

College Hill Presbyterian Church
Session Minutes – Stated Meeting
April 12, 2016

The stated meeting of the Session of College Hill Presbyterian Church was held at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall on April 12, 2016. **Rev. Todd Freeman** moderated and **Tally Ferguson** opened the meeting with a Devotion and Prayer.

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

Elders present:

Class of 2016: Jim Brown, Tally Ferguson, Danielle Hovenga, Christy Lyke

Class of 2017: Clay Finck-Ward (was excused at 6:42pm), Nancy Gammie, Johnna Thurston, David Zerger

Class of 2018: P.J. Brobston, Marilyn Hill

Elders excused: Stefanie Olson

Elders absent: Terry Gamel

Clerk's Report:

❖ Correspondence:

-Received acknowledgement of the *Certificate of Transfer* for David and Marianne Stambaugh from Southminster Presbyterian Church.

-Mailed *Certificate of Transfer* for Ron and Dawn Brown to Oswego Lake United Church of Christ.

-presented Welcome Letter, composed by P.J. Brobston, to the new pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Miami, OK and it's session. Letter was signed by all CHPC session members present.

❖ **Approved Session Minutes of Stated Meeting on March 8, 2016.**

❖ **Approved Session Minutes of Called Electronic Meeting on March 15, 2016.**

❖ **Approved Session Minutes of Called Electronic Meeting on March 24, 2016.**

❖ **Approved Minutes of Called Congregational Meeting on April 3, 2016.**

Pastor's Report:

❖ Celebrated 8th anniversary at College Hill on March 17!

❖ Lent/Holy Week/Easter were very meaningful to Rev. Freeman and believe to be for the congregation, this year.

❖ Attended a city-wide Faith Partners in Education gathering with TPS Superintendent, April 1.

❖ Attended a Leader Briefing for General Assembly April 3-6, in Louisville, KY.

❖ Rev. Freeman decided to rotate off the KWI Board in June.

New Business

❖ **Motion made, seconded and approved to Elect Ruling Elder Jim Brown as Commissioner to Presbytery Meeting**, Saturday, June 4, at Southminster Presbyterian Church.

❖ **Motion made and approved installation of Jim Brown for Sunday, April 17.**

❖ **Approved Building Use Request (parking lot) for TU – Softball – April 6 (\$50), May 12-14 (\$300), April 19 (\$50)**

❖ **Approved Building Use Request for Sunday, May 29 – Pat Valencia family reunion, Fellowship Hall.**

❖ **Approved Building Use Request for Tuesday, April 19 – TMM Unity Discussion Group, 1:30-3 pm.**

❖ Discussed forming a policy in case of protesters at the church. The following agreed to serve on a committee to develop a policy: Tally Ferguson, Johnna Thurston, P.J. Brobston from Session. They will reach out to Stefanie Olson, Clay Finck-Ward and John Gammie for their participation.

Old Business

❖ Hearing Loop: Problem with installation. Carpet glued down too tight making it impossible to lift carpet and place loop in front and back of sanctuary. Options are being explored.

❖ **Member Engagement Discussion** was worked on in small groups at the All Church Retreat April 1-2.

❖ **Mission Statement and Tag Line:**

- **The following motion was made, seconded and approved the new Tag Line: *Progressive Theology, Traditional Worship, Inclusive Congregation, Presbyterian Church (USA)*. The Mission Statement remained unchanged.**

Ministry Team Reports

- ❖ **Building and Grounds:** Report received. Had good work day March 19. Repaired leak in choir loft. Sump pump piping redone and working better. Receiving quotes for door closers. Polling a mason contact about potential foundation repairs.
- ❖ **Christian Education:** Report received. Teachers Appreciation is May 22; Vacation Church School will be similar to last year and will be in the evenings of May 31, June 1 & June 2; need access to password on computer in Karen Kriner's old office. The following parent policy from committee was discussed and approved:
 - **Only adults assigned to work Church School Classes, Kids Connection, and/or Soulful Singers for the day will be allowed in the classrooms.**Justification: When other people are present, including family members, the relationship between the children and volunteers cannot be properly formed in a healthy manner. Learning to be good Church School friends is a major goal of the program.
- ❖ **Congregational Care:** Report received. Survey presented to session. It will be presented to the Congregation at the potluck on April 24.
- ❖ **Evangelism & Communication:** No Report.
- ❖ **Fellowship:** Report received. Plans under way for Memorial Day picnic at Rev. Freeman's place.
- ❖ **Finance & Stewardship:** Financial Report was received. Ministry team beginning process to find a replacement for Mike Evanson who is retiring from our Treasurer position at the end of 2016.

<u>Financial Report:</u>	<u>Income:</u>	<u>Total Operating Expense:</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency):</u>
2016 Total Budget:	<u>\$305,570.00</u>	<u>\$305,570.00</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
2014 YTD Budget:	\$ 76,393.00	\$ 76,393.00	\$ (0)
2014 YTD Actual	\$ 72,908.00	\$ 68,207.00	\$ 4,701.00
Budget Remaining:	\$232,662.00	\$237,363.00	\$ (4,701.00)

<u>Summary of Selected Designated Funds:</u>				
	<u>Balance 1/1/2016</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Balance 3/31//2016</u>
<u>Hispanic Ministry</u>	\$33,285.00	\$ 1,683.00	\$ (3,265.00)	\$31,703.00

- **Motion to receive the March 2016 Financial Report by acclamation.**

- ❖ **Nominating:** No Report
- ❖ **Outreach and Mission:** Report received. Committee looking into the church adopting a class at KWE.
 - **Motion from committee: Move the Fifth Sunday Offering in May to the First Sunday Offering and provide a collection for the staff at Kendall Whittier Elementary and for Teachers Appreciation. Motion Approved.**
 - **Motion to move forward with communication and explore ways we could help Catholic Charities with the Syrian Refugees. Motion Approved.**
- ❖ **Personnel:** No report.
- ❖ **Worship & Music:** Received report. Rev. Freeman praised the committee on a very meaningful Lent, Holy Week and Easter services. A special Pentecost service is being planned. Rev. Freeman will be out of the pulpit June 19 and June 25. He will attend the General Assembly in Portland, OR, as a Commissioner.
 - **Motion from Committee: Worship on May 29, 2016 to be held outdoors at Rev. Freeman's home with the exception of rain. After discussion, Motion Approved.**

Motion to adjourn was approved and the meeting closed at 7:32 pm with a prayer by Pastor Freeman during a standing "Group Hug".

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Campbell, Clerk of Session

Rev. Todd Freeman, Moderator