

**First Presbyterian Church of Santa Rosa**  
**Stated Congregational Meeting Session Minutes Sunday, February 23, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, OPENING PRAYER: Rev. Dan Price, Temporary Pastor  
The meeting opened at 12:03 P.M.

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

Confirmation of a Quorum  
2024 Session End of Year Summary Report on Tables  
Candles of Remembrance and Prayer

Linda Maloney, Clerk of Session

Colleen Soldate, Minister of

Congregational Life and Care The lighting of the candles for all who died in 2024 was a reverent and touching

ceremony of remembrance. It was solemn and showed deep respect for the departed.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW AND UPDATE** Rich Mason, Treasurer

Rich presented the 2023 actual budget, the 2024 actual budget, and the projected 2025 budget. The 2024 actual expenses came in \$15,105 above what was projected. However, he was very pleased with this result, largely due to the generous giving of our members and friends and the large cost-cutting decisions that were made by the session in March on staffing.

**CAPITAL FUNDS DRIVE COMING** Tim Bowen, Session Elder

Tim Bowen shared with the congregation that there are many pressing projects our church facility will need in the coming months due to the age of our building. Windows in the classroom section, both first and second floor, are at the top of the list, among other repairs. There is already \$21,000 set aside for the capital fund drive.

**YOUTH MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT:** Greg Murphy, Youth Parent Greg described the positive momentum with the youth group and how Cory Meyers is working diligently to provide a meaningful youth experience for the junior and senior high. This spring break, the youth will be doing mission work in Mexico.

**PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Penny Cleary, Nom. Comm.

Penny spoke to the congregation about the process of the PNC. The committee has been working hard for the last 16 months. They have reviewed 191 potential (serious) candidates. 24 made the first round of interviews. 8 made the second round. 3 candidates have been brought to Santa Rosa. Good news is on the horizon.

CHORAL MUSIC MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: Doug Wiggers, Director of Music Doug led the congregation as we sang a beloved hymn, "Take My Life." All of those present enjoyed singing together.

PASTORAL REFLECTIONS: Rev. Dan Price

Rev. Price shared his appreciation for our congregation and the joy he has experienced while serving as our temporary pastor. He also mentioned an article in The Atlantic entitled "The Anti-Social Century, by Derek Thompson." This article expresses the loneliness and disconnection many feel in this day in age. He assured the congregation that our church is a light and our "prayer walking" touches lives in our neighborhood and community.

FOOD: Paddy Coreris and Team

Patty provided a lovely assortment of brunch items for those in attendance, over 130! Thank you, Paddy, for your hard work.

CLOSING PRAYER: Rev. Dan Price The meeting adjourned at 12:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Maloney, Clerk of Session