

College Hill Presbyterian Church  
Session Minutes – Stated Meeting  
April 9, 2024

The stated meeting of the Session of College Hill Presbyterian Church was held in the Adult Sunday School room at 6:04 p.m. on March 12, 2024. **Rev Todd Freeman** moderator opened the meeting and Brad Burnham gave the opening prayer and a devotional from the book *9/11 Life Forever Changed* by Dr. Katrina Bright.

**Ruling Elders present**

Class of 2024: Bryan Finckward, Betsy Guyer, Emily Oldham

Class of 2025: Tally Ferguson (via Zoom), Jan Swafford, John Gammie

Class of 2026: Brad Burnham, Fritha Ohlson, Johnna Thurston

Excused: Bill Major, Gini Fox, Jay Lockhart

Guests: Tom and Anita Wertz

**Clerk of Session Report**

- ☐ No correspondence
- ☐ Approved Session Minutes of Stated Meeting on March 12, 2024

**Pastor's Report**

- ☐ Attended the 25<sup>th</sup> annual antiracism White Privilege Conference, held this year in Tulsa as part of his Continuing Education.
- ☐ Coordinated an Adult Church School Class with the Rev. Jermaine Ross-Allam, Director of the Center for the Repair of Historic Harm, part of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Folks from Southminster Presbyterian joined us on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> for the Adult Church School Class.
- ☐ Participated in TMM's annual Good Friday "Walk to the Cross."
- ☐ Rev. Todd began a discussion on Belonging, to be explored further in future meetings.

**New Business**

- ☐ **Following a brief statement of their faith journey and answering in the affirmative the Book of Order questions required for membership, the Session unanimously approved a motion to accept # 3148 Tom Wertz by transfer and #3149 Anita Wertz into Active Membership of College Hill Presbyterian Church Tulsa by re-affirmation of faith.**
- ☐ **Approved a Building Use Request for Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 3 pm for the Memorial Service for Ray Short, Jr., a friend of Jim Alexander.**

**Old Business**

- ☐ **Approved the motion to create and fill a part-time position of Director of Children and Family Ministry, with an initial annual salary not to exceed \$26,000, and for a 1-year trial period of the person hired.**
- ☐ The session discussed that a period of 2 years would be necessary to fully evaluate the effectiveness of this new position.
- ☐ **Approved the Director of Children and Family Ministry job description.**

- The Security Team reported bids from various companies are still being received.

### **Ministry Team Reports**

- **Building and Grounds:** Report received. New carpeting has been installed in the room off the Sanctuary. The new AC in the sanctuary is working well. The installation of the bike rack is completed.
- **Christian Education:** Report received. There will likely be enough children of varying ages to necessitate 3 levels of Worship Connection in the Fall of 2024.
- **Communication and Technology:** Report received. The team is working on updating the church website content and platform.
- **Congregational Care:** Report received. The Team prepared and delivered Easter bags to 10 homebound members and 6 employees. Communion was served to several of our homebound members by Rev. Freeman, accompanied by ruling elders Susan West, and Marilyn Hill.
- **Fellowship:** Report received. A graduation event is being planned for May.
- **Finance & Stewardship:** Report received. The following motion was approved:
  - **Receive the March 2024 Financial Report by acclamation.**

### **March 2024 Budget Summary**

	<b>Income</b>	<b>Total Op. Expenses</b>	<b>Net</b>
<b>2024 Annual Budget</b>	<b>\$365,656</b>	<b>\$399,753</b>	<b>(\$34,097)</b>
<b>2024 YTD Budget</b>	<b>\$91,414</b>	<b>\$104,476</b>	<b>(\$13,062)</b>
<b>2024 YTD Actual</b>	<b>\$85,658</b>	<b>\$95,493</b>	<b>(\$9,835)</b>
<b>Budget Remaining</b>	<b>\$279,998</b>	<b>\$295,277</b>	<b>(\$15279)</b>

- **Hispanic Fellowship:** Report received. There have been difficulties receiving the televised feed for Mexico.
- **Nomination:** No Report.
- **Outreach & Mission:** Report received. The Afghan Bread sails will now coincide with our Fair-Trade market, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weeks of the month.
- **Personnel:** Report Received. The recognition of Mike Gibson's 10-year anniversary was a great event.
- **Visitor & New Member:** Rev. Freeman shared it was good to see Lori Decter Wright on Sunday.
- **Worship and Music:** Report received. Rev. Freeman will be away Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Lisa Barnett, from Phillips Seminary, will preach and Betsy will be doing the time with the children.

### **Other Business:**

None

A motion to adjourn was approved and the meeting closed at 7:39 p.m. with prayer by Rev. Todd Freeman.

Lisa will be off April 22-28

Fellowship Congregational Church will be hosting Russell Benett on April 20<sup>th</sup> as part of the lecture series.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Davis

Clerk of Session

Rev. Todd Freeman

Moderator