

College Hill Presbyterian Church
Session Minutes – Stated Meeting – Zoom Video Call
April 13, 2021

The stated meeting of the Session of College Hill Presbyterian Church was held at 6:01 p.m. by Zoom video call on April 13, 2021. **Rev. Todd Freeman** moderated, and Fred Schone opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.

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

Ruling Elders present

Class of 2021: Parker Brobston, Mary Ann Bumgarner, Clay Finck-Ward, Chris Newsome

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

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

Excused absences: Gretchen Hrachovec, Crystal Zerger

Guest

Todd Redding

Clerk's Report

- ❖ **Approved Minutes of Stated Meeting March 9, 2021.**

Pastor's Report

- ❖ Very appreciative of affirmations on 13th anniversary as pastor of CHPC.
- ❖ Received second COVID-19 vaccine shot.
- ❖ Very pleased with the Easter service in the church parking lot, with 88 in attendance.
- ❖ Zoom memorial gathering for Vance Vanderburg March 12.
- ❖ Lake Oologah memorial gathering for Marci Platt April 11.
- ❖ Participated in two virtual Good Friday services: EOP; TMM's Greenwood Walk to the Cross.

New Business

- ❖ As part of our commitment as an Earth Care Congregation, the Green Team is planting a pollinator garden on the west side of the parking lot. The following motion from the Building & Grounds team was approved:
 - **Approval to paint signs on the fence at the west end of the parking lot, designating Earth Care Congregation Pollinator Gardens.**
- ❖ Received letter from Tulsa Metropolitan Ministry asking member organizations to support a reparations fund. After discussion, it was decided to table this request and seek more information as to what the fund will cover.
- ❖ Next month's Session Meeting, May 11, will be hybrid – both in-person (with masks) and Zoom.

Ministry Team Reports

- ❖ **Re-union:** Report received. While metrics have significantly improved, there are still areas of concern regarding herd immunity and risk of resurgence. The following motions were approved:
 - **College Hill will enter Phase I Re-union on Sunday, May 9, 2021. In addition, choir rehearsals with masks and social distancing will resume on Wednesday, May 5, 2021. Metrics will continue to be monitored and reviewed prior to the next Session Meeting.**
 - **Approved draft of appreciation letter to be sent to Dr. Dart at the Tulsa County Health Department.**
- ❖ **Building & Grounds:** Report received. Saturday morning, April 3, about 10 people worked on grounds cleanup in preparation for the outdoor Easter service.
- ❖ **Christian Education:** Report received. The youth decorated wooden eggs for the Easter bags for the homebound. Easter goodies were mailed to the youth.
- ❖ **Congregational Care:** Report received. The team assembled and delivered Easter bags to 16 members and 4 staff.
- ❖ **Fellowship:** Verbal report. Will be gathering the team to assist with return to in-person worship.

- ❖ **Finance & Stewardship**: Report received. Giving remains strong, with pledges coming in ahead of schedule. The following motions were approved:
 - **Receive the March 2021 Financial Report by acclamation.**
 - **Increase the contents insurance from the current amount of \$537,792 to \$750,000. This will increase the current budgeted insurance premium from \$15,528 to \$16,484.**

March Budget Summary

	Income	Total Op. Expense	Excess
2021 Annual Budget	331,260	361,139	-29,879
2021 YTD Budget	82,815	90,285	-7,470
2021 YTD Actual	103,553	72,367	31,186
Budget Remaining	227,707	288,772	-61,065

- ❖ **Nominating**: Nothing to report.
- ❖ **Outreach & Mission**: Report received. Funds sent this month to Kendall-Whittier and Sequoyah schools.
- ❖ **Personnel**: Verbal report and exhibits. Susan West made beautiful cards for use with staff appreciation.
- ❖ **Technology & Communication**: Verbal report. Working toward upcoming livestreaming.
- ❖ **Visitor & New Member Nurture**: Nothing to report.
- ❖ **Worship & Music**: Report received. Working toward reopening and thinking about Memorial Day.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Brandon, Clerk of Session

Rev. Todd Freeman, Moderator