

College Hill Presbyterian Church
Session Minutes – Stated Meeting
December 10, 2024

The stated meeting of the Session of College Hill Presbyterian Church was held in the Adult Sunday School room at 6:00 p.m. on December 10, 2024. **Rev Todd Freeman** moderator opened the meeting with prayer. Emily Oldham gave the devotional from passages from “The Gift of Imperfection” with a focus on we are worthy now of love and belonging.

Ruling Elders present

Class of 2024: Bryan Finckward, Bill Major, Emily Oldham

Class of 2025: Tally Ferguson, Gini Fox, John Gammie, Jan Swafford

Class of 2026: Brad Burnham, Jay Lockhart (Zoom), Johnna Thurston

Excused: Fritha Ohlson

Clerk of Session Report

No Correspondence

Approved the Session Minutes of the Stated Meeting November 12, 2024.

Pastor’s Report

Confirmation Classes with Southminster Presbyterian continue and are going well.

Elaine Hedgecock will preach on Sunday, December 29th in Todd’s absence.

Todd conducted the Memorial service for Nancy Foote on November 30th.

New Business

A discussion was held on Belonging - everyone wants to belong and be valued. We reflected on how having valued roles shape our sense of membership and belonging and who do leaders of our congregation turn to when they need help or assistance.

EOP Elder Training Event - Session 1 will be held Saturday, January 11 at Southminster, 10 am - 2 pm.

Old Business

None

Ministry Team Reports

Building and Grounds: Report received. The heater had a broken wire on a pump which shutdown the whole system, the issue has been repaired.

Christian Education: Report received. The team is evaluating the information

To be included on the church website. We have 3 students participating in the Confirmation class.

There will be a Christmas Eve Pageant telling the story of the Nativity using costumes. The students will also be presenting a song and reciting poetry. We will also be introducing the concept of giving and why we do it by taking up an offering in Worship Connection beginning in January.

Communication and Technology: No report

Congregational Care: Report received. We decided on Christmas gifts for our 13 homebound individuals and 7 employees. The gifts will be ready by December 15th and delivered before Christmas.

Fellowship: Report received. It has been requested we do our Church Cookbook Potluck again next year.

Finance & Stewardship: Report received. The following motion was approved:
Receive the November 2024 Financial Report by acclamation.

November 2024 Budget Summary			
	Income	Total Op. Expenses	Net
2024 Annual Budget	\$365,656	\$399,753	(\$34,097)
2024 YTD Actual	\$318,734	\$345,526	(\$26,792)
Budget Remaining	\$46,922	\$54,227	(\$7,305)

A review of expected pledges and our 2025 budget has been completed.

Approved taking \$21,00 of endowment from our Texas Presbyterian Foundation account to pay down our line of credit.

Approved a Called Congregational meeting for January 26, 2025.

Hispanic Fellowship: No Report

Nomination: No Report

Outreach & Mission: Report received. The team will close the year out at the December 15 meeting where they will make final allocation decisions.

Approved a Christmas Eve Collection for Emergency Infant Services.

Personnel: Report Received. The team will hold their Christmas Luncheon for staff on Tuesday, December 17 at Mexicali Border Cafe.

Visitor & New Member: No report.

Worship and Music: Report received. Guest musicians and soloists have been arranged for December 24 and 29.

Approved 2025 Communion dates of January 12, Baptism of the Lord and February 2.

Other Business: None

A motion to adjourn was approved and the meeting closed at 7:24 p.m. with prayer by Rev. Todd Freeman.

Next Session meeting will be January 14, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Davis

Rev. Todd Freeman

Clerk of Session

Moderator