for availability.
Pastor Gilbert invited everyone to attend a PWR Fall leadership event with Graham Standish October 3-4 2008.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

The lightning strike damage has been addressed and appropriate claims filed.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

DCE Deanna Dubiel reported on the new Sunday School teachers and curriculum. She also provided information on this year's emphasis of bible study and prayer in each class. A youth group for the middle school group is in planning. This concept came from the middle school youth mission trip. Elder McLaughlin reported that the Mission Trip handbook was published, and the two youth mission trips were very successful. An elementary youth group is being formed by Connie Baxter, Anita Stalker and Karen Jenkins. The cancellation of VBS was discussed. The problems, the fallout and how to make sure it doesn't happen again were topics of this discussion. Great effort will be given to find all the facts, survey the congregation and develop a better program for next summer.

EVANGELISM AND FELLOWSHIP:

No report.

FINANCE:

Finance chair Cathy Powers started with thanks to all finance committee members and the treasurer for the efforts so far in dissecting and preparing financial reports for the Session and congregation. She handed out a summary of the summer month expenses, giving and cash flow. There was a negative cash flow for June and July and a small positive cash flow for August. Elder Vlcek had a concern that mixing mission trip funds into general funds cause an unrealistic view of cash flow. The treasurer explained how the general report is structured and how summer months giving can be very low. One highlight was the Youth Mission report where over 20 thousand dollars was raised towards expenses. Discussion was held that in fact the mission trips are successful and not "bankrupting" the church as many rumors persist. The finance committee is proposing a mid-year financial review be held September 21st. There would be a presentation and a question and answer period. ***From committee a motion was made to hold this meeting on September 21st following the 1030 service. No further discussion, motion passed.*** The finance committee is enthused about an upcoming Stewardship campaign under the leadership of Rev. Mac Peel. The first organizational meeting for the leadership committee is September 17th. The campaign will start on October 5th. November 9th will be consecration Sunday for the receiving of pledges. ***From committee a motion was made that a new consecration Sunday campaign for Stewardship by a campaign led by the Rev Peel be conducted. No further discussion, motion passed. It was agreed by consensus that a stewardship committee will be formed in 2009 for Session 2009.*** The audit committee consisting of Gary Ray and Jan Kvaska has met with the treasurer and an audit is in progress.

An update was given on the kitchen crew request for a separate checking account. The finance committee was given a letter in July that the kitchen crew had moved ahead with getting their own account and requested funds be transferred. They based this on verbal correspondence with the General Presbyter of Presbytery which stated it was ok for this happen. Finance committee has closed the issue. Next, a five year overview was presented. One obvious point was a decrease in rent income of almost 16 thousand dollars per year. Patterns were discussed that visualize that income is not keeping up with expenses in a steady 5 year trend. Currently there is a reserve of 45 thousand dollars. If the pattern continues, the reserve will be consumed in 2 years. Several Session members will explore various rental opportunities and investigate our present rental rates for groups, weddings, etc. Ways to control spending are critical. A reduction of 2 thousand dollars a month is desired. Each session member was charged to pray about this issue and come prepared at the October Session meeting to brainstorm specific ideas.

MISSION:

No report.

PERSONNEL:

No report.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made to remove from the table the discussion and action on Dan Kerrs' resignation. It was seconded and approved. Discussion occurred from Elder Vlcek who along with Cathy Powers and Sandy McLaughlin visited Dan and had an in depth discussion with him. Several issues were brought to light that Session needs to addresses within itself. *A motion was made to accept the resignation with regret. The motion was seconded and approved. A motion was made to elect Elder Stalker to assume Dans position on the nominating committee. The motion was seconded and approved. A motion was made to elect Roy Teubl as secretary of the corporation. The motion was seconded and approved. A motion was made to elect Elder Vlcek to assume Dans position on the personnel committee. The motion was seconded and approved.*

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

A motion was made seconded and approved to adjourn at 10:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**MEDINA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STATED SESSION MEETING
DATE: 02 October, 2008**

SESSION ELDERS:

Jim Stalker	<u> </u> P <u> </u>	Brett Candler	<u> </u> P <u> </u>
Brenda Wise	<u> </u> P <u> </u>	Denver Jenkins	<u> </u> P <u> </u>

