

MINUTES OF THE SESSION

Stated Meeting, April 24, 2022

The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Ada, Oklahoma, met in a regular stated meeting Sunday, April 24, 2022, at 12:10 p.m. in Westminster Center. Moderator Scott White called the meeting to order, and Session members recited the Mission and Vision Statements. Moderator then offered the opening prayer.

Those present included Session members Mindy Choate, Teresa Mayhue (elder and clerk), Ed Perkins (by phone), Justin Isaacs, and Amy Elliott. Bruce Weems, Session member-elect, was present. Amy Mayhue and Tami Thompson were absent with excuse. Carol Peshehonoff, Treasurer, was present. Moderator Scott White declared a quorum present.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the agenda as written.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve Stated Session Minutes, March 27, 2022, attached as written.

FROM THE TREASURER

Carol Peshehonoff, Treasurer, presented financial report as of March 31, 2022.

	<u>March 31, 2022</u>
Operations Fund Income	19,322.67
Operations Fund Expenses	20,347.99
Net Income – Operations	(1,025.32)
Total Checking/Savings	14,602.43
Total Other Current Assets	154,831.85
Total Current Assets	169,434.28
TOTAL ASSETS	169,434.28

Session reviewed and discussed financials. Bruce Weems, Session member-elect, was granted privilege of voice for this meeting.

Motion made, seconded, and approved to receive the financial reports as of March 31, 2022.

EXAMINATION OF SESSION MEMBER ELECT

Motion made, seconded, and passed to sustain and approve examination of Bruce Weems and that his installation onto the Session Class of 2023 is approved to take place on Sunday, May 1. Bruce agreed to be co-chair with Amy Elliott on Finance Committee instead of Mindy Choate. Bruce and Mindy will co-chair Nominating Committee.

FROM THE CLERK OF SESSION

- With sadness, but with trust in the rich promises of God through Christ our Lord, the Session records the death of Mike Cook, April 22, 2022.

Mass e-mail mailings from Indian Nations Presbytery are forwarded to Session members, Moderator, and Treasurer. Significant e-mails received:

- 4-11-22 – E-mail received from Martin McNeese, Moderator, Committee on Ministry – Updated pulpit supply list – forwarded to Worship Committee.

THE MINISTRIES, BY COMMITTEE

1. From Christian Education Committee by Teresa Mayhue.
 - We have two graduating seniors this year – Anthony White, Ada High, and Teresa White, ECU
2. From Congregational Life and Membership Committee
 - No report.
3. From Deacons by Justin Isaacs.
 - Noisy bucket offering collected Sunday, April 10, took in \$559.63. Donated \$100.00 to the Ada Performing Arts group for a trip.
 - Cheryl Weems is continuing to spearhead Abba's Tables volunteers on the first Thursday of each month. There have been enough volunteers the last two months.
 - Lorene Perkins sends out birthday cards which are much appreciated.
4. From Finance Committee by Amy Elliott.
 - Planning to add the initial pledge drive letter in with the quarterly financial reports being sent out to the congregation this week.
 - Next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for May 19 at 6:00 in Westminster Center.
5. From Mission and Evangelism Committee by Justin Isaacs.
 - Three requests have been fulfilled from the mission emergency fund this month.
 - Great Hour of Sharing (PCUSA) offering collected \$561.00 to help support Presbyterian Disaster Relief Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People program.
6. From Nominating Committee
 - No report.
7. From Personnel and Administration by Mindy Choate.
 - The appreciation cards and gifts for Miriam and Laureen have been purchased and delivered.
 - Personnel reviews are scheduled for August to be done well in advance of budget.
8. From Property by Justin Isaacs.
 - The building usage application from Brooke Holman for the Ada Junior High School dance has been withdrawn.
 - Motion made, seconded, and approved for the building use application submitted by Harry Miller District Committee for Cub Scout Fun Day to use Westminster Center on July 30, 2022. This is primarily an outdoor activity with use of bathrooms and kitchen.
 - Motion made, seconded, and approved (3 yes votes, 1 no vote) for building use applications submitted by Brooke Holman to use the sanctuary for the Classic Arts Academy piano and voice recitals on May 12, 6:00-8:00 p.m. and May 15, 1:30-7:30 p.m.
 - Property Committee will work on updating building usage application form.
 - Will work on making arrangements to get doors fixed on east and west end of sanctuary building.
9. Worship by Ed Perkins.
 - Written report attached.
 - Discussed having six alternative services a year – congregational singing Sundays and members presenting their spiritual journeys.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

- Scouting Unit 4–Kurt Jackson, Charter Organization Representative – No report this month.

NEW BUSINESS

- Motion made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the baptism request by Ace and Hank Reynolds to baptize their baby, Ruth Ann Reynolds, on May 22, 2022.
- Discussed filling vacancies on the FPC Foundation Board of Directors. Margaret Barton has agreed to fill the vacancy left by the death of Jack Lambert. Finance Committee will nominate someone to fill the vacancy left by Doug Haney's resignation. Motion made, seconded, and approved to call a special meeting of the FPC Foundation after worship service on May 15 to elect nominees to fill the two vacancies on the board at the present time.

UPCOMING KEY DATES: (May calendar, attached.)

1. Funeral for Mike Cook on Wednesday, April 27, 10:30 a.m.
2. Scott on vacation May 23-June 6
4. Elder of the Month for May: Mindy Choate
5. Next Session Meeting: May 22, 2022, 12:00 noon, Westminster Center

ON THE ANNUAL PLANNING CALENDAR

Reviewed for April, May, June.

SHARING TIME

Bruce wants a plan by September for the budget and long-term financial goals. Discussed taking action in order to extend the life of our church.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 2:14 p.m. with prayer offered by Scott.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Mayhue, Clerk of Session