

Called Session Meeting

North Decatur Presbyterian Church

August 5, 2018

The Session of NDPC met for a Called meeting on **Sunday, August 5, 2018, at approximately 11:20 a.m.** in the Church Parlor.

Elders present: Charles Bonner, Ginny Bowen, Ryan Cass, Wendy Cromwell, Jarvis Ellis, Ellen Herbert, Janet Jasper, Mike Johnson, Gabriel Ramirez, Marion Reeves, Kathryn Sandifer, Thom Schreck, Carol Tveit, Holly Williams

Elders excused: Nancy Gathany, Pam Joyce, Sallie Owens

Elders absent: David Markham, Bob Way

Pastors and Staff present: Sabbatical Pastors Bobbie Wrenn Banks, Rick Neale

Guests: Linda Curry, Ellen Gadberry, Diane Wilkes

The meeting was called to order in the Parlor by Rev. Rick Neale; a quorum was declared present by the Clerk and the agenda adopted as submitted.

Devotional: Rev. Rick Neale led the Session in an opening prayer.

Science of Fun Lease: The sole purpose of the Called Session Meeting was to discuss a motion for the Session to approve a lease agreement for use of NDPC property by the Science of Fun after school program. **The meeting began with a motion by Ellen Herbert to seat the guests; the motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.** Rev. Rick Neale began the discussion by introducing the agenda and discussing the work done to date related to the proposed lease agreement. Rick also mentioned that Pastors David Lewicki and Beth Waltemath are supportive of the lease due to the positive focus of Science of Fun program, good use of NDPC facilities, and linkages to the recently adopted NDPC strategic plan. Linda Curry then provided an overview of the provisions of the lease, a copy of which was previously distributed. **Rick called for a motion to approve the lease; the motion was offered, seconded and the topic opened for discussion.**

During the discussion, a question was raised with respect to aspects of the lease that potentially allow students beyond 3rd grade (if utilized, this is expected to allow for flexibility for summer school only). Also, Ellen Gadberry paraphrased from a written statement that was previously distributed to the Session containing several recommendations such as to ensure the kitchen use is consistent with the Green and Growing Campaign, usage impact is effectively monitored, and that there is a strong oversight and communications process. There was also a discussion of a potential scholarship program and, while this idea has been raised with Science of Fun, no

decisions or agreements are currently in place. Rev. Bobbie Wrenn Banks also read a short statement from the Science of Fun that reinforced their commitment to be a model tenant.

After further discussion, **Ginny Bowen moved to call the motion to approve the Science of Fun lease to question; the motion was adopted by a majority vote of yeas, with no verbal nays expressed.**

Upcoming Meetings:

The next Stated Session Meeting will be held on **Sunday, August 19, 2018, at 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor.**

After a closing prayer led by Rev. Rick Neale, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Johnson, Clerk of Session