

College Hill Presbyterian Church
Session Minutes – Stated Meeting – Zoom Video Call
May 11, 2021

The stated meeting of the Session of College Hill Presbyterian Church was held at 6:01 p.m. by Zoom video call on May 11, 2021. **Rev. Todd Freeman** moderated, and Alexia Medlock opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.

The agenda was approved as presented. A quorum was present.

Ruling Elders present

Class of 2021: Mary Ann Bumgarner, Clay Finck-Ward, Gretchen Hrachovec, Chris Newsome

Class of 2022: Alexia Medlock, Fred Schone, Mark Thurston, Susan West

Class of 2023: Kathy Davis, Mike Gibson, Charles Stanford, Crystal Zerger

Excused absences: Parker Brobston

Guest

Todd Redding

Clerk's Report

- ❖ Correspondence – received note from Mike Gibson expressing gratitude for the recent anniversary bonus and recognition.
- ❖ **Approved Minutes of Stated Meeting April 13, 2021.**

Pastor's Report

- ❖ Served as a Reader for the 2021 Spring Presbyterian Polity Exam (88 exams).
- ❖ Very pleased with first in-person service of worship in the sanctuary in 14 months (4/9/21).
- ❖ Active with the Synod's Network for Dismantling Racism. Interviewed Hannibal Johnson in our sanctuary for the Network's Tulsa 21 IMAGINE event to be broadcast on May 27 at 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ Will be out from May 20-23 officiating nephew's wedding in Dallas. Rev. Gordon Edwards will preach on May 23, Pentecost Sunday.

New Business

- ❖ Elect EOP Commissioner.
 - **Moved, seconded and approved to elect Ruling Elder Clay Finck-Ward as Commissioner to Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery Zoom Meeting Friday, June 4, 2021.**
- ❖ Elect new Church Treasurer. Member Johnna Thurston, who has an accounting degree, volunteered to replace Mike Patterson, who is moving to Kansas City. The following motion from Finance and Stewardship was unanimously approved:
 - **Elect Johnna Thurston as Church Treasurer.**
- ❖ We will not hold the annual Memorial Day Weekend Worship & Picnic at Rev. Freeman's this year, since we have just opened the church to in-person worship.

Ministry Team Reports

- ❖ **Re-union:** Report received. Metrics are looking extremely good, and the risk for our community is relatively low. We were pleased with the first in-person worship, and also the results from our congregational survey, showing a high vaccination rate. Recommend that the Technology & Communication Team consider hiring someone to help with all the new technology needs. The following motion was unanimously approved:
 - **College Hill will enter Phase II Re-union on Sunday, May 23, 2021, Pentecost Sunday. Metrics will continue to be monitored and reviewed prior to the next Session Meeting.**
- ❖ **Building & Grounds:** Verbal report. Upcoming needs include roof repairs, and painting eaves and windows.
- ❖ **Christian Education:** Verbal report. Kids participated in painting the fence by the Pollinator Garden. Some youth distributed fresh produce as a part of a Racism as Health Crisis event. We have one graduate to recognize this year. There will be no VCS this summer, but various activities instead.

- ❖ **Congregational Care:** Verbal report. Will be having a Zoom meeting next week. Had one person join the team, which helps to spread out the number of members served by each team member. Looking for someone who would bring Barbara Perry to church each week. (Gammies will take her home.)
- ❖ **Fellowship:** Verbal report. Have lined up volunteers to assist with check-in at worship services.
- ❖ **Finance & Stewardship:** Report received. Investments are strong, and pledges are still coming in well. The following motion was approved:
 - **Receive the April 2021 Financial Report by acclamation.**
- ❖ **Nominating:** Nothing to report, but want to start thinking of names a little earlier this year.
- ❖ **Outreach & Mission:** Report received. The following motion was approved:
 - **Hold a socks and underwear collection for the Tulsa Day Center as our fifth Sunday offering on May 30, 2021.**
- ❖ **Personnel:** Verbal report and exhibits. More beautiful cards made by Susan West.
- ❖ **Technology & Communication:** Report received. Getting estimates to have the sanctuary hardwired for a stronger internet signal. Training others in operation of streaming equipment.
- ❖ **Visitor & New Member Nurture:** Verbal report. Will meet to plan new member lunch.
- ❖ **Worship & Music:** Report received. Plans are in place for opening phases, and return of choirs and other in-person activities. Appreciation was expressed for the team's efforts to provide a safe and meaningful experience.

A motion to adjourn was approved, and the meeting closed at 7:20 p.m. with a prayer by Rev. Todd Freeman.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Brandon, Clerk of Session

Rev. Todd Freeman, Moderator