

## MINUTES OF THE SESSION

### Stated Meeting, October 23, 2022

The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Ada, Oklahoma, met in a regular stated meeting Sunday, October 23, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. in Westminster Center. Moderator Scott White called the meeting to order, and he then offered the opening prayer.

Those present included Session members Bruce Weems, Amy Mayhue, Amy Elliott, Justin Isaacs, and Brooke Holman. Teresa Mayhue, Ed Perkins, and Tami Thompson were absent with excuse. Carol Peshehonoff, Treasurer, was not present due to shoulder repair surgery. Moderator Scott White declared a quorum present. Amy Mayhue was elected to serve as substitute secretary.

#### **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, September 25, 2022, attached, as written.

#### **FROM THE TREASURER**

Bruce Weems, Finance Committee, presented financial reports as of September 30, 2022.

	<u>September 30, 2022</u>
Operations Fund Income	6,786.25
Operations Fund Expenses	24,783.83
Net Income – Operations	(17,997.58)
Total Checking/Savings	(1,917.09)
Total Other Current Assets	113,496.95
Total Current Assets	111,579.86
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>111,579.86</b>

Session reviewed and discussed financials. The checking/savings account was negative at the end of September and beginning of October. The first week of October we received monies from the Texas Presbyterian Foundation investments that was a cash deposit of \$113,496.95 which is the total amount we have from our investments other than the monies in the First Presbyterian Church Foundation of Ada. Motion made, seconded, and approved to receive the financial report as of September 30, 2022.

#### **FROM THE CLERK OF SESSION**

- Session minutes will be posted on our church website [www.fpcada.org](http://www.fpcada.org) under **Staying Connected**. Minutes will be posted after they are approved. September Session Minutes were approved in today's meeting and will be posted tomorrow.
- 10-3-22 - Received email from Mindy Choate resigning her position as session member. Motion made, seconded, and approved to receive and accept the resignation with regret and thanksgiving.
- Home communion administered Friday, October 21, to Jerry and Dian Maloy by Scott and Elder Nancy Thompson.
- 10-10-22 – E-vote moved by Justin and seconded by Ed to approve building use request by Classic Arts Academy/Brooke Holman to use the sanctuary on October 16 from 1:00 -6:30 p.m. for a piano recital. **Motion passed by a vote of 7 yes and 0 no on October 12.**

Mass e-mail mailings from Indian Nations Presbytery are forwarded to Session members, Moderator, and Treasurer. E-mails of interest to congregation are forwarded to members.

## THE MINISTRIES, BY COMMITTEE

1. From Christian Education Committee by Brooke Holman.
  - Have not met due to health issues in families of Teresa and Tami. Plan on having a meeting in January.
2. From Congregational Life and Membership Committee by Amy Mayhue.
  - Have not met but took care of business through text messages.
  - Congregation Life and Deacons sent a plant to the Rauch family for the passing of Kenneth Rauch.
  - Planning the potluck for October 30 after church.
  - Annual chili cook-off will be November 13.
3. From Deacons
  - Justin will report on Deacons during Mission and Evangelism time.
4. From Finance Committee by Bruce Weems.
  - Met October 20, minutes attached.
  - **Old Business**
    - FPC Foundation of Ada
      - a. FPC Foundation approved the change in the foundation by-laws allowing the foundation to pay the annual insurance policies of the church in the special meeting of the foundation on October 9, 2022.
    - Stewardship Drive
      - a. Stewardship letter to be mailed to congregation with third quarter statements next week. Bruce scheduled a Stewardship Moment to the congregation on Sunday, October 30.
  - **Budget Review**
    - September financials were reviewed and approved as submitted.
    - Other issues: GuideOne reimbursement of \$8,512.66 and \$113,496.95 from Texas Presbyterian Foundation
  - **New Business**
    - 2023 Budget
      - a. The 2023 budget proposal submitted by the chair was reviewed and discussed. Input from some committee chairs was done prior to this meeting. After discussion the following recommendation was made by Gary Paddock and seconded by Don Clark: **The finance committee recommends submission of a 2023 budget of \$178,800 to the session for consideration.**  
**Motion from committee was approved unanimously by the Session to adopt the 2023 budget of \$178,800.**
5. From Mission and Evangelism Committee by Justin Isaacs.
  - Deacons and Mission and Evangelism reports are combined.
  - Continuing with Abba's Tables, Meals on Wheels, and Compassionate Outreach.
  - Finished up the special offering for World Communion Sunday.
  - Deacons are working on a cookie bake sale to raise money. Date hasn't been set yet.
  - Continuing to assist with Ada High group therapy with food and drinks.
  - Will send note to Laureen to zero out the Christmas Joy offering, One Great Hour offering, and Pentecost offering.
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6. From Nominating Committee by Bruce Weems.

