

The Presbyterian Church of Barrington
Session Meeting Minutes
27 April 2026

Moderator: Rev. David Ezekiel, Pastor

Ruling Elders:

	CLASS OF 2026		CLASS OF 2027		CLASS OF 2028
P	Rich Barbour – 2nd	P	Bard Boand – 2 yr	P	Anna Armstrong – 2nd
P	Debra Johnson – 2nd	P	Ross Clover – 1st	P	Martha Boling – Risser – 1st
Z	Heather Layne – 1st	A	Bob Dick – 1st	P	Ron Furst – 1st
P	Peter Shaeffer – 1 yr	P	Molly Stine – 1st	P	Mari Franklin – 2nd
P	David Ezekiel, Moderator	P	George Landes, Jr., Clerk of Session		

P=Present A=Absent E=Excused Z=Zoom

- I. Meeting opened at 7:00pm with Joys & Concerns followed by an opening prayer led by Dr. Ezekiel.

- II. Clerk’s Report – Approval of Omnibus Motion –
 - a. Approval of minutes of Session meeting, March 23rd – attached to agenda
 - b. Membership
 - i. Active Members
 1. As of March 23, 2026 – 301
 2. Additions –
 - a. Transfers from other churches – none
 - b. Reaffirmation of faith – 1
 - i. Chrystal Caruthers
 - c. Profession of faith – none
 - d. Baptisms (adult) – none
 - ii. Resulting active membership as of April 26, 2026 – 302
 - iii. Inactive Members – 38 total

III. SMART Goals

- a. Christian Education – SMART goals attached to agenda. Debra Johnson, Anna Armstrong, and Raechel Sowa discussed the CE SMART Goals. Debra reviewed the goals and what they are doing to achieve those ends. A lot of discussion occurred regarding the Prayground, where children will be able to remain in the sanctuary during the service in an area designated specially for them. Dr. Ezekiel said a church about our size this concept works very well. CE will visit churches in Arlington Hts and Elgin to explore how this idea is working for them. Starting in the Fall, CE is considering a 9:15 Christian ed class for the children prior to the service.

IV. Committee Reports

- a. Finance & Stewardship –
 - i. Finances – attached to agenda. Molly Stine, chair, reviewed the financials and the format change to the financials. Financials continue to look very strong vs budget, but most of this is due to prepaid pledges.
 - ii. Treasurer’s position / job description – attached to agenda. Molly reviewed this with Session and then had 3 motions:
 1. Motion was moved, seconded, and approved for this position and job description.
 2. The second motion to recognize Rich Larson for his dedication and hard work as Treasurer for a number of years was moved, seconded, and approved.
 3. The third motion was to approve Ross Clover as the succeeding Treasurer was moved seconded and approved.
 - iii. Budget for the 5K Race Committee
Motion – The Finance & Stewardship Committee moves at the behest of the Missions Committee to establish a budget for the 5K Race Committee of \$11,500. This has no impact on the 2026 budget as the budgeted amount for the 5K Race is derived from the gross proceeds generated by the event. The intent of this request is to provide transparency, oversight, and accountability. This motion was seconded and approved.
- b. Audio-Visual – Heather Layne, chair, discussed setting up training on the sound board for those interested in managing the sound during services. This will also help alleviate some of the issues PCB has been having during services with the sound mainly due to not understanding completely how the sound board works.
- c. Facilities – Ron Furst is trying to organize the building and looking at designated spots for committees to use. Ron shared what is being done to increase storage

areas for different committees. This will involve moving some things around and organizing things that don't have a specific storage space.

- d. New Members – Anna Armstrong, chair, is compiling a list as to why membership is a benefit over being a nonmember attendee. Anna would like any input from Session for this document.
- e. Nominations – Has begun their work for 2027 and is focusing on the needs of the congregation.

V. Commissioners to the Presbytery of Chicago – If there is interest in participating in this, Dr. Ezekiel will send you a packet of information detailing what this involves.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm by prayer led by Dr. Ezekiel. The next scheduled Session Meeting is 18 May at 7:00pm.

George M Landes, Jr
Clerk of Session

Rev. David Ezekiel
Moderator of Session