

College Hill Presbyterian Church
Session Minutes – Stated Meeting
March 10, 2015

The stated meeting of the Session of College Hill Presbyterian Church was held at 6:01 p.m. in Fellowship Hall on March 10, 2015. **Rev. Freeman** Moderated and **Danielle Hovenga** opened the meeting with devotion and prayer.

The agenda was approved as presented. A quorum was present; By-law change effective January 12, 2013:
Quorum for Stated Session Meetings: Half of the ruling elders plus the moderator.
Moved, seconded and approved.

Elders present:

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

Class of 2016: Bert Woodall, Danielle Hovenga,

Class of 2017: Johnna Thurston

Absent: Tally Ferguson, Christy Lyke, Clay Finck-Ward, Nancy Gammie and David Zerger.

Guest: Carol Wimmer

Clerk's Report:

1. No correspondence was received.
2. Approved Session Minutes of Stated Meeting on January 10, 2015 by Acclamation.
3. Approved Annual Congregation Meeting Minutes, January 25, 2015 as amended with pastors compensation package included.
4. Approved Annual Corporation Meeting Minutes, January 25, 2015.

Pastor's Report:

- ❖ **Rev. Freeman** informed session members that he attended the Open Table dinner program put on by OCCJ.
- ❖ **Rev. Freeman** will be officiating a wedding this weekend at Post Oak Lodge and has scheduled another wedding in October at Post Oak Lodge.

New Business

1. Motion made, 2nd and approved to receive new member, Carol Wimmer by letter of transfer from Trinity Presbyterian.
2. Received Commissioners report from EOP which included a resolution brought to EOP by Todd Freeman who later redrew the resolution.
3. **Rev. Freeman brought the following resolution to Session which was moved and seconded:**

Whereas Jesus instructs his disciples to 'love your neighbor as yourself'; and,

Whereas the Session of College Hill Presbyterian Church, Tulsa, respects the dignity of every human being; and,

Whereas the Session of College Hill Presbyterian Church, Tulsa, believes religion must never be invoked or employed to cloak discrimination, whether such discrimination be based on race, religion, nationality, country or origin, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Session of College Hill Presbyterian Church, Tulsa, declares its opposition to Legislation which:

- promote discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity,

- protect practitioners who engage in efforts to change the sexual orientation of a minor child,
- authorize unjust invasions of privacy,
- prevent public officials from carrying out federal law.

We urge the Governor to veto any such legislation should it be passed by the Oklahoma Legislature.

After discussion, the resolution was passed.

4. Rev. Freeman handed out *Paths of Reconciliation Donation Information* sheets from the Dennis R. Neill Equality Center. Their goal is to bring awareness of LGBTQ-inclusive individuals and groups which deal with issues of belief or faith in Oklahoma, and to show how, together, we are working for the betterment of our community. Todd will be donating one of his stoles.

A motion was made to donate the framed Art Work which once hung in the Sanctuary titled *A Vision of More Light*. The motion was seconded and approved.

5. Attended meeting at United Ministry with several interested parties and discussed the roll of churches on their board.
6. Attended Open House behind the Blue House at United Ministry.
7. Visited several members who have been ill or in failing health either in their homes or hospitals.

Old Business

- ❖ Update on Rev. Freeman's Sabbatical (April 27 – June 7):
 - Pastoral Supply & Support: Rev. Ann LaMar and Rev. Gordon Edwards. Ann LaMar will be Moderator for the May Stated Session Meeting.
 - To date, there has been over \$5,000 received for the Pastor's Sabbatical Fund (this is from the letter generated by Bill Major and mailed to all members).

Ministry Team Reports

- ❖ **Building & Grounds**: Report received. Work Day scheduled for March 28. Todd asked if bulbs in the Sanctuary can be replaced by Easter.
- ❖ **Christian Education**: No written report received.
- ❖ **Congregational Care**: Verbal report given. Food was taken to a members home recently.
- ❖ **Evangelism & Communication**: Report received. Need to remember to distribute the lovely cookies that Clay makes to new visitors. Working on new signage for inside the church. Beginning to prepare for Pride Parade.
- ❖ **Fellowship**: No written report received.
- ❖ **Finance & Stewardship**:

<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:	\$ 49,033.00	\$ 49,033.00	\$ (0)
2015 YTD Actual	\$ 40,945.00	\$ 44,485.00	\$ (3,540.00)
Budget Remaining:	\$253,255.00	\$249,715.00	\$ 3,540.00

<u>Summary of Selected Designated Funds:</u>				
	<u>Balance 1/1/2015</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Balance 1/31/2015</u>
Hispanic Ministry	\$32,152.00	\$ 1,046.00	\$ (853.00)	\$32,345.00
Sabbatical Fund	0.00	\$ 4,600.00	\$ (4,168.00)	\$ 432.00

➤ **Motion to receive the February 2015 Financial Report by acclamation.**

- ❖ **Hispanic Fellowship Steering Committee**: Report received. It was recommended and agreed to give \$500.00 to the Dwight Mission fund.

- ❖ **Nominating**: No report.
- ❖ **Outreach & Mission**: Report received. Committee brought **motion for the following 5th Sunday Offering schedule for 2015 with the right to change the beneficiaries:**
 - Feb. 22, KWI GROW Garden
 - May 31, School uniforms for KWE
 - August 30, School supplies for KWE
 - Nov 29, coats/contributions to Clothes Closet at KWE**Motion was approved.**
- ❖ **Personnel**: Report received.
Motion from Committee: No Report
- ❖ **Worship & Music**: Report received. Easter week services are in final stages. A special worship team is planning the Pentecost Sunday service, May 24.

A motion to adjourn was approved, and the meeting closed at 7:51p.m. with a prayer by **Rev. Freeman** during a standing “Group Hug”.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Campbell, Clerk of Session

Rev. Todd Freeman, Moderator