- Met October 13, minutes attached.
- **The Nominating Committee recommends that Margaret Barton and Cathy Blackburn serve the following terms on the Session. Margaret Barton has agreed to serve a one-year term (Class of 2024) as a replacement for Mindy Choate. Cathy Blackburn has agreed to serve a two-year term (Class of 2025) on the Session.**
- PROPOSED FPC/ADA BY-LAWS CHANGE, AND PROPOSED NEW COMPOSITION OF SESSION – OCTOBER, 2022

--CURRENT

The Session shall be comprised of two classes of five elders, for a total of ten Session members, each class serving a two-year term, with terms completing on alternate years.

--CHANGE

The Session shall be comprised of two classes of three Elders and one class of two Elders, for a total of eight Session members, each class serving a three-year term, with one class completing its term per year, this change taking effect with February, 2023, installations.

--CURRENT SESSION CLASSES

Class of 2023 - Amy Mayhue, Teresa Mayhue, Edmon Perkins, Bruce Weems

Class of 2024 - Yasmina Choate\*, Amy Elliott, Brooke Jackson-Holman, Justin Isaacs,  
Tami Thompson

\*Resignation in process

--NOMINATIONS

Margaret Barton is nominated by the Nominating Committee for the Class of 2024.

Cathy Blackburn, Edmon Perkins, and Bruce Weems are nominated by the Nominating Committee to serve in the Class of 2025.

Justin Isaacs and Brooke Jackson-Holman were elected by the congregation to serve in the Class of 2024. They are nominated by the Nominating Committee to serve in the Class of 2026.

(Amy Elliott and Tami Thompson were elected by the congregation to serve in the Class of 2024. No change.)

After the by-laws change and nominations, elections, and February 2023 installations, the new composition of Session is:

Class of 2024 - Margaret Barton, Amy Elliott, Tami Thompson

Class of 2025 - Cathy Blackburn, Edmon Perkins, Bruce Weems

Class of 2026 - Justin Isaacs, Brooke Jackson-Holman

- **Action of Session to call a congregational meeting at 10:45 a.m. on November 13, with items of business being:**

1. **to change the congregational By-Laws from Session of ten elders to eight elders**

2. **to hear nominations and elect members in classes**

**is approved by Session. The meeting will be called tomorrow morning with all due notifications.**

7. From Personnel and Administration Committee by Amy Elliott.

- Amy is now the chairman after the resignation of Mindy Choate. She will reach out to Mindy to determine what needs to be done and make sure everything is covered including the staff Christmas offering. She will report on status of Personnel and Administration Committee at the next Session meeting.

8. From Property Committee by Justin Isaacs.

- Justin has multiple calls out to plumbers in the area to work on the gas line but may have to replace the line. He will find out if line can be repaired or need to be replaced along with estimates.
- Motion from committee passed unanimously to approve building usage request by Women's Hope NA for a convention fundraiser on November 12, 2022, from 5:00 – 10:00 p.m. for a \$50.00 hostess fee, \$50.00 cleaning fee, and a refundable damage deposit of \$100.00.
- Motion from committee passed unanimously to approve building usage request by Classic Arts Academy for a piano recital on December 15, 2022, for a \$50.00 cleaning fee and a \$100.00 refundable damage deposit.

9. Worship Committee

- No report – both chairs absent.

**CONTINUING BUSINESS**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

- No new business.

**UPCOMING KEY DATES:** (November calendar, attached.)

Elder of the Month for November – Justin Isaacs – Nov. 6, Amy Elliott – Nov. 13, 20, 27

Next Session Meeting: Wednesday, November 30, 6:15 p.m., Westminster Center

Scott on study leave: October 24 – October 30

Scott on vacation: October 31-November 6

**ON THE ANNUAL PLANNING CALENDAR**

Reviewed for September, October, November.

**SHARING TIME**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 1:05 p.m. with prayer offered by Scott.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Mayhue, Substitute Clerk of Session