

College Hill Presbyterian Church  
Session Minutes – Stated Meeting  
October 9, 2019

The stated meeting of the Session of College Hill Presbyterian Church was held at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of College Hill Presbyterian Church on October 9, 2019. **Rev. Todd Freeman** moderated and Haley Brobston opened the meeting with a Devotion and a Prayer.

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

**Ruling Elders Present:**

Class of 2019: Haley Brobston, Alicia Odum

Class of 2020: Terry Baxter, Sue Haskins, Bill Nole

Class of 2021: Mary Ann Bumgarner, Clay Finck-Ward, Gretchen Hrachovec, Chris Newsome

Excused absence: Robert Babcock, Gay Miller, David Robertson, Becky Doyle

Guests: Charlotte Burton, Mike Gibson

**Clerk's Report:**

- ❖ **Correspondence:** Received letter of transfer from First Presbyterian of Tulsa for Jan Swafford
- ❖ **Approved Minutes of Stated Meeting September 10, 2019**
- ❖ **Approved Session Minutes of Called Electronic Meeting on September 18, 2019**

**Receive New Members:**

- Following a brief statement of her faith journey and answering in the affirmative the Book of Order questions required for membership, the Session unanimously approved a motion to accept #3125 Charlotte Burton into Active Membership of College Hill Presbyterian Church by reaffirmation of faith.
- 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 #3126 Mike Gibson into Active Membership of College Hill Presbyterian Church by letter of transfer from Bristow Presbyterian Church, Bristow, OK.
- **Pastor's Report:**
  - ✓ Moderator of an ongoing EOP Investigative Committee.
  - ✓ Teaching Presbyterian Polity Class at Phillips Seminary, going well.
  - ✓ Serving on Council of Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery; moderator of Personnel.
  - ✓ Facilitating Adult Church School class—*An Introduction to Progressive Christianity*.
  - ✓ Will be attending Presbytery Council Retreat Fri-Sat, Nov 8-9.
  - ✓ Will be serving on PCUSA Mental Health Network, first in-person meeting in late Oct. - Atlanta
  - ✓ Will be away from College Hill on Sunday 11/17 (Debbie Chase preaching) and on 12/29 (Gordon Edwards preaching).

**New Business**

1. **Session discussed** "Ruling Elders: Gifts and Qualifications" from the Book of Order.
2. **Motion approved to host Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery at College Hill** on Friday, Nov. 22.  
Noted that hosting duties include providing continental breakfast and lunch.
3. **Motion approved** to accept 2020 Proposed Budget, as explained by Terry Baxter.

## **Old Business**

New audio/video system was installed today in Fellowship Hall by Video Revolution. Sound and video can be fed from the sanctuary. Cost split between Harold E Hill Lecture Series and the Memorial Fund

## **Ministry Team Reports / Action Items**

- ❖ **Building and Grounds:** Verbal report. New doors, including some with windows, being installed on second floor. New entry door on northwest side of church soon to be installed.
- ❖ **Christian Education:** Verbal report by Alicia Odum. All-Church Fall Retreat (Oct 11-13) was cancelled due to very low (12) registration. Team may look into an alternative site for future evening or one-day campfire event.
- ❖ **Congregational Care:** Team members are following many people who are hospitalized or home-bound.
- ❖ **Fellowship:** Report received. Upcoming activities: reception for Harold E Hill Lecture Series (Oct 20); FALLoween Festival (Oct 27); Holiday Prime Rib Potluck (Nov 17); newly added continental breakfast/lunch for Presbytery meeting (Nov 22); and Advent activities.
- ❖ **Finance and Stewardship:** Report received.

### **September Budget Summary**

	Income	Total Op. Expense	Excess
2019 Annual Budget	336,485	340,286	-3,801
2019 YTD Budget	252,364	255,214	-2,850
2019 YTD Actual	238,675	239,419	- 744
Budget Remaining	97,810	100,866	-3056

### **➤ September Financial Report Received by Acclamation**

- ❖ **Nominating:** Rev. Todd says team is working on a slate of elders to be announced.
- ❖ **Outreach and Mission:** Verbal report; donation will be made to Nightlights of Tulsa. Recent 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Offering for Malawi collected \$1,520 (and O&M will add \$280 for a total of \$1,800) which will provide 4 water wells. Presbyterian Peacemaking offering netted \$900.
- ❖ **Personnel:** No report.
- ❖ **Technology and Communication:** Report received. Will work to make sure everything is set and working for the Lecture Series on October 20.
- ❖ **Visitor and New Member Nurture:** No report. Three new members to be welcomed at lunch Nov 4.
- ❖ **Worship and Music:** Report received. New cushions are in sanctuary. All Saints service being planned for Nov 1.

A motion to adjourn was approved, and the meeting closed at 7:55 with a prayer by **Rev. Todd Freeman** during a standing "Group Hug".

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Hrachovec, standing in for Jennifer Campbell, Clerk of Session