

College Hill Presbyterian Church  
Session Minutes – Stated Meeting  
March 8, 2016

The stated meeting of the Session of College Hill Presbyterian Church was held at 6:02 p.m. in Fellowship Hall on March 8, 2016. **Rev. Todd Freeman** moderated and **Stefanie Olson** opened the meeting with a Devotion and Prayer.

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

Elders present:

Class of 2016: Tally Ferguson, Christy Lyke

Class of 2017: Nancy Gammie, Johnna Thurston, David Zerger

Class of 2018: P.J. Brobston, Terry Gamel, Marilyn Hill, Stefanie Olson

Elders excused: Clay Finck-Ward

Elders absent: Danielle Hovenga

Guests: Lindsey Smith and Chris Newsome

Clerk's Report:

- ❖ **Approved Session Minutes of Stated Meeting on February 9, 2016.**
- ❖ **Approved Session Minutes of Called Meeting on January 27, 2016.**
- ❖ **Approved Session Minutes of Called Meeting on January 28, 2016.**
- ❖ **Approved Minutes of Called Congregational Meeting on January 28, 2016.**

Pastor's Report:

- ❖ Working with a team through Phillips Seminary to facilitate CPE class (Clinical Pastoral Education)
- ❖ Attended 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Muslim Day at the Capitol on Feb. 26 with several other progressive pastors
- ❖ Will be off Sunday, March 13, to co-officiate the wedding of Rachel Caldwell and Jerry Fuller in Kilgore, TX
- ❖ Out of town Sunday, April 3 (afternoon) thru Wed, April 6.

New Business

- **Following brief statement of their faith journey and answering in the affirmative the Book of Order questions required for membership, the Session unanimously approved a motion to accept the following into the Active Membership of College Hill Presbyterian Church**
  - # 3097 Chris Newsome by Re-affirmation of Faith**
  - #3098 Lindsey Smith by Re-affirmation of Faith**
- ❖ **Session approved the baptism of the daughter of Chris Newsome and Lindsey Smith, Lillian, on March 27, 2016 during worship.**
- ❖ **Ruling Elder Marilyn Hill presented a report from the Presbytery Meeting, Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> in Pawhuska. At the request of the session, CHPC will send a Welcome letter to the new pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Miami, OK.**
- ❖ Session approved Building request for tournament parking from T.U. March 6-12
- ❖ Session approved Building request from Blue Thumb (Tally Ferguson's wife bug group) for April 25-26.
- ❖ Session approved Building request for parking lot use by TPS bus stop for Zarrow students 7:26am pick-up and 3:53pm drop-off. Finance and Stewardship will look into the churches liability if there is an injury.
- ❖ Elder P.J. Brobston recommends the Building Use Permit Form be used and brought to session for approval.
- ❖ Review Membership Rolls: **Session approved Ron and Dawn Brown be removed from the rolls for they have joined Lake Oswego United Church of Christ in Lake Oswego, OR. Also recommend Nicol Hagar and Rider Allen be removed for they have joined churches in their community.**

Old Business

- ❖ Hearing Loop scheduled to be installed week of March 13.
- ❖ **Member Engagement Discussion** tabled until April Session meeting.
- ❖ **Changes to Mission Statement and/or Tag Line** tabled until April Session Meeting.

Ministry Team Reports

- ❖ **Building and Grounds:** Report received. Spring Work Day scheduled for 3/19/16. Carpet being cleaned 3/9/16. Basement sump pump replacement is in the works.
- ❖ **Christian Education:** No Report.
- ❖ **Congregational Care:** No Report.
- ❖ **Evangelism & Communication:** Report received. Three goals have been set: 1) Update Website, 2) Create list calendar of regularly scheduled events and a list of members who are willing to volunteer and participate in events, and 3) Identify the activities and tools to use for reaching out to visitors.
- ❖ **Fellowship:** Report received.
- ❖ **Finance & Stewardship:** Financial Report was received. Elder Thurston requested that every Ministry Team Leader check to see that any donations that are automatically made, are done so by checking their line item.

<b><u>Financial Report:</u></b>	<b><u>Income:</u></b>	<b><u>Total Operating Expense:</u></b>	<b><u>Excess (Deficiency):</u></b>
2016 Total Budget:	<u>\$305,570.00</u>	<u>\$305,570.00</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
2014 YTD Budget:	\$ 50,928.00	\$ 50,928.00	\$ (0)
2014 YTD Actual	\$ 40,929.00	\$ 36,263.00	\$ 4,666.00
Budget Remaining:	\$264,641.00	\$269,307.00	\$ (4,666.00)

	<b><u>Summary of Selected Designated Funds:</u></b>			
	<b><u>Balance 1/1/2014</u></b>	<b><u>Receipts</u></b>	<b><u>Expenses</u></b>	<b><u>Balance 1/31//2014</u></b>
<u>Hispanic Ministry</u>	\$33,285.00	\$ 1,111.00	\$ (575.00)	\$33,821.00

➤ **Motion to receive the February 2016 Financial Report by acclamation.**

- ❖ **Nominating:** Report received. Discussed term limits for members of this committee. Committee presently working on filling the unexpired term of Bert Woodall.
- ❖ **Outreach and Mission:** Report received. Committee looking into the church adopting a class at KWE.
  - **Motion from committee: Session approved Outreach and Mission to remove \$2000 out of the Hispanic Ministry designated funds to be sent to the congregation of Marietta de Pueblo, outside of Mexico City. This money is to be used for the church that Ricardo Chavez (former leader of the Hispanic Fellowship) started for a new roof.**
  - **Motion from committee: Session approved \$360 be moved from the Hispanic Ministry designated funds and sent to Austin Seminary on behalf of Monica Rodriguez's schooling for her Certificate of Ministry.** Pat Valencia will be taking care of both these transactions.
- ❖ **Personnel:** No report.
- ❖ **Worship & Music:** Received report. **Rev. Todd Freeman celebrated home communion with Peg Gotthold after worship on Sunday, Feb. 14, 2016.** Rev. Freeman will be out of the pulpit on 3/13/16 and 5/1/16. Gordon Edwards will be preaching 3/13/16.

**Motion to adjourn** was approved and the meeting closed at 8:05pm with a prayer by Pastor Freeman during a standing "Group Hug".

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Campbell, Clerk of Session

Rev. Todd Freeman, Moderator