John Baxter	<u> E </u>	Ron Vlcek	<u> E </u>
Pam Stec	<u> P </u>	Cathy Powers	<u> P </u>
Sandy McLaughlin	<u> P </u>		<u> — </u>
Roy Teubl	<u> P </u>	Denny Fruth	<u> E </u>

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MODERATOR: Rev. James Gilbert **CLERK OF SESSION:** Jack Howell

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm, with quorum present, in the Fellowship Hall room of Medina Presbyterian Church. Pastor Jim opened with prayer. A video from Wycliffe Translators was shown outlining the ministry of Jim Farr. Members were present to address Session with concerns. Present were Shelly Rea, Dawn Hopkins, Pat Marchand, Margaret Stephens and Terry Walwrath.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Minutes were distributed and reviewed. They were accepted as presented. The agenda was approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from members Margaret Stephens, Terry Walwrath and Pat Marchand to address Session. Letter from Elder Susan Vlcek to Session.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

A Congregational Meeting is being called for Sunday 12 October at 1130. The purpose of this meeting is to elect an Elder to replace the vacancy from Dan Kerr's resignation. The nominating committee has unanimously selected Elder Ed Hopkins to fulfill his term. A motion was made, seconded and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

Member Dale Cartwright helped repair some damaged siding. The custodian made a new sign for the entrance to the offices. Elder Tuebl handed out some ideas for facility use and funding.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

No report.

EVANGELISM AND FELLOWSHIP:

No report.

FINANCE:

Elder Powers reviewed the Stewardship campaign activities upcoming leading to the Consecration Sunday on the 9th of November. She also presented a draft proposal that her committee is working on to establish financial guidelines and protocol.

MISSION:

No report.

PERSONNEL:

No report.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

World Communion Sunday is 05 October.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Member Dawn Hopkins addressed Session first. Concerns:

Organization of the proposed Youth fellowship group.

Insure that the Session will support the efforts of the parents to organize and the desire of the Youth (initial meeting 18 kids).

Concern of a perceived “power struggle” between Christian Ed committee and desires of Youth. She also expressed that an email received from another member was inappropriate and not in the best interest of all concerned.

Members Terry Walwrath, Pat Marchand and Margaret Stephens addressed next.

A short letter was read setting the tone as a Christian environment. Pat Marchand concerns were about credibility and could she believe anything she was told. She outlined activities of the kitchen crew and poor communication in relation to the separate checking account issue. Her second concern was about Youth Mission opportunities and monies spent on trips. She challenged the statement that they are self funded and provided examples. Margaret Stephens was next, she expressed that the Session had poor communication. She expressed similar concerns about the kitchen crew and she also questioned auditing of the church books and lack of sufficient information from the finance committee. Member Terry Walwrath expressed concerns about conflicts of interest. He also addressed senior high mission trips and his concern about the locations selected. It appears to him that not enough emphasis is placed on local mission. He stated that his group strongly support mission trips but its important for many reasons that local mission be considered. He also expressed concern that the mission handbook was amended by Session and not communicated back to the CE committee who drafted it.

Member Shelly Rea addressed next.

She stated she was concerned on Sessions changes to the youth mission trip handbook without consideration and communication with the CE committee. She would like to have clarification on why the three year rotation was deleted from the handbook. She also expressed her discomfort over treatment over the last few months and her desire to not continue as a mission youth trip leader. She requested that Session insure they thoughtfully consider all decisions and the impact they have.

Discussion and questions followed. A period of understanding occurred. The Clerk closed the discussion and comment period with prayer and the guests left.

Elder Jenkins made a motion that the Mission handbook be reviewed by Session to insure the previous amendments are correct and returned to the Christian Education committee for review and comment prior to adoption. Motion was seconded and approved. The Session will read the handbook prior to next meeting.

Pastor Gilbert will contact Presbytery about having a representative help Session work through the issues and healing process. The Clerk will draft a letter from Session to the members who visited thanking them for their concern, insight and willingness to help our Church work through some issues.

