

MINUTES OF THE SESSION
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HOUSTON, TEXAS
May 16, 2023

The May Stated Meeting of the Session began at 6:00 pm in LC181. Rev. Curtis Bronzan called the meeting to order, with a quorum present. Martha Barnes gave the opening prayer.

OMNIBUS MOTIONS

The following omnibus motions, provided to Session in advance of the meeting, were duly adopted:

- Resolved, that the submitted Session Meeting Minutes, April 18, 2023, be approved.
- Resolved, that the April Membership Report be approved.
- Resolved, that the Session Dashboard be approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

Finance

Steve Oldham

- April revenue was \$743K which was \$126K short of budget but well above the previous recent trend, probably \$150M short for the fiscal year. Expenses were also lower.

Sara Robertson

- The auditors, Blazek & Vetterlin, have provided a clean, unmodified opinion.
- The Finance Committee requested that our next audit be scheduled as soon as possible.

Advisory Committee/Clerk's Report

Martha Barnes

- The report is in the session packet.

Community Life Committee

Melaney Derden

- The report is in the session packet.

Personnel Committee

Amy Winstead

- Stacey Franklin will be leaving the Children and Family Ministry on Sunday, May 21.
- The staff is currently working with Pro Scan, a personality profile.

Governance Committee – No Report

SNC/ENC

Tom Brents

- The committee has received the names of many good, qualified candidates. They will now enter the selection process.

Sanctuary Chorale Use

Dan Wagner

- Following a discussion of the use of the sanctuary by the Choral Society and other non-profit groups, a Task Force was formed to formulate guidelines for the use of the sanctuary or other spaces.

Pastor's Report

Rev. Curtis Bronzan

- A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the updated 2023-2024 Budget. Annual Operating Budget is \$8,718,610. See attached exhibit.

- A motion was made and seconded, to approve the parking lot conceptual design and \$75,000 in initial design costs. The motion failed.
- A motion was made, seconded, and approved to name Covenant Partner Keith Cole to serve as Treasurer for a two-year term (2023-2025).
- A motion was made, seconded, and approved to call a Congregation Meeting for Sunday, June 4, 2023, following the 11:00 am worship service to approve the sale of the Manvel property located at N Masters Rd. FM 1128, Manvel, Brazoria County, TX.
- A motion was made, seconded, and approved to approve the New Covenant Partners and Confirmands since July 1, 2022.

Honoring the Elder Class of 2023

- Each elder rotating off the session was honored and praised for their dedicated work for the three years they served on the session, by each individual member of the Class of 2024.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Following corporate prayer, and a Homily Reflection by Rev. Caitlin Rhodes-Karahadian, communion was introduced by Rev. Jon Crantz and served by intinction by Elders Martha Barnes and Dade Dowdle. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm with a prayer by Rev. Emmanuel Paulpeter and the singing of the doxology.

Rev. Curtis Bronzan, Moderator

Martha C Barnes

Martha C. Barnes, Clerk

**First Presbyterian Church of Houston
Proposed 2023–2024 Budget**

Revenue	
Contributions	7,655,957
Presbyterian School	821,652
Kids Day Out KDO	572,935
Investment Transfers	
Dale Avenue Properties	100,000
TPF - Vernon Earnings	16,000
TPF - Project Flourish	125,000
TPF - Grants and Scholarships	725,000
Total	10,016,544

Expense	
Grants Scholarships	725,000
Children & Family	483,458
Communications & Media	1,034,197
Community Life	619,437
Equipping	389,140
Kids Day Out KDO	572,935
Ministry Support	3,674,589
Outreach	1,216,651
Next Generation	625,249
Worship	675,889
Total	10,016,545

Depreciation	625,000
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