

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HOUSTON, TEXAS
October 28, 2018**

The Annual Congregational Meeting of the First Presbyterian Church of Houston was called to order, on Sunday, October 28, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. in the Grand Hall with a welcome and an opening prayer by Reverend Jim Birchfield. Cindy Cook, Clerk of Session, declared that a quorum was present.

Cindy Cook, clerk of session, reported on the past year.

- The responsibilities of the session
- The stability of the church financially
- The Vision of 2020 to gather, grow and go
- The membership is encouraged to become involved and connected.
- There is currently a search to fill three staff positions 1) Associate Pastor, 2) Youth Director, and 3) Contemporary Worship Leader.

Rev. Matt Lee reported on the impact that First Presbyterian Church has had through the years on Houston with the planting of churches. Matt encouraged us to understand and embrace the history of First Presbyterian Church for church planting. There are three new churches being planned for this coming year in Glen/Oak Forest, the Third Ward, and Montrose House Church.

Chris Herbold, treasurer, looked back the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget and a look forward to the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget. There was a deficit of approximately \$80,000 for FY 2018. There were graphs showing how we invest our operating budget and the First Presbyterian Church Mission Giving.

Brent Dorsey, chair of the Officer Nominating Committee, introduced the members of his committee.

A motion was made and passed to elect the following for Elders, Class of 2022: Jordan Benningfield, Al DuPont, Stephanie Lionberger-Zamora, Doug Meikle, Tanner Sykes and Kent Woodward.

A motion was made and passed to elect the following for Strategic Planning Trustees, Class of 2022: Sean Keenan, Russ Schulze, and Debbie Thompson.

Jenn Rustay, chair of the Standing Committee on Nominations, introduced the members of her committee.

A motion was made and passed to elect the following for the Officer Nominating Committee: Jane Costello, Paige Haines, Pam Harada, Ellen Mabry, Brian Nakamura, Amber Pursley, Beverly Schorre, Alicia Ten Eyck, and Scott Williams.

Jim Birchfield adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m. with a benediction and the singing of the doxology.

Rev. Jim Birchfield, Moderator

Cindy Cook, Clerk of Session