A motion was made seconded and approved to adjourn with prayer at 10:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

MEDINA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Congregational MEETING
DATE: 12 OCT, 2008

Moderator: Rev. James Gilbert

Clerk of Session: Jack Howell

The meeting was called to order at 1125 am with a quorum present. (59 members). Pastor Gilbert opened with prayer.

New Business:

This Congregational meeting was called for the purpose of filling the terms of Elder and Deacon vacated by Dan Kerr (Elder) and Cheryl Kerr (Deacon). These terms expire with the 2008 year group.

Elder Jim Stalker reporting for the Nomination committee placed Elder Ed Hopkins in nomination for Elder (2008). A motion was made seconded and approved to accept the committee's nomination and have the clerk cast a unanimous ballot.

Likewise, Elder Jim Stalker reporting for the Nomination committee placed Paul Lotarski in nomination for Deacon (2008). A motion was made seconded and approved to accept the committee's nomination and have the clerk cast a unanimous ballot.

The purpose of this meeting be accomplished, a motion was made seconded and approved to adjourn. After prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

**MEDINA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CALLED SESSION MEETING
DATE: 19 October, 2008**

SESSION ELDERS:

Jim Stalker	<u> E </u>	Brett Candler	<u> P </u>
Brenda Wise	<u> P </u>	Denver Jenkins	<u> P </u>
John Baxter	<u> E </u>	Ron Vlcek	<u> P </u>
Pam Stec	<u> E </u>	Cathy Powers	<u> P </u>
Sandy McLaughlin	<u> E </u>		<u> </u>
Roy Teubl	<u> E </u>	Denny Fruth	<u> E </u>

P = Present, **E** = Excused, **A** = Absent

MODERATOR: Rev. James Gilbert **CLERK OF SESSION:** Jack Howell

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am, with quorum present, in the Fellowship Hall room of Medina Presbyterian Church. Pastor Jim opened with prayer. The purpose of the meeting was to examine Paul Lotarski for the office of Deacon. Pastor Jim explained he had been properly trained and could answer in the affirmative all questions of ordination. A motion was made seconded and approved to arrest the examination and approve Paul for ordination as a Deacon in Medina Presbyterian Church. With the purpose for this called meeting accomplished, a motion was made seconded and approved to adjourn with prayer at 10:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,

MEDINA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STATED SESSION MEETING
DATE: 06 November, 2008

SESSION ELDERS:

Jim Stalker	<u> E </u>	Brett Candler	<u> E </u>
Brenda Wise	<u> P </u>	Denver Jenkins	<u> P </u>
John Baxter	<u> P </u>	Ron Vlcek	<u> P </u>
Pam Stec	<u> P </u>	Cathy Powers	<u> E </u>
	<u> — </u>	Ed Hopkins	<u> P </u>
Roy Teubl	<u> P </u>	Denny Fruth	<u> P </u>

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MODERATOR: Rev. James Gilbert **CLERK OF SESSION:** Jack Howell

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm, with quorum present, in the Adult Sunday School of Medina Presbyterian Church. Pastor Jim opened with prayer. The Session was broken up into groups for book discussion on chapter one of Becoming a Blessed Church. The groups later returned and discussion occurred.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Minutes were distributed and reviewed. They were accepted as presented. The agenda was approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Gilbert reviewed the comments from the meeting with Presbytery representatives. A motion was made seconded and approved to move forward and accept those recommendations. A workshop on Presbyterian polity will be held after church on 23 November. Groups will visit with individuals to reach out with a loving voice to those who have issues with the church. A motion was made seconded and approved that a team of Session members return the Mission Guidebook to the CE committee explaining the proposed changes.

Pastor Gilbert will have eye surgery on the 11th.

There will be a called Session meeting at 930 for new members on the 9th and 1000 on the 16th.

Elder commissioner for the 24th Presbytery meeting is Elder Jack Howell.

Elder Hopkins was recommended and he accepted to chair the CE committee. Motion was made seconded and approved to appoint.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

Nativity setup is scheduled.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

No report.

EVANGELISM AND FELLOWSHIP:

Elder Wise explained a proposed improvement in communications concerning emailing information to members. Session agreed with the concept and encouraged her to continue planning and investigating.

FINANCE:

The financial audit was distributed. The findings concluded that all procedures were in order.

MISSION:

No report.

