

College Hill Presbyterian Church
Session Minutes – Stated Meeting
May 12, 2015

The stated meeting of the Session of College Hill Presbyterian Church was held at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall on May 12, 2015. **Rev. Ann LaMar** Moderated and **Johnna Thurston** opened the meeting with prayer.

A proper welcome was given to the Rev. Ann LaMar for stepping in as moderator while the Rev. Freeman was on sabbatical.

The agenda was approved as presented. A quorum was present.

Elders present:

Class of 2015: Gini Fox, Bill Major, Pat Valencia

Class of 2016: Tally Ferguson, Christy Lyke, Bert Woodall

Class of 2017: Clay Finck-Ward, Nancy Gammie, Johnna Thurston, David Zerger

Elder excused: Jeff Ream; Elder absent: Danielle Hovenga

Clerk's Report:

1. Correspondence received included the quarterly *Thank-you for your financial donation* note from KWI; the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation Spring Newsletter; and an email from Tutku Tours announcing a tour of Greece and Turkey on June 4-21, 2016. I will put information on the tour in the newsletter over the summer.
2. **Approved Session Minutes of Stated Meeting on April 14, 2015 by consensus.**

Pastor's Report:

- ❖ **Rev. Freeman** is having a great time on his sabbatical, despite a bad cold.
- ❖ **Rev. LaMar** – Pleased to step in for Rev. Freeman. She has not received any calls of concerns from the church or members up to this point.
- ❖ **Rev. LaMar** spoke to the needs of Meredith Howard. The postal worker at the jail received a box of 120 crayons for Meredith. The hospital inmates are not allowed any crayons. However, Rev. LaMar was able to carry in nine crayons.
- ❖ **The Rev. Gordon Edwards** will be preaching May 24, May 31 and June 7.
- ❖ **Rev. Freeman** will be back in the office June 8.

New Business

- ❖ **Vacation Bible School, June 9, 10 and 11; 5:30pm – 8pm.** Nancy Gammie has a committee working on this family event. Clay Finck-Ward, chair of Fellowship, said his committee will be planning the meals each evening. There will be no cost. It was brought up to the planning committee that this type of event was no longer referred to as Vacation *Bible* School, but *Vacation Church School*. Nancy will bring this to the committee's attention. **It was also noted that the next session meeting is on June 10, and will proceed, but in a different part of the church.**

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

Ministry Team Reports

- ❖ **Building & Grounds:** Report received. With all the recent rains, a serious leak has appeared on the 3rd floor, east classroom. Jim Campbell is cleaning up the books that were affected by the leak. They are looking at replacing the carpet in the Sanctuary.

- ❖ **Christian Education:** Report received. **Trinna Burrows** leads a sing-along in the Kids Connection during Worship on Sunday mornings. **Jordan Burrows** and **Allison Campbell** will be working this summer in Worship Connection. They will be paid \$10 an hour.
- ❖ **Congregational Care:** Report received. It was decided that Charlotte Bronston would be the official phone caller from the church office and Susan West will be notified by Lisa if she receives a call that requires committee response.
- ❖ **Evangelism & Communication:** No report. Rev. LaMar brought up information from some long term visiting members that are not members (because they are members of EOP) that they would like a name badge. It was pointed out that there is a sign-up sheet for name badges on the wall, however, it is often blocked by the Fair Trade Store. Clay Finck-Ward will bring this to Danielle's attention to be discussed at their next committee meeting.
- ❖ **Fellowship:** Report received. GChat is planned for July because June is very busy with Vacation Church School and Pride events. Potluck planned for June 14 so Todd can do a presentation on his Sabbatical.
- ❖ **Finance & Stewardship:** Committee Chairs need to start thinking about next years budget.

<u>Financial Report:</u>	<u>Income:</u>	<u>Total Operating Expense:</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency):</u>
2015 Total Budget:	<u>\$294,200.00</u>	<u>\$294,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
2015 YTD Budget:	\$ 98,067.00	\$ 98,067.00	\$ (0)
2015 YTD Actual	\$ 92,583.00	\$ 93,047.00	\$ 464.00
Budget Remaining:	\$201,617.00	\$201,153.00	\$ (464.00)

➤ **Motion to receive the April 2015 Financial Report by consensus.**

- ❖ **Hispanic Fellowship Steering Committee:** No Report. Doing Day Center Meal on May 23.
- ❖ **Nominating:** No report.
- ❖ **Outreach & Mission:** Report received. Mission Fair donations are being done quarterly. Jeff Ream has ordered the fans for the Pride Parade. May's 5th Sunday offering is KWE uniforms.
- ❖ **Personnel:** Report received. All performance reviews were completed. Big "thank-you" goes to **Fred Schone** for all his hard work with this committee! They are looking into how other churches do performance reviews of their pastors because Rev. Freeman has not had one done. The Personnel Policy was brought to the session, however, it will need the *Reviewed by Personnel date*, at the bottom of each page, updated before it is received by the session.
- ❖ **Worship & Music:** Report received. Celtic service is planned for August 9th. Kim has given an estimate for metal music stands for the hand bell choir of approx. \$500, with funds coming from the designated Music Fund. *This will need to be approved by Session.* Pentecost Service in the planning phase for May 24. The committee will not meet in May or June due to excellent planning on their part!

Christy Lyke will be our commissioner to the Tri-Presbytery Meeting June 5-6.
Johnna Thurston did a closing devotion on being grateful.

A motion to adjourn was approved, and the meeting closed at 7:25 p.m. with a prayer by **Rev. LaMar**.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Campbell, Clerk of Session

Rev. Ann LaMar, Moderator