

College Hill Presbyterian Church
Session Minutes – Stated Meeting
March 13, 2018

The stated meeting of the Session of College Hill Presbyterian Church was held at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall on March 13, 2018. **Rev. Todd Freeman** moderated and **Stefanie Olson** opened the meeting with a Devotion and Prayer.

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

Elders present:

Class of 2018: P.J. Brobston, Terry Gamel, Marilyn Hill, Stefanie Olson
Class of 2019: Robert Babcock, Gay Miller, Alicia Odum, David Robertson
Class of 2020: Terry Baxter, Becky Doyle, Sue Haskins, Bill Nole
Guest: Eric Nelson

Clerk's Report:

- ❖ **Correspondence:** Received Thank you note from Mike Gibson, Organist, for his Christmas gift.
- ❖ Minutes for February Stated Meeting will be presented for Approval at April Meeting.

Pastor's Report:

- ❖ Death of Church member Robert Lucy Feb. 13, 2018. Memorial Service on Feb. 17 at the church
- ❖ Confirmation Class going well. Last class was on March 11. A luncheon/presentation with parents was at the Brobston's home. Youth will meet with Session at some point in April if they choose to join the congregation as Active Members.
- ❖ Invited General Presbyter of EOP, the Rev. Greg Coulter, to attend worship on Feb. 25. During the service he shared generous and kind words with the congregation.
- ❖ Church office will be closed Monday, April 2, the day after Easter.

New Business

Received New member:

- Following a brief statement of his faith journey and answering in the affirmative the Book of Order questions required for membership, the Session unanimously approved a motion to accept #3107 Eric Nelson into Active Membership of College Hill Presbyterian Church by Letter of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Tulsa OK.

- a. Rev. Freeman and Commissioner Terry Baxter gave report from the EOP meeting, March 6. There was a very interesting and informative presentation by several Millennial ministers and how their ministry is changing with social media.
- b. Building Use Request:
 - Motion for KWI to use CHPC for their KWI Board Retreat, Saturday, April 28 utilizing the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen at no charge. Motion Seconded and Approved.
- c. Parking Lot request:
 - Motion for TU to use CHPC parking lot, Tuesday, April 17, with a \$50 charge. Motion Seconded and Approved.
- d. A speaker has been secured for the Harold Hill Lecture Series. Pastor and blogger, John Pavlovitz. It is scheduled for Saturday, August 11 and he will preach on Sunday, August 12.
- e. With the possibility of a state-wide teacher walkout on April 2, Session discussed how CHPC might respond to the Teachers Walkout? Session agreed to offer the church in any way that we can help.
- f. Clerk of Session presented the demographics of CHPC:
 - Motion was made to approve the statistics. It was seconded. After discussion, there seem to be a discrepancy in the age of some session members. This motion was Tabled to be brought back to Session at the April Meeting.

Old Business

- ❖ Rev. Freeman led a discussion on *Spiritual Leadership for Church Officers* by Joan S. Gray. Session members broke into several small groups and discussed the different leadership styles that we possess. We came back and gave meaningful feedback.
- ❖ 10th Anniversary Dinner for Rev. Freeman scheduled April 13, at CHPC. Tickets go on sale after worship on March 18.

Ministry Team Reports

- ❖ **Building and Grounds:** Report received. Foundation repairs for the elevator equipment room began March 6. Gini Fox had the "Stove Doctor" inspect the old gas range in Kitchen. It was produced in the 1920s and was in good working condition. We were given an estimate of \$500 to perform preventive maintenance on the internal operating parts. The removal would be difficult and did not know of a market for it if we wanted to dispose of it. Need to address boiler repair or replacement for this summer.
- ❖ **Christian Education:** Verbal Report. Scavenger Hunt planned on Easter. The Jr/Sr High class will perform the Story of the Bible during the Church School Hour on Sunday, May 13.
- ❖ **Congregational Care:** Report received. Reviewed current church member's needs and health issues.
- ❖ **Fellowship:** Report received. Discussed the "old stove". Looking into having it professionally cleaned and getting a hood for it. Freezer leaks, not sealing well. Clay will be cleaning it out. Next event is potluck after worship on Palm Sunday.
- ❖ **Finance & Stewardship:** Mike looking into new payroll company, not happy with current one. Quarterly statements will be a new style. Gary will be making announcements on this and send out email 1 week prior. The following motion was presented:
 - **Place a portion of Unrestricted- Advance pledges into a 7 month CD every January. After discussion the motion was Approved.**

<u>Financial Report:</u>	<u>Income:</u>	<u>Total Operating Expense:</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency):</u>
2018 Total Budget:	<u>\$333,406.00</u>	<u>\$333,406.00</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
2018 YTD Budget:	\$ 55,568.00	\$ 55,568.00	\$ (0)
2018 YTD Actual	\$ 90,074.00	\$ 40,926.00	\$ 49,148.00
Budget Remaining:	\$ 243,332.00	\$292,480.00	\$ (49,148.00)

- **Motion to receive the February 2018 Financial Report by acclamation.**

- ❖ **Nominating:** No Report.
- ❖ **Outreach and Mission:** Report received. Discussed and began working on the Strategy Objectives approved by Session at the Session Retreat in January. We will further discussion and develop a working timeline at our April meeting.
- ❖ **Personnel:** Report received. Committee is coming together, first meeting March 7th. We will discuss previous year's practices, procedures and policies.
- ❖ **Technology & Communication:** Verbal Report. Website is down. In the process of developing a team.
- ❖ **Visitor & New Member Nurture:** We will plan new member get-togethers 2/year, spring and fall. Continue with welcome bags. New members will be worked into D48 (Dinners for Eight). We will identify and provide a Mentor for new members whose objective will be to check in with them, invite them to different functions at CHPC... We plan to hold Ministry Team/Group fair for entire congregation to acquaint them with possibilities in the church life.
- ❖ **Worship & Music:** Received report. Received a generous offer from an anonymous donor to fund flowers for 26 weeks a year with live or artificial flowers. Holy week services and Easter services are coming together.

Motion to adjourn was approved and the meeting closed at 8:28pm with a prayer by Rev. Freeman during a standing prayer and "Group Hug".

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Campbell, Clerk of Session

Rev. Todd Freeman, Moderator