PERSONNEL:

No report.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

Communion will be celebrated on November 23rd.
Blue jean Sunday for decorating will be the 30th.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

The bulletin board is installed. Session information/pictures will be placed on it asap.
Elder Vlcek reported on his adult mission trip planning. The location selected is Beaumont/Port Arthur Texas. This will be through PDA and is planned for the last week of February 2009.
Motion was made seconded and approved to approve this mission trip.

A motion was made seconded and approved to adjourn with prayer at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**MEDINA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STATED SESSION MEETING
DATE: 04 December, 2008**

SESSION ELDERS:

Jim Stalker	<u> </u> P <u> </u>	Brett Candler	<u> </u> E <u> </u>
Brenda Wise	<u> </u> P <u> </u>	Denver Jenkins	<u> </u> P <u> </u>
John Baxter	<u> </u> E <u> </u>	Ron Vlcek	<u> </u> P <u> </u>
Pam Stec	<u> </u> E <u> </u>	Cathy Powers	<u> </u> P <u> </u>
	<u> </u> <u> </u>	Ed Hopkins	<u> </u> P <u> </u>
Roy Teubl	<u> </u> P <u> </u>	Denny Fruth	<u> </u> E <u> </u>

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MODERATOR: Rev. James Gilbert **CLERK OF SESSION:** Jack Howell

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm, with quorum present, in the Adult Sunday School of Medina Presbyterian Church. Pastor Jim opened with prayer. The Session first met for book discussion on chapter two of Becoming a Blessed Church.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Minutes were distributed and reviewed. They were accepted as presented. The agenda was approved.

Communion was served 23 November 2008.

Clerk reported that the annual Church book review had been completed by Presbytery. The Rolls and Register book was graded Highly Satisfactory with no necessary corrections. The minutes were reviewed back to year 2000. Each year was graded satisfactory with exceptions. The major exception noted was that mortgage information needs to be better explained and noted in the records for historical purposes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Gilbert distributed Tim Jones comments from the meeting with the CE committee.

Elder commissioner for the 24th Presbytery meeting was Elder Jack Howell. He reported on the meeting highlights.

Worship leader for December 28th service will be Jack Howell. The Rev Jessica MacMillan will fill the pulpit.

Pastor Gilbert reached out to the Kerr's and McLaughlin's. The Kerr's responded and will meet soon. The McLaughlin's have not returned calls.

The stated Session meeting for January will be January 8th.

The congregational meeting will be the 25th of January. The annual reports will be available to the congregation on the 18th. Motion was made seconded and approved.

Motion was made seconded and approved to provide paid staff with Christmas gifts this year. Personnel committee will coordinate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

Elder Teubl presented copies of Tim Jones previous presentation on video. The elevator has passed all tests. Snow shoveling schedules will be worked out.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Tim Jones met with CE to help facilitate the discussion on the Mission Trip manual.

EVANGELISM AND FELLOWSHIP:

Elder Wise presented information concerning efforts in communications. Website revamping, name tags for staff and Session and welcome desks were some of the items discussed.

FINANCE:

Elder Cathy Powers reported on the stewardship campaign. She stated that 83 pledges had been received for about 200,000 dollars. She reported that several suggestions from the 2007 financial review were being implemented such as a visual video of assets. The financial review for the 2008 year is in planning. She next presented the budget for 2009. The anticipated income for 2009 will be \$259,243.00, with a proposed budget of \$259,670.00. Several ideas were explained about savings ideas including shifting phones to cable service and heating and electrical conservation. From committee a motion was made to approve the budget as presented. The motion passed. The moderator passed to the clerk for discussion of terms of call recommendations. The moderator returned.

MISSION:

From Mission committee, it is recommended that Mission giving be reduced from 11% to 10% of income to help insure we can achieve a balanced budget. Motion was made seconded and approved.

PERSONNEL:

From committee, the terms of call recommendation will remain unchanged for this year in order to obtain a balanced budget. Motion passed. Elder Vlcek explained some new initiatives discussed at the latest committee meeting. Job descriptions outlining accountability changes will be modified. Session will be more involved with reviews.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

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OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

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A motion was made seconded and approved to adjourn with prayer at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,