

College Hill Presbyterian Church
Session Minutes – Stated Meeting
September 10, 2019

The stated meeting of the Session of College Hill Presbyterian Church was held at 6:01 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of College Hill Presbyterian Church on September 10, 2019. **Rev. Todd Freeman** moderated and **David Robertson** opened the meeting with a Devotion and Prayer.

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

Ruling Elders present:

Class of 2019: Robert Babcock, Haley Brobston, Gay Miller, Alicia Odum, David Robertson

Class of 2020: Terry Baxter, Becky Doyle, Bill Nole

Class of 2021: Clay Finck-Ward, Gretchen Hrachovec,

Excused absence: Sue Haskins, Mary Ann Bumgarner

Guest: Brad Burnham

Clerk's Report:

- ❖ **Correspondence:** Mailed letter of transfer to First Pres. Tulsa for Jan Swafford.
- ❖ **Approved Minutes of Stated Meeting August 13, 2019.**

Receive 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 #3124 Brad Burnham into Active Membership of College Hill Presbyterian Church by Re-Affirmation of Faith.** A letter of his membership will be mailed to Brad's last church: University Christian Church in Austin, TX.

Pastor's Report:

- Moderator of an ongoing EOP Investigation Committee.
- Presbyterian Polity Class at Phillips Seminary going well.
- Proctored the PCUSA Bible Content Exam at Phillips Seminary on August 30.
- Facilitating the Adult Church School class – *An Introduction to Progressive Christianity*
- Will be out of town Thurs-Sun, Sept 26-29; Off Sunday, Sept. 29
- Peg Gotthold passed 8/21/19; Services planned 9/14/19.

New Business

1. **Gay Miller presented the Commissioner's Report** from the EOP meeting Aug. 27, at Trinity Presbyterian in Bixby. Mike Brose with the Mental Health Assoc. talked on Suicide awareness and prevention.
2. **Motion Approved Congregational Meeting for Sunday, October 27, in order to elect Ruling Elders for the Class of 2022.**

Old Business

- David Robertson, chair of Finance and Stewardship Ministry Team, presented the final copy of the Investment Policy. Upon Session review, **Motion to Approve the Investment Policy from F&S was Approved.**

Ministry Team Reports

- ❖ **Building and Grounds:** Report Received. Replacement of interior and exterior doors will begin and completed in September. Workday will be scheduled prior to October 20th. Team agreed to participate in the PSO wind power program. Articles will appear in future newsletters and place signs stating that CHPC supports and uses renewable and sustainable electricity.
- ❖ **Christian Education:** No Written Report. There are presently 14-26 interested in going to All Church Retreat.
- ❖ **Congregational Care:** Report received. Discussed needs of the church members.

- ❖ **Fellowship:** Report received. Exploring grants for kitchen remodel. 39 have signed up for Dinners for 7 or 8. We will provide a reception for the Harold Hill Lecture Series on Oct. 20. Collaborating with CE on Church Retreat. Halloween Festival, Oct. 27; Holiday Prime Rib Dinner, Nov. 17; In December we will work on Advent Activities and cookies for Christmas Ever Service.
 - **Finance & Stewardship:** Report Received. Reminded Session members that request for the 2020 Budget for their area is due by the end of September.

August Budget Summary

	Income	Total Op. Expense	Excess
2019 Annual Budget	336,485	340,286	-3,801
2019 YTD Budget	224,323	226,857	-2,534
2019 YTD Actual	216,827	202,156	14,671
Budget Remaining	119,658	138,130	-18,472

➤ August 2019 Financial Report Received by Acclamation

- ❖ **Nominating:** Verbal Report.
- ❖ **Outreach and Mission:** Report Received. The following motion presented was approved by Session:
 - **Substitute 5th Sunday Offering for Night Lights on September 29 with funding water wells for Malawi through Marion Medical Mission, supported by EOP.**
- ❖ **Personnel:** No Report.
- ❖ **Technology & Communication:** Report received. Receiving bids from AV companies for replacement of equipment in Fellowship Hall. Switching donation button on website to Paypal.
- ❖ **Visitor & New Member Nurture:** Report Received.
- ❖ **Worship & Music:** Report Received. Discussed with Rev. Freeman additional Sundays for him to be away for well-deserved rest. We will recruit pulpit supply ministers for 9/29, 11/17 and 12/29. Discussed having All Saints service on Nov. 1.

A motion to adjourn was approved, and the meeting closed at 7:46 p.m. with a prayer by **Rev. Todd Freeman** during a standing “Group Hug”.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Campbell, Clerk of Session

Rev. Todd Freeman, Moderator