

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

The stated meeting of the Session of College Hill Presbyterian Church was held at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall on February 13, 2018. **Rev. Todd Freeman** moderated and **Terry Baxter** 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  
Guests: Johnna Thurston, Clay Finck-Ward, Nancy Gammie

Clerk's Report:

- ❖ **Approved Minutes of Stated Meeting on December 12, 2017.**
- ❖ **Approved Minutes of Stated Meeting on January 27, 2018.**
- ❖ **Approved Minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 28, 2018 as amended.**
- ❖ **Approved Minutes of Annual Corporation Meeting on January 28, 2018 as amended.**
- ❖ **Correspondence:** Emailed the Statistical Report to the PCUSA General Assembly Feb. 9, 2018 and the Terms of Call to EOP on Feb. 9, 2018.

Pastor's Report:

- ❖ Death of Church member Mark Watson, Jan. 11, 2018. Memorial Service was Feb. 2, 2018.
- ❖ Death of Church member Robert Lucy Feb. 13, 2018. Memorial Service to be held on Feb. 17, 2018.
- ❖ Continuing Education: attended Phillips Seminary's Remind and Renew Conference. Theme – *Resilient Congregations, Resilient Leaders*.
- ❖ Attending OCCJ's 2018 Trialogue Series: Won't You Be My Neighbor?
- ❖ Still serving as a member-at-large on the Council of Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery
- ❖ Still attending monthly meetings: PCCJ Book Study Group: Progressive Pastors discussion around issues concerning racism and white privilege.
- ❖ Confirmation Class going well. Last class on March 11. Will meet with Session in April.

New Business

- a. Elect Commissioner to EOP meeting
  - **Motion made, seconded and approved to Elect Ruling Elder Terry Baxter as Commissioner to Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery Meeting, Tuesday, March 6, in Claremore.**
- b. Approve Co-Moderators for Building & Grounds
  - **Motion to approve Gini Fox and Mark Miller as Co-Moderators for Building & Grounds was seconded and approved.**
- c. Rev. Freeman 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gathering scheduled at CHPC on April 13, 2018. Gini Fox, Marilyn Hill and Johnna Thurston are coordinating this event. A Taco Bar is planned. Approximate cost will be \$8 a person. Elder Hill presented the following motion:
  - **CHPC will make exception to the no alcohol policy and allow alcohol for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gathering on April 13, 2018.** The Motion was properly seconded. After much discussion, which included Rev. Freeman siding with the opposition to serving alcohol, **the Motion failed.**

Old Business

- ❖ Goals/Objectives/Strategies – Where do we go from here? Session reviewed the four small group objective strategies that came from the Session Retreat on Jan. 27, 2018. The following was decided:
  1. The Objectives lined out in the *Engage with the Needs of our Community*, will be taken to and worked on by the Outreach and Mission Ministry Team.
  2. The Objectives lined out in the *Technology Based Outreach*, will be taken to the Evangelism & Communication and Ministry Team. (this Ministry Team will be changed to Technology & Communication.)

3. The Objectives developed in the *Ministry Team and Session Health/Leadership* will be worked on in an ad-hoc committee made up of Robert Babcock, P.J. Brobston, Jennifer Campbell, Nancy Gammie, Clay Finck-Ward and Johnna Thurston. Their recommendations will be brought before the session before the end of the year.
4. One of the main objectives developed under *Visitor and New Member Nurture*, was to form a new Ministry Team. The following motions were presented, properly seconded and approved:
  - **Eliminate the Evangelism & Communication Ministry Team and add a Technology & Communication Ministry Team and a Visitor & New Member Ministry Team.**
  - **Terry Gamel will be Moderator of the Technology & Communication Ministry Team and Sue Haskins will be Moderator of the Visitor & New Member Ministry Team.**

### **Ministry Team Reports**

- ❖ **Building and Grounds:** No Report.
- ❖ **Christian Education:** No Report.
- ❖ **Congregational Care:** Report written received. Reviewed church member's needs and health issues.
- ❖ **Evangelism & Communication:** No Report.
- ❖ **Fellowship:** No Report.
- ❖ **Finance & Stewardship:** Confirmed changes in pastoral terms of call were reported to Presbytery and Board of Pensions. End of year statements in Narthex. The following motions were made, properly seconded and approved to move several of the budget line items into the New Ministry Teams:
  - **Under Evangelism & Communication, the Hospitality line item will move into a new Visitor & New Members Category and the Advertising line item will move into a new Technology & Communication Category.**
  - **The Information Technology line item will be moved to the new Technology & Communication Category.**

<b><u>Financial Report:</u></b>	<b><u>Income:</u></b>	<b><u>Total Operating Expense:</u></b>	<b><u>Excess (Deficiency):</u></b>
2018 Total Budget:	<u>\$333,406.00</u>	<u>\$333,406.00</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
2018 YTD Budget:	\$ 27,783.00	\$ 27,783.00	\$ (0)
2018 YTD Actual	\$ 70,679.00	\$ 21,662.00	\$ 49,017.00
Budget Remaining:	\$ 262,727.00	\$311,744.00	\$ (49,017.00)

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

- ❖ **Nominating:** No Report.
- ❖ **Outreach and Mission:** Report written received. O&M will be featuring "Fair Trade Month" in Fellowship Hall during February. Coffee from the Fair Trade Store will be served all month. Chocolate will be available to sample and cookies made with their Chocolate Chips will be served every Sunday at the Fair Trade Table. Veggie lunch will be provided by CHPC at the Little Blue House Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>. The following recipients were suggested for the following 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Offering: 4/29 Night Light Tulsa; 7/29 Uniforms for Sequoyah Elementary; 9/30 tba; 12/30 EIS.
- ❖ **Personnel:** No report.
- ❖ **Worship & Music:** Received written report. Three soup suppers will be planned during Lent, Wed. evenings from 6-6:30pm. Taize service will be planned during Lent and/or on Maundy Thursday.

**Motion to adjourn** was approved and the meeting closed at 7:54pm with a prayer by Rev. Freeman during a standing prayer and "Group Hug".

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Campbell, Clerk of Session

Rev. Todd Freeman, Moderator