

College Hill Presbyterian Church
Session Minutes – Stated Meeting
February 9, 2016

The stated meeting of the Session of College Hill Presbyterian Church was held at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall on February 9, 2016. **Rev. Todd Freeman** moderated and **P.J. Brobston** 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: Steven Bostic, Nataya Bostic, Lupe Tovar, Mary Ann Bumgarner, Becky Doyle, Laruen Harper and Joshua Miller-Shawnee.

Clerk's Report:

- ❖ **Approved Session Minutes of Stated Meeting on January 9, 2016.**
- ❖ **Approved Session Minutes of Called Meeting on January 10, 2016.**
- ❖ **Approved Minutes of Annual Congregational Meeting on January 24, 2016.**
- ❖ **Approved Minutes of Corporation Meeting on January 24, 2016.**

Pastor's Report:

- ❖ Participated in a discussion panel for PRIDE (UCM) on LGBT issues and conversion therapy 2/4/16
- ❖ Working with a team through Phillips Seminary to facilitate CPE program (Clinical Pastoral Education)
- ❖ Will be attending 2nd 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
- ❖ Received Correspondence from Deb Meinke asking our Session to sign onto three Overtures to go before GA and before it being received by EOP. Session does not want to act upon it at this time.

New Business

- ❖ **Motion made, seconded and approved to Elect Ruling Elder Marilyn Hill as Commissioner to Presbytery Meeting, Tuesday, March 1, in Pawhuska.**
- ❖ **Motion was made to approve the 2015 Annual Church Statistics, seconded and approved as amended. It will be sent on to General Assembly.**
 - **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**
 - # 3089 Nataya Bostic by re-affirmation of Faith**
 - # 3091 Mary Ann Bumgarner by re-affirmation of Faith**
 - # 3092 Lauren Harper by Letter of Transfer from Ava United Methodist Church, Wedowee, Alabama**
 - # 3093 Becky Doyle by Letter of Transfer from 1st Presbyterian Church, Troy, Ohio**
 - # 3094 Joshua Miller-Shawnee by Letter of Transfer from 1st Christian Church, Shawnee, OK**
 - **And pending Baptism:**
 - # 3088 Steven Bostic by re-affirmation of Faith**
 - # 3090 Guadalupe Ortiz-Tovar by Profession of Faith**

Old Business

- ❖ Nominating Committee needs three new members from the Congregation.
 - **Motion made, seconded and approved for a Congregational Meeting March 28 for the purpose of electing 3 new members from the Congregation at Large for 2016.**
- ❖ A temporary Hearing Loop was placed in sanctuary to see if it would work, and it did. We are waiting for the permanent Loop to be installed.

- ❖ Organ repair (partial) will be done on Feb. 10.
- ❖ **Session needs to have a Member Engagement Discussion at the March Session Meeting.**
- ❖ **Changes to Mission Statement and/or Tag Line has been Tabled until March.**

Ministry Team Reports

- ❖ **Building and Grounds:** Report received. Rock and Gem club has offered to re-seal the top of the foundation outside the Fellowship Hall to help the water infiltration problem. Carpet cleaning of the fellowship hall to occur before Easter. Work day will be scheduled in March before Easter.
- ❖ **Christian Education:** Report received. Team working on Church Retreat, April 1 & 2; Vacation Church School, and: New stage for future pageants and performances.
- ❖ **Congregational Care:** Report received. Care Groups have been re-organized. Re-working the Congregational Care Survey. We hope to do a Moment for Mission and have all members fill out a new one.
- ❖ **Evangelism & Communication:** Report received. Ministry teams to look over website, especially their area, and make any recommendations for changes by March 1.
- ❖ **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.

| <u>Financial Report:</u> | <u>Income:</u> | <u>Total Operating Expense:</u> | <u>Excess (Deficiency):</u> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| 2016 Total Budget: | \$305,570.00 | \$305,570.00 | \$ 0 |
| 2014 YTD Budget: | \$ 25,464.00 | \$ 25,464.00 | \$ (0) |
| 2014 YTD Actual | \$ 23,904.00 | \$ 18,069.00 | \$ 5,835.00 |
| Budget Remaining: | \$281,666.00 | \$287,501.00 | \$ (5,835.00) |

| <u>Summary of Selected Designated Funds:</u> | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | <u>Balance 1/1/2014</u> | <u>Receipts</u> | <u>Expenses</u> | <u>Balance 1/31//2014</u> |
| <u>Hispanic Ministry</u> | \$33,285.00 | \$ 799.00 | \$ (375.00) | \$33,709.00 |

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

- ❖ **Nominating:** No report.
- ❖ **Outreach and Mission:** Report received. 5th Sunday Offerings are as follow: January-Just Hope; May-Refugee Day; July-School Uniforms; October-Clothes closet. Discussed providing alternative Christmas gifts as well as financial donations to specific missions. Discussed CHPC sponsoring a bed in the Tipton Garden. Jail Ministry needs books.
- ❖ **Personnel:** No report.
- ❖ **Worship & Music:** Received report.. **Motion approved the following dates for communion:**

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| March 6 | September 4 |
| March 24-Maundy Thursday | October 2-World Communion Sunday |
| March 27-Ester | November 6 |
| May 1 | November 27-1 st Sunday in Advent |
| May 15-Pentecost | January 2017-Ordination of Elders Sunday |
| July 3 | February 5, 2017 |

Motion to adjourn was approved and the meeting closed at 8:43pm with a prayer by Pastor Freeman during a standing "Group Hug".

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Campbell, Clerk of Session

Rev. Todd Freeman, Moderator