

**Lakeview Presbyterian Church  
Session Minutes  
January 22, 2015**

- I. Open with prayer at 6:16 pm. Elders prayed by name for person seated to their left.
- II. Clerk's Report

Extended Communion was served to Myrna Gemmer, Carolyn Smith and Elise Ewart.

Pastor Lauren signed the FAST Dues Commitment Form. Per agreement during budget discussions earlier, Lakeview will pay \$1,000 in dues.

**MSA to serve communion on the first Sunday of each month.**

**MSA that Pastor may select up to three volunteers to attend Presbytery meetings throughout the year.** Pastor Lauren advised Session that Lakeview is now entitled to three voting representatives for Presbytery meetings, one for being a diverse church, one as per usual and one for being a congregation smaller than 50 members. Presbytery is attempting to increase lay representation at meetings.

**MSA to allow MfM for CROP Walks January 25 – February 22, 2015.** Kitty agreed to be respectful of Black History Month presentations.

**MSA to set a date in February to review the church's insurance policies. Policies to be distributed prior to discussion date.**

- III. Session Education – Pastor Lauren included in packets membership information from both old and new BoO (Book of Order). She proposed that we read through and discuss the information, determine and write Lakeview's policies and then go through current roll to determine appropriate category for each person on current roll.

**MSA to discuss briefly tasks involved to determine whether a separate meeting should be called.**

**MSA to schedule separate meeting for this important meeting on polity, on Saturday, January 31 at 1:30 pm.** (This follows showing of *Frozen*.)

- IV. Correspondence

Clerk of Session Kitty Rawson noted that she had received two pieces of correspondence from the Presbytery. One involved request for list of "those saints from your congregation who died in 2014." Lakeview will submit the Rev. Opal Smith (February 25, 2014) and Virginia Montgomery (September 13, 2014)

The second involved access to the online version of the annual statistical report due February 13, 2015. The outcome of the polity meeting will be very useful in preparation of this report.

Email from Pathfinder's Amy Durand requesting possible use of community room by the Literacy Council of St Petersburg.

Out of this came a discussion about our rental policy for nonprofits. Standard rental rates are already in place. Our goal in any rate adjustment is to cover the cost for the sexton to clean and set up both prior to and following the event and possibly to open and close the building. **MSA to charge ½ normal rate to nonprofits and further extend the option that nonprofits may petition for an even lower rate.** Pastor Lauren will inform Amy of this decision. The Literacy Council will be charged nonprofit half day rate for trainings and nonprofit full day rate for dinner if any of this comes to fruition. Policy in place for future.

- V. Finance Report and Corrected Budget – Treasurer Anne Cox-Hicks requested postponement of discussion and final approval of budget until she and church administrator Vivian Bryant are able to reconcile the 2014 budget.

**MSA to increase 2015 budget by 2014 unspent pastor’s discretionary fund amount to cover cost of purchases for blessing bags.**

**MSA that Mission/Outreach/Evangelism Committee will have \$1,000 for community event scheduled in April.** Per treasurer’s request, grant monies will remain in one account. Committees and other entities will submit requests for funding from grant and funds will be drawn down as approved by session.

- VI. **MSA to approve minutes of 12.18.14 as amended.**

- VII. Pastor’s Report

Pastor Lauren reported that joint Christmas Eve worship service with Gulfport PC had gone well. She and others clarified that efforts to include Trinity PC joint activities have been ongoing. Even with church administrator Vivian Bryant communicating with her church and advising contact information, communication efforts have been unsuccessful. Joe Smith, whose family continues to worship at Trinity, offered additional contact suggestions. Viola Bates also said that she had a name, Eloise, of someone who would be a good contact. She said she would get Eloise’s telephone number and share it with Pastor Lauren.

Pledge drive undertaken. Pastor Lauren will email spreadsheet of talents and time. She noted that we may need to actively recruit church members and worshipers to staff some of the committees session feels are important. An agenda item for February meeting will be committee needs.

- VIII. Buildings and Grounds updates

A. Joe Smith reports that work on repairing the rails has begun but is moving slowly.

- IX. New Business

**MSA to take up a special offering on February 1 for the Dr Frederick and Maxine Terry Scholarship Fund at Shaw University in recognition of Dr Terry’s service to Lakeview over the years. He served as short-time interim pastor, moderator of session, pulpit supply, consultant, faithful friend and worshiper over the years.**

Diane Klammer will research exact address for scholarship and how to make out check, which will be mailed in a lump sum from Lakeview.

- X. Old Business

Pastor Lauren reported that she and Vivian will make renewed effort to get Brighthouse consultant to help change message on answering machine. One meeting was previously scheduled but service person failed to come.

XI. Next meeting: February 26, 2015.

XII. Adjourn with prayer at 8:45 pm.

Prayerfully submitted,

Kitty Rawson  
Clerk of Session