

SESSION MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

The Stated Session meeting of Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church, Puyallup, Washington, began at 7:01 p.m. on September 23, 2025 in the church library. A quorum was present.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. John Asher.

ROLL CALL:

Don Bennett	Present	Andy McClure	Present
Ron Hale	Present	Merry Pantaleo	Present
Kim Randall	Present		
John Asher	Moderator		

Devotional:

During VBS Camp, Courtney Ellis served with a heart full of joy and faith, helping children discover the wonder of God's love in simple, everyday moments. Her presence reminded us of Jesus' words in Matthew 13—that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure, hidden yet revealed to those who seek it with childlike hearts. Through laughter, stories, and service, Courtney helped others see that the greatest treasures of God's Kingdom are found not in grand things, but in love shared, faith nurtured, and joy freely given.

CLERK'S REPORT: Minutes were submitted by email on September 3, 2025 and were approved on September 9, 2025

FOR THE RECORD:

- By email, Session voted to approve communion for September 13, 2025 at the Church Campout. It was approved on September 12.
- By email, Session voted to call a congregational meeting for September 21, 2025 for the purposes of electing a nominating committee. It was approved on September 12.
- Communion was celebrated on Sunday, September 6, 2025 and September 13, 2025 at two worship services facilitated by Rev. John Asher.

BUDGET (_August_ 2025)

Budget Data	Budget	Monthly(Actual)	YTD(Actual)
INCOME	\$29,525	\$36,486	\$237,546
EXPENSES	\$32,257	\$28,487	\$238,528

CONSENT ITEMS:

Session voted to approve:

From Pastor John

- Approve the removal of Brannon West and Jennifer West from membership.
- Approve the removal of Janet Warr and Marty Warr from membership.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

From Pastor John:

- The formation of a Finance Committee (See 1.3.1 in the Session Manual)
 - Don is looking for people for serve on the Finance Committee
 - Goal is to create a resource plan by the end of the year
 - Looking to get committee together for appointment next month
- Consideration of a new training and planning schedule for church officers
 - Session retreat moved to May (late spring) to align with Vision planning.
 - New elders and deacons are still trained separately in January before Session meeting
 - Joint deacon/elder gathering in December.

Other Business:

None

The next session meeting will be October 21, 2025 at Shepherd of the Hill.

The meeting was closed in prayer.

The Session Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andy McClure, Clerk of Session