

Session Highlights of the October 2025 Regular Meeting

The regular monthly session meeting was held on Tuesday, October 21, 2025. Pastor Doug opened the meeting with prayer and conducted devotions on the Gospel of John, chapter 1, versus 14-18.

Total Sunday attendance figures for September 2025, **461** attended in-person worship services and **384** viewed services live streamed and on demand. Average Sunday **weekly** worship attendance for the last several months: September **211**, August 186, July 199, June 208, May 195, April 223, March 215, February 227, January 194, December 2024, 235, November 196, October 180, September 163. The average weekly Sunday worship attendance for 2024 was 193. The average weekly Sunday worship attendance for 2025 is **206**.

Comments from Committees. Property wanted to make special note of the upcoming Church Clean-up Day scheduled for November 1st. A dumpster will be rented and all committees and departments are advised to let Elder McLaughlin know if any stored material is to be saved. At the end of the process, it is hoped to be able to create a plan for the storage of material.

Finance Report – Elder Wood reviewed the financial statements (Treasurer's Report) distributed with the session packet indicating that receipts for the month of September 2025 totaled \$61,365 compared to the September 2024 total of \$58,656. Receipts are slightly behind the 2025 budget. However, total YTD 2025 revenue is \$562,360 compared to same time last year of \$476,177.

Total expenses through September 2025 were \$563,612 producing net loss (revenue minus expenses) through September 2025 in the amount of (\$1,252). In September of 2024, YTD expenses amounted to \$468,157 with a 2024 net gain YTD of \$8,020. The 2025 budget has a planned deficit of (\$26,829).

The following new business was acted upon:

- A. First reading of the new section related to staff annual performance reviews and salary increases in Personnel Policies: §2.14. This will be considered for approval at the November meeting.
- B. **Motion** from the Finance Committee to transfer \$4,000 from Net Undesignated Funds (5001) to Capital Reserves (3001) to cover painting and repair costs to selected windows in the 1912 Building.

A question was raised regarding why this funding had to be pulled from the net undesignated funds versus normal operating funds or capital reserves. Property chair Elder McLaughlin and Business Administrator Sandy Campbell explained that those funds were already committed to other scheduled projects to be done before the end

of the year. The windows are in dire need of repair before winter. **Motion** was **APPROVED** with fourteen votes in the affirmative and one against.

- C. At the request of the Moderator, the following Elders are nominated and have expressed a willingness to be elected as Commissioners to the Presbytery of Philadelphia for 2026: Joe Hare, Eric MacDonald, Eileen McLaughlin, Betsy Podrebarac, Jo Snead, and Paul Tutton. Session voted to **APPROVE** these six commissioners for 2026.
- D. **Motion** from the Outreach committee seeks approval to hold a large free community event at the Media Theatre on Friday, February 20, 2026. This would be a "Night of Worship" and include guests giving encouraging sermons, musical groups and possibly clean comedy. Outreach would also organize the sale of concessions at the theater (will not include any alcohol sales). The intention of the event is to bring the good news of the gospel to the community. After discussion, Session voted to **APPROVE** moving forward on the planning for the event while also approving the concept and date.