

The Presbyterian Church of Barrington
Session Meeting Minutes
23 February 2026

Moderator: Rev. David Ezekiel, Pastor

Ruling Elders:

	CLASS OF 2026		CLASS OF 2027		CLASS OF 2028
P	Rich Barbour – 2nd	Z	Bard Boand – 2 yr		Anna Armstrong – 2nd
P	Debra Johnson – 2nd	P	Ross Clover – 1st	A	Martha Boling-Risser – 1st
P	Heather Layne – 1st	E	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 7:10pm with Joys and Concerns, followed by a devotional and opening prayer led by Dr. Ezekiel.

- II. Clerk’s Report – Approval of Omnibus Motion
 - a. Approval of minutes of Session meeting, January 26th – attached to agenda
 - b. Membership
 - i. Active Members
 1. As of January 26, 2026 – 303
 2. Additions – none
 3. Deaths – 1
 - a. William Buecking, January 15, 2026
 4. Transfers / Removals – none
 - a. Transfers to other congregations – none
 - b. Transfers to the Inactive Roll – 1
 - i. Stanley Koenig III – at his request (lives in Colorado)
 - ii. Resulting active membership as of February 22, 2026 – 301
 - iii. Inactive Members – 38 total
 - iv. Request for baptism – 1

1. A.C. and Annalisa Carter request baptism for their son, Magnus, on March 29, 2026.
- c. The Annual Statistical Report – this is the statistical information the church compiles and summarizes for reporting to the denomination.
- d. Leadership Nominations Committee – on behalf of the congregation, accepting the resignation of Janet Hirsch from this committee.
 - i. Background: The Session acts on behalf of the congregation when vacancies occur on committees elected by the congregation. Nominations still has 6 persons serving and does not seek a replacement.
 - ii. Missions Committee – The Mission Committee would like to start a food drive during Lent – starting in March.

III. SMART Goals

- a. Communications – Mari presented the SMART goals for communications but more work is needed on them as the committee has not had a full complement of committee members. As Communications goals need to be updated for 2026, Session had several suggestions for goals, which Mari would discuss with the Communications Committee to update.
- b. Session SMART Goals – draft attached to agenda. George discussed these goals so Session is aware of what its SMART Goals are. George also reviewed the SMART goals format and the need to ensure all committees follow the same format.

IV. Committees

- a. Missions
 - i. Food drive – The Mission Committee is starting a food drive during Lent in March and finish Palm Sunday with a culmination of an intergenerational event after worship. This event would be gathering the requested items into baskets or bags of sorts to complete a meal.
 - ii. March Madness – The Mission Committee will also be selling March Madness Teams starting the first weekend of March until Selection Sunday, March 15. This is supporting the Youth Mission Trip to South Dakota. In order to help pay for the trip and the adult costs, teams will be sold for \$50. We will again have men's and women's brackets. We will have Selection Monday on March 16 at a restaurant (TBD), to match teams with buyers. Session has approved this as ongoing fundraiser a couple of years ago.
 - iii. 5K – the 5K race planning is going well.
- b. New Members – Minutes attached to agenda
- c. Finance & Stewardship – Molly Stine, chair
 - i. January financials – attached to agenda. Molly Stine updated Session on financials. Ross Clover, Patti, and Dr. Ezekiel will discuss a format for presenting the financials. Current reporting is lacking in some critical information that will be addressed during this meeting. On the Jan financials

pledges are up which is positive, but Molly asked about expenses for building and grounds which were up over 2025 by \$6,000. Ron would check on this but thinks that some of this may be paying some bills in advance. Molly said that all committees should be receiving a monthly report detailing their expenditures vs budget, provided by Patti.

- ii. Stewardship progress – 55% of prior pledgers increased pledgers by the requested %. Only 10% of prior pledgers decreased pledging, and we lost some pledgers, but taking all this into consideration overall pledging increased by 5.8%. Molly raised that it is Kirsten’s 20th year anniversary which Session discussed.
- iii. Personnel – Peter Shaeffer mentioned that all staff reviews were completed in Jan. Working on creating files to manage detailed personnel records as outlined in the Personnel Manual.
- iv. Building/Grounds – Ron said we are putting up signs indicating the premises are under surveillance to help preclude issues with security. Verizon will be installing additional equipment in the steeple.

There being no further business, the Session meeting ended at 8:40pm by prayer led by Dr. Ezekiel. The next regularly scheduled Session meeting is Monday, March 23, at 7:00 pm.

George M Landes, Jr
Clerk of Session

Rev. David Ezekiel
Moderator of Session