

September 5, 2023 – Session Report

Members Present: David O’Leary (Moderator), Jim McCaslin (Clerk), Don Anthony, Matt DeLorenzo, Paul Harbison, Dan Hartzler, Dick King

- TE O’Leary opened the meeting with prayer and a devotion from Psalm 103.
- Note: No new officers were nominated this year. The officers below have already been ordained, but they are being reexamined for another term of office.
- The Session sustained the examination in all its parts of Greg Breiding, and will present him to the congregation as eligible for election to the office of deacon. Note: Greg Breiding entered the meeting at approximately 7:15 PM and RE McCaslin prayed for him. After receiving instruction from 1 Timothy 3 on the office of deacon, Greg was examined in his Christian experience, knowledge of Bible content, knowledge of doctrine, duties of the office, and willingness to give assent to the ordination questions. RE Harbison prayed for Greg, and Greg exited the meeting at approximately 7:30 PM.
- The Session sustained the examination in all its parts of Martin Furman, and will present him to the congregation as eligible for election to the office of elder. Note: Martin Furman entered the meeting at approximately 7:30 PM and RE DeLorenzo prayed for him. After receiving instruction from 1 Timothy 3 on the office of deacon, Martin was examined in his Christian experience, knowledge of Bible content, knowledge of doctrine, duties of the office, and willingness to give assent to the ordination questions. RE Anthony prayed for Martin, and Martin exited the meeting at approximately 8:00 PM.
- Deacon Doug Nemeth was nominated for reelection as well. The plan is to examine Doug on September 12, prior to the joint portion of the called Session meeting.
- The Session spent time sharing and praying for various prayers needs within the church membership.
- Don Anthony gave a verbal update on the progress of the Pastoral Search Committee. Here are several important dates:
September 10 – Pastoral Search Committee will provide information about candidate during the educational hour.
September 17 – The candidate will preach during the Sunday morning worship service.
September 24 – A congregational meeting will be held for the purpose of voting to call the candidate as the Senior Pastor.
- The Session called a congregational meeting for September 24, 2023 at 10:30 AM in the sanctuary for the purpose of holding a congregational vote to call a Senior Pastor.
- After conducting two interviews, the hiring commission (formed on 6-6-23) brought a recommendation to the Session for the open Youth Ministry Leader position.
- Dick King gave a brief verbal update on the staff. The report was positive.

Joint Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00 PM in the Choir Room.

Presbytery Meeting: Saturday, November 4, 2023 at Fairview RPC in Industry, PA.