

College Hill Presbyterian Church  
Session Minutes – Stated Meeting  
February 11, 2020

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 February 11, 2020. **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.

**Ruling Elders present**

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

Class of 2021: Mary Ann Bumgarner, Gretchen Hrachovec, Chris Newsome

Class of 2022: Alexia Medlock, Mark Thurston, Fred Schone, Susan West

Excused absences: Becky Doyle, Clay Finck-Ward

**Clerk's Report**

- ❖ **Approved Minutes of Called Meeting January 12, 2020.**
- ❖ **Approved Minutes of Stated Meeting January 14, 2020.**
- ❖ **Approved Annual Corporation Meeting Minutes, January 26, 2020.**
- ❖ **Approved Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes, January 26, 2020.**

**Pastor's Report**

- ❖ Finished teaching Presbyterian Polity class at Phillips Theological Seminary.
- ❖ Rotated off the Coordinating Council of Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery.
- ❖ Rotated off the Professional Advisory Group of the Clinical Pastoral Education program at Phillips Theological Seminary.
- ❖ Still serving on the Investigating Committee (IC) of EOP.
- ❖ Still attending monthly meetings: OCCJ Book Study Group; Progressive Pastors discussion group around issues concerning racism and white privilege.
- ❖ Will be off from Wednesday, February 19, through Sunday, February 23. Rev. Sheri Curry preaching.
- ❖ **Need Session approval to serve home Communion when requested/necessary.**
  - **Moved and seconded; motion passed.**

**New Business**

- a. Elect EOP Commissioner for Tuesday, February 18, at Goodland Academy in Hugo. No one available.
- b. **Building Use Request: Tava Bronston (Charlotte daughter) wedding Saturday, February 29.**
  - **Moved, seconded and passed.**
- c. **Building Use Request: Tanya Patterson use of Fellowship Hall, Kitchen and Adult Church School Room, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 10.**
  - **Moved, seconded and passed.**

**Old Business**

- ❖ Church Safety & Security Team – we greatly appreciated the officer visit last Sunday, and the efforts of Susan West in forming a committee. There are currently six people on the committee and they will ask for additional volunteers.
- ❖ Reviewed our Annual Session Retreat on February 1 with the Council of Fellowship Congregational Church. Brief review of group feelings and thoughts for next year. Will consider various options.
- ❖ Tabled discussion of 3-year Goals/Objectives/Strategies.

**Ministry Team Reports**

- ❖ **Building and Grounds:** Report received. Discussed possible repainting and new locks on third floor.
- ❖ **Christian Education:** Report received. Discussed continuing work to spruce up third floor.
- ❖ **Congregational Care:** Report received. Valentine cards and cookies were made for delivery to homebound members.

- ❖ **Fellowship:** No Report.
- ❖ **Finance & Stewardship:** Report received. Financial Report received. The following motions were approved:
  - **Adjust policy to allow for additional funds to be held in the TPF Unrestricted account. This is a \$10,000 cash item held in lieu of maintaining a paid line of credit at Spirit Bank.**
  - **Receive the January 2020 Financial Report by acclamation.**
- ❖ **Nominating:** No report.
- ❖ **Outreach and Mission:** Report received. Discussed continuation of Kendall Whittier, Inc. First Sunday food offering and volunteers to distribute the donations.
- ❖ **Personnel:** Report received. Team is seeking to enhance their relationship with church staff.
- ❖ **Technology & Communication:** Report received. Discussed current problems with staff emails.
- ❖ **Visitor & New Member Nurture:** Report Received. Sue Haskins distributed new church bookmarks and ministry team cards to session members.
- ❖ **Worship & Music:** Received report. Approved list of communion Sundays for 2020 as amended to include January 10, 2021.

#### **Other Business**

- ❖ Reminder – Ash Wednesday Service, Wednesday, February 26, 6:00 p.m. No preceding soup supper this year due to declining attendance at the past suppers.

A motion to adjourn was approved, and the meeting closed at 7:20 p.m. with a prayer by **Rev. Todd Freeman** during a standing group hug.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Brandon, Clerk of Session

Rev. Todd Freeman, Moderator