

MINUTES OF THE SESSION

Stated Meeting, May 22, 2022

The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Ada, Oklahoma, met in a regular stated meeting Sunday, May 22, 2022, at 12:08 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 (elder and deacon representative), Bruce Weems, Amy Mayhue, and Tami Thompson. Amy Elliott was absent. 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, April 24, 2022, attached as written.

FROM THE TREASURER

Carol Peshehonoff, Treasurer, presented financial report as of April 30, 2022.

	<u>April 30, 2022</u>
Operations Fund Income	17,494.51
Operations Fund Expenses	15,884.47
Net Income – Operations	1,610.04
Total Checking/Savings	17,785.75
Total Other Current Assets	144,010.49
Total Current Assets	161,796.24
TOTAL ASSETS	161,796.24

Session reviewed and discussed financials.

Motion made, seconded, and approved to receive the financial reports as of April 30, 2022.

EXAMINATION OF SESSION MEMBERS ELECT

Brooke Holman, Session member-elect, has scheduled an orientation meeting with Scott on Tuesday, June 7, at 6:00 in church school classroom #2. Logan Rothrock, Session member-elect, was not present. Teresa will make connection with him to deliver his session notebook and advise of the June 7 orientation meeting. There will be one orientation class at this time, and they will complete their orientation with the next class in the autumn.

FROM THE CLERK OF SESSION

- Session minutes will be posted on our church website www.fpcada.org under **Staying Connected**. Minutes will be posted after they are approved. April Session Minutes were approved in today's meeting and will be posted tomorrow.

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

- 4-27-22 – E-mail received from Tracy Evans, Stated Clerk – Notice of June Tri-Presbytery meeting of Indian Nations Presbytery at First Presbyterian Church in Tulsa on June 3-4. Both Scott and Teresa will not be able to attend and have excused absences.

FROM COMMISSIONER TO PRESBYTERY

- Teresa Mayhue and Scott White attended Stated Meeting of Indian Nations Presbytery by zoom on February 25, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. Highlights were:
 - Motion passed to approve Indian Nations Presbytery to become a covenant partner in agreement with Synod of the Sun for disaster recovery. Synod Partnership for Disaster Recovery (SPDR) is a four-year pilot initiative that seeks to connect the ongoing needs of the Covenant Partners to prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate against disaster events.
 - Motion passed to approve the resolution from the Presbytery of South from the Presbytery of South Louisiana on Racial Reconciliation addressing bomb threats and hatred to Historically Black Colleges and Universities. This includes Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- Full minutes of all Stated Meetings are posted on the Indian Nations Presbytery website after approval at the next Stated Meeting. Anyone can look up this information at www.okinp.org.

THE MINISTRIES, BY COMMITTEE

1. From Christian Education Committee by Teresa Mayhue.
 - No formal meeting but communicate in person and via text.
 - Teresa White and Anthony White were recognized during worship service on May 15 as our graduates and presented with graduation cards and gift cards.
 - Matt Sweatt and Brooke Holman are co-teaching children's Sunday School.
 - Catalyst Sunday School class co-teachers are Bette Cole, Jo Neman, Nancy Thompson, and Kurt Jackson.
 - Coffee and Conversation researching curriculum material.
2. From Congregational Life and Membership Committee
 - No formal meeting but communicate via text.
 - Reception was held on May 15 for graduates Teresa White and Anthony White.
 - Will be meeting very soon to go over membership list to determine who needs to be taken off membership roll. Will also start a *Friends of the Congregation* list for people who want to remain in touch with FPC but not be listed on membership role.
3. From Deacons by Justin Isaacs.
 - No formal meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for the first Tuesday of June.
 - No requests outside of the church for assistance through the deacons.
 - Still helping with Abba's Tables, Lorene still sending out birthday cards, and Linda still reaching out to members.
4. From Finance Committee by Bruce Weems.
 - Met via zoom on Thursday, May 19.
 - The 2022 Pledge Drive:
 - Goal will be \$167,000
 - Letter to congregation sent this week. Chairs should provide functional highlights to be included in the letter by Tuesday to Ms. Elliott.

-Pledge Drive will start May 29 and end June 12.

-Minutes for Mission to be presented each Sunday.

