

College Hill Presbyterian Church  
Session Minutes – Stated Meeting  
August 8, 2017

The stated meeting of the Session of College Hill Presbyterian Church was held at 6:05 p.m. in Fellowship Hall on August 8, 2017. **Rev. Todd Freeman** moderated and **David Zerger** opened the meeting with a Devotion and Prayer.

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

Elders present

Class of 2017 Clay Finck-Ward, Johnna Thurston, David Zerger

Class of 2018: Terry Gamel, Marilyn Hill, Stefanie Olson (until 6:40pm)

Class of 2019: Gay Miller, Alicia Odum

Elders excused: Trisha Alexander, David Robertson, Nancy Gammie and P.J. Brobston

**Clerk's Report:**

- ❖ **Approved Minutes of Stated Meeting on June 13, 2017.**
- ❖ **Correspondence:** Received letters from First Presbyterian Church Choteau, First Presbyterian Church Sapulpa and John Calvin Presbyterian Church, Tulsa. Letters given to Outreach and Mission Ministry Team Leader.
- ❖ Receive and approved the following Demographics of the Elders on Session to the Congregation for 2017:

**To comply with the Book of Order G-10.0301 (*The minutes shall state the composition of the Session with regard to racial ethnic members, women, men, age groups, and person with disabilities, and how this corresponds to the composition of the congregation.*) The 2016 Session of College Hill is composed of 7 women (58%) and 5 men (42%). There are 10 White members (83%) and 2 Native Americans (17%) on Session. As of December 31, 2016, there are 202 active members of College Hill which are composed of 124 women (61%), 78 men (39%), 45 members are non-white (22%) and 25 members (12%) have disabilities.**

Age Comparison of Session to Congregation is as follows:

	<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Session</u>
Age 25 and less	11	0
Age 26-45	60	2
Age 46-55	30	3
Age 56-65	54	5
Age 66 & Up	<u>47</u>	<u>2</u>
	202	12

**Pastor's Report:**

- ❖ Serving on the Council of EOP as an At-Large member
- ❖ Serving on the EOP Personnel Committee, responsible for finding a new Stated Clerk, and working with the Synod to evaluate the General Presbyter position and search process. The current GP retires at the end of 2018.
- ❖ Continue as a member of the Professional Advisory Group at Phillips Theological Seminary for their new CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) program.
- ❖ Will be teaching a Presbyterian Polity Class at Phillips Seminary starting on August 28 through December on Mondays, 1:30pm-4:30pm.
- ❖ Will be off for a week of Study Leave to prepare for the polity class and confirmation class starting Wed., August 23 through Tues., Aug 29; then a week of Vacation from Wed., Aug. 30 through Wed., Sept.6.
- ❖ Officiated the wedding of Mary Grace Livingston Gainey and Tade Johnson on July 1, 2017.
- ❖ Lisa Hays will celebrate her 7<sup>th</sup> year anniversary with the church August 9.

**New Business**

- ❖ **Motion made, seconded and approved to Elect Ruling Elder Alicia Odum as Commissioner to EOP Meeting at Dwight Sept. 15-16.**

## Old Business

- ❖ Rev. Freeman continued discussion with Session on an article by Frank Powell, *10 Things You Won't Find in a Church That Attracts Millennials*. The article can be found at <http://faithit.com/10-things-wont-church-attract-millennials-frank-powell/>.
- ❖ Church just completed the switch from AT&T to Cox and it has gone smooth.
- ❖ Confirmation Class will begin in September and go up to Palm Sunday. Rev. Freeman will be doing it jointly with Fellowship Congregational Church on Sunday afternoons. There are four youth from CHPC participating.

## Ministry Team Reports

- ❖ **Building and Grounds:** Report received. Synod leadership team painted choir room. ONG has turned off gas to the church until leaks are repaired due coming into the church.
  - **Motion made from committee to approve \$3,000-\$5,000 for gas leak repairs to be taken out of Maintenance and Repair. Motion Approved.**
- ❖ **Christian Education:** Report received. Rally Day is Sept. 10, 2017. Fellowship team will have a pancake breakfast starting at 9am.
  - **Motion to approve curriculum for the Confirmation Class beginning in September: A Congregation's Guide to Confirmation-Affirming Faith from United Church Press. Rev. Freeman will be providing supplemental Presbyterian material. Motion Seconded and Approved.**
- ❖ **Congregational Care:** Verbal Report. Discussed members' needs.
- ❖ **Evangelism & Communication:** Verbal Report. Switching from AT&T to Cox has gone smooth.
- ❖ **Fellowship:** Report received. Purchased Ice Maker with money from the Penny Fund. Providing Don Roulet reception following Memorial Service Aug. 13. Potluck after church Aug. 20. Will be helping with the Rally Day Pancake Breakfast Sept. 10.
- ❖ **Finance & Stewardship:** Financial Report received. **Team reviewed the property and liability coverage and finds it adequate.** Moderators need to have their budgets in for 2018 on 9/30/17.

	31-May	Jun/Jul	31-Jul	7 Mo Budget
Income	\$125,334	\$46,030	\$171,364	\$188,749
Expenses	\$114,983	\$49,872	\$164,855	\$188,749

  - **Motion to receive the July 2017 Financial Report by acclamation.**
- ❖ **Nominating:** Verbal report. Working on a slate of Ruling Elders to be presented to the congregation.
- ❖ **Outreach and Mission:** Report received. We will be sponsoring a table at the Just Hope Wine for Water fundraising dinner on October 12. Motion from committee:
  - **The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Offering on October 29 will be toiletry items for Night Light Tulsa. Motion Approved.**
- ❖ **Personnel:** No report.
- ❖ **Worship & Music:** Received report. Dr. Childs would like the Choir room be re-carpeted. Committee working on preacher/s to cover Rev. Freeman on Aug. 27 and Sept. 3. Communion celebrated July 12 and August 6.

**Motion to adjourn** was approved and the meeting closed at 7:48pm with a prayer by Pastor Freeman during a standing "Group Hug".

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Campbell, Clerk of Session

Rev. Todd Freeman, Moderator