

MINUTES OF THE SESSION
Stated Meeting, March 27, 2022

The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Ada, Oklahoma, met in a regular stated meeting Sunday, March 27, 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, Justin Isaacs, Tami Thompson, Amy Mayhue, and Amy Elliott. Carol Peshehonoff, Treasurer, was present. Visitors present were: Dexter Elliott, Anthony White, Libby Holman, Timothy Butler, Charles Isaac Thompson, Miriam White, Brooke Holman, Cathy Blackburn, Joan Butler, and David Butler. 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, February 27, 2022, and Congregational Meeting Minutes, March 20, 2022, attached as written.

EXAMINATION OF CONFIRMANDS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Membership requests and new member information forms for confirmands Timothy Butler, Anthony White, Dexter Elliott, Charles Isaac Thompson, and Elizabeth Holman, attached.

The confirmands were asked as a part of the confirmation program to prepare an expression of faith to present to Session if they so desired. Each confirmand presented his/her expression of faith and was then examined by the Session.

Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to sustain the examination for membership of Timothy Butler, Anthony White, Dexter Elliott, Charles Isaac Thompson, and Elizabeth Holman and to receive them as active members of the congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Ada consequent to their professions of faith in an upcoming worship service.

FROM THE TREASURER

Carol Peshehonoff, Treasurer, presented financial report as of February 28, 2022.

| | <u>February 28, 2022</u> |
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| Operations Fund Income | 10,529.13 |
| Operations Fund Expenses | 17,660.00 |
| Net Income – Operations | (7,130.87) |
| Total Checking/Savings | 18,566.18 |
| Total Other Current Assets | 154,846.83 |
| Total Current Assets | 173,413.01 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 173,413.01 |

Since money has been taken out of checking account for carpet in Westminster Center, the balance needs to be replenished. Money will need to be moved between accounts to do that, and that action will need to be taken by the Finance Committee. Carol reminded committee chairs to be sure to fill out vouchers through the office when spending money.

Motion made, seconded, and approved to receive the financial reports as of February 28, 2022.

FROM THE CLERK OF SESSION

- Clerk completed and e-mailed on March 3, 2022, the three remaining annual reports due to the INP: Commissioners to INP, Lay Leadership (session configuration), and 2022 Session members.
- Clerk e-mailed Gayla to advise her the Session approved her resignation from Session and expressed appreciation for her service.
- The church office received an e-mail from Mike Cook on March 3, 2022, requesting with sadness that his name be removed as a member of First Presbyterian Church of Ada. Motion made, seconded, and approved to remove Mike Cook as member of First Presbyterian Church of Ada.
- Received e-mail on March 25 from Miriam White concerning an idea for a Mother's Day Spring Salad Luncheon to be held on the Friday before Mother's Day as a combined fellowship/fundraiser event. Clerk sent email to Congregational Life for consideration.

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

- 3/22/22 – Received e-mail from INP concerning summer camp for youth at Ferncliff. Sent copies to parents of youth and to the office to put in weekly church letter.

THE MINISTRIES, BY COMMITTEE

1. From Christian Education Committee by Teresa Mayhue.
 - Oral report given.
 - Annual Easter egg hunt will be after church on Easter Sunday, April 17.
2. From Congregational Life and Membership Committee by Amy Mayhue.
 - Oral report given.
 - Committee providing food for after Easter service.
3. From Deacons by Justin Isaacs.
 - Written report attached.
 - Noisy bucket offering will be collected Sunday, April 10.
4. From Finance Committee by Amy Elliott.
 - Oral report given.
5. From Mission and Evangelism Committee by Justin Isaacs.
 - Oral report given.
 - Plan to schedule meeting next month and organize a forward plan.
6. From Nominating Committee by Amy Mayhue
 - Written report attached.
7. From Personnel and Administration by Mindy Choate.
 - Oral report given.
 - April 24 is Musician Appreciation Day – Mindy will get an appreciation gift from Session for Miriam.
 - April 27 is Administrative Professionals' Day – Mindy will get appreciation gift from Session for Lauren.
 - Committee is revising sexton job description to present at April meeting.
 - Sarah Thompson is planning to cover the nursery for Easter and for the summer. Personnel will start looking for permanent nursery worker end of July.
8. From Property by Justin Isaacs.
 - Oral report given.
 - Plan to schedule meeting next month
 - Plan to schedule spring work days and decide on focus.
 - Justin gave Logan Rothrock and Cub Scouts permission to work on the garden beds.

9. Worship by Ed Perkins.

- Oral report given – committee met.
- Easter plans
- April Worship Member of the Month – Sarah Rothrock
- October Worship Member of the Month – Tami Thompson

CONTINUING BUSINESS

- New “Worship Service Report” and “Offering Report” forms, per Session interest expressed last month, attached. Session concurred with these revisions.
- Scouting Unit 4–Kurt Jackson, Charter Organization Representative – No report this month.

NEW BUSINESS

- How to handle period of study and preparation for new Session members: Brooke Holman, Logan Rothrock, and Bruce Weems – Scott will have one meeting with the Session members-elect in the next week or two giving them information and reading to do at home. He requests that at least one current Session member join in the two-hour meeting and will send out a doodle poll in the morning to set up day and time.
- Thank you notes – Angus and Suzanne McFarlane for preparing a plaque for FPC honoring its Eagle Scouts from Troop 9 that was hosted at FPC for thirty years in the late 20th century.

UPCOMING KEY DATES: (April calendar attached.)

1. Maundy Thursday worship, April 14th, 7p.m.
2. Good Friday worship, April 15th, 12 noon
3. Easter Sunday, April 17th
4. Elder of the Month for April: Justin and Scott
5. Next Session Meeting: April 24th, 2022, 12:00 noon, Westminster Center

ON THE ANNUAL PLANNING CALENDAR

Reviewed for March, April, May.

SHARING TIME

- Scout Sunday, March 6 – Excellent presentations by Scout leaders and well-attended by Scouts and families.
- Session members were blessed by the heartfelt and impressive expressions of faith by the confirmands and proud of their accomplishments.
- Charles Isaac expressed interest in having a youth-led worship service in the near future. Scott will make that happen in the near future.
- Teresa thanked Scott for his efforts involved in organizing and leading the confirmation journey for our five confirmands.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 1:52 p.m. with prayer offered by Scott.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Mayhue, Clerk of Session