- The committee reviewed and discussed the April finance statements. The checking account is probably low and needs addressed by using our investment account with the Texas Presbyterian Foundation (TPF). Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to authorize Finance Committee at its discretion to disburse up to \$15,000 from TPF to deposit in church checking account.
 - Action taken on several line items that need correction taken. Costs are likely to exceed budget for utilities and property insurance.
 - First PPP loan is paid in full. Second PPP loan forgiveness application must be completed by ten months after the last day of the covered period. The application will be completed soon.
 - Under new business the committee addressed the following:
 - TPF five-year performance review was conducted by the committee. While the first quarter of 2022 reported a loss of investment, the previous three-year performance was 20.5%, 15.4%, and 12.4% respectively. After the first quarter of 2022 the account had a balance of \$154,831.85.
 - The chairs will initiate the process of a financial review of our church soon and hope to complete the activity in July.
 - A review of our current insurance policy costs and associated building use agreements is being conducted. The policy review will include liability issues that need addressing with our organizational groups, etc. Ways to reduce costs are being studied with the chairs of the Property Committee.
 - President Mayhue of the First Presbyterian Church of Ada Foundation indicated he would review the By-Laws of the Foundation to see if it is possible to appoint two new directors of the Foundation in lieu of an unsuccessful attempt to conduct an official meeting of the Foundation. He also will see if the By-Laws can be changed to lower the quorum requirements for an official meeting to be conducted.
5. From Mission and Evangelism Committee by Justin Isaacs.
- There will be a Minute for Missions on Sunday, May 29, to let everyone know of the upcoming Pentecost offering on June 5.
 - Thank you to Bruce for giving documents to the chair about other offerings through the year and information regarding committee duties.
 - A graduation gift totaling \$100.00 was given to Anthony and Teresa White from Catalyst Sunday School class, Line Item No. 20506.
6. From Nominating Committee
- Scott set up an organizational meeting with Co-Chairs Mindy Choate and Bruce Weems for mid-June.
7. From Personnel and Administration Committee by Mindy Choate.
- Personnel reviews will be conducted in July by Mindy Choate and Regina Robertson.
8. From Property Committee by Justin Isaacs.
- Motion from committee passed unanimously to approve the building use application submitted by Classic Arts Academy to use the sanctuary building for a music camp on June 20-24 from 8:00 a.m.-12 noon paying a cleaning fee and damage deposit in the amount of \$150.00. Johnna Isaacs and other music teachers from Classic Arts Academy will be the leaders.
 - Motion from committee passed unanimously to approve the building use application submitted by Matt and Ellen Sweatt for Millie's birthday party on July 15 in the evening.

- Motion from committee passed unanimously to approve the building use application submitted by Christie Jennings for the Ada High School girls' basketball camp June 27-29 with the contingency they pay a \$250.00 fee with \$100.00 refundable damage deposit.
- There was a purchase of a small vacuum and a new head for the weed eater totaling less than \$150.00.
- Property Committee will get building usage application forms and liability forms updated and revised to reflect new policies concerning building usage fees due to rising costs of utilities and insurance.

9. Worship Committee by Ed Perkins.

- No meeting this month but will have one next month.
- Will be updating list of volunteers.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

- Scouting Unit 4–Kurt Jackson, Charter Organization Representative – No report this month.
- Would it be helpful to choose “leads” among the committee co-chairpersons? Session configuration, attached. Discussed and will continue discussion next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Thank yous to a multitude of people who help in many ways and know they are appreciated. Scott's sister was visiting and helped in the flower gardens.

UPCOMING KEY DATES: (May and June calendars, attached.)

1. Guest preacher May 29th: The Rev. Dr. Rick Baggett
2. Guest preacher June 5th: The Rev. Dr. Bill Galbraith
3. Scott on vacation May 23-June 6; the Rev. Buddy Baltimore on call for pastoral concerns
4. Elder of the Month for May - Mindy Choate; June – Amy Mayhue
5. Next Session Meeting: June 26, 2022, 12:00 noon, Westminster Center

ON THE ANNUAL PLANNING CALENDAR

Reviewed for May, June, July.

SHARING TIME

Thank you to Mindy for providing lunch.

Decided to bring back normal passing of the peace during worship service for those that are comfortable doing so.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 2:41 p.m. with prayer offered by Scott.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Mayhue, Clerk of Session