

The Presbyterian Church of Barrington
Session Meeting Minutes
28 July 2025

Moderator: Rev. David Ezekiel, Pastor

Ruling Elders:

	CLASS OF 2025		CLASS OF 2026		CLASS OF 2027
P	Steve Alton	A	JC Clarke	P	Rich Barbour
Z	Anna Armstrong	P	Ross Clover	P	Bob Dick
P	Bard Boand	E	PK Johnson	P	Molly Stine
P	Mari Franklin	P	Debra Johnson		
P	Robert Reilly	E	Heather Layne		
P	David Ezekiel, Moderator	P	George Landes, Jr., Clerk of Session		

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

- I. Dr. Ezekiel opened the meeting at 7:10 pm with Joys & Concerns followed by an opening prayer.
- II. SMART Goals – Bob Dick updated the Session on the Worship Committee SMART Goals, a copy of which have been sent to the committee for review and approval. They should be completed by August/September.
- III. Clerk's Report – Approval of Omnibus Motion
 - a. Approval of special Session meeting on 3 June 2025 – attached to agenda
 - b. Approval of minutes of Session meeting, June 23, 2025 – attached to agenda.
 - c. Membership – No changes to the membership. As of 22 June 2025, membership is 311.
 - d. Request for Baptism
 - i. Amelia Liput – child of Jack and Madison Liput
 - e. Additions –
 - i. Transfers from other churches – 1
 1. Wendy Burdick, First Presbyterian, Wilmette
 - f. Deaths – 1

i. Denise Mitchell, 23 June 2025

IV. Committee Reports

a. Christian Education

- i. A new committee is being formulated with George Steffen as chair. The goal is to be the umbrella group for Adult Ed and Children, Youth & Young Adults. Formal request for Session approval forthcoming
- ii. Adult Ed – Jill Minner is willing to lead this committee.
 1. Offerings for adult ed are being formulated. The time will coincide with Christian Ed for children
 2. Time is scheduled for 11:15 am – 11:50 am each Sunday beginning 21 September.
- iii. Children, Youth & Young Adults
 1. Report attached to agenda
 2. Goals attached to agenda
 3. 7 kids will be attending confirmation class
 4. Christian Ed times scheduled for 11:15 am – 11:50 am each Sunday beginning 21 September.
- iv. New Members – report attached to agenda. Rich Barbour mentioned that visitors are being met and welcomed by congregants unlike it has happened in the past.
- v. Personnel – report attached to agenda. Robert Reilly briefly reviewed the job descriptions and responsibilities listed in his report.
- vi. Worship – report attached to agenda. Bob Dick discussed their draft SMART Goals. He then discussed giving committees more exposure to the congregation, which can be done during collecting the offering. Committees can share what they are doing with the congregation during the collection.
- vii. Finance & Stewardship – financials attached to agenda. Committee chairs have received budgets and expenditures for the past several years as they prepare their 2026 budgets by 6 September. Committee is also looking to eliminate the deficit budgeting that we have experienced over the years. A discussion regarding deficit spending ensued and what the Finance Committee is reviewing. Robert Reilly mentioned that deficit spending (so some extent) is not a dire consequence, especially given PCB has reserves to cover small shortfalls vs budget.
- viii. Communications – Mari reviewed her Communications Committee, who is on it, and what they are hoping to work on in the near term.

ix. Mission

1. 5k Race

- a. The money raised from the 5k race totaled \$21,761.70.

The funds are distributed as follows:

- i. Fish Food Pantry - \$4,000
- ii. Barrington Food Pantry - \$3,000
- iii. Palatine Food Pantry - \$5,000
- iv. Good News Jail Ministry - \$2,000
- v. Habitat for Humanity - \$4,000
- vi. Christopher House - \$2,000
- vii. Lincoln Park Presbyterian - \$1,500
- viii. Hold Back - \$261.70

- b. Distributions so far:

- i. Fish Food Pantry - \$4,000
- ii. Barrington Food Pantry - \$1,500
- iii. Palatine Food Pantry - \$1,500
- iv. Good News Jail Ministry - \$1,500
- v. Habitat for Humanity - \$5,000
- vi. Christopher House - \$1,500
- vii. Lincoln Park Presbyterian - \$4,000
- viii. Chicago Presbytery - \$4,000.00

- c. Total allocated contributions for 2025 to date after the race is \$45,500

- d. Mission would like Session to reconsider allowing our Youth to provide disaster buckets to help those in need during times of disasters. Mission would buy the products with congregants then helping to buy a 5 gal bucket (cost of \$60) for disaster relief. Session approved this initiative.

- e. The suggestion was to have a calendar of all annual fundraisers so congregants are not continuously being asked for money. Additionally, there needs to be a process for people to ask to have a fundraiser, which is not current.

b. Other Reports

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

- a. Nominating – has most of their work for next year completed.
- b. Stephen Ministry – they work with people on a long term basis, and you don't even have to be a PCB member to receive this care.

- c. Trustees – will discuss the elimination of the Trustees at their next meeting and their roles to be taken up by a new committee: Building and Grounds. This will help Session being more involved in the Trustees’ work.
- VII. Upcoming Items
- a. Session training
 - i. Date – September 20th, 900a – 1200nn
 - ii. Topics
 - 1. Financial Future of PCB – congregational trends and metrics to consider (presented by Ross Clover, recommended by Finance Committee)
 - 2. Crafting the vision for PCB to present to the congregation

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm by a prayer led by Dr. Ezekiel. The next regularly scheduled meeting of Session is Monday, August 25th at 7:00 pm.

George M Landes, Jr
Clerk of Session

Rev. David Ezekiel
Moderator of Session