

**MINUTES OF THE SESSION**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HOUSTON, TEXAS**  
**April 16, 2024**

The April Stated Meeting of the Session began at 6:00 pm in LC 181. Rev. Curtis Bronzan called the meeting to order, with a quorum present. Michael Harada gave the opening prayer. Dr. Mark Carleton, Head of Presbyterian School, gave a homily. Rev. Curtis Bronzan introduced communion which was served by intinction by Rev. Curtis Bronzan and Mark Carleton. Rev. Bronzan asked for prayer requests followed by corporate 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, March 19, 2024, be approved.
- Resolved, that the March Membership Report be approved.
- Resolved that the March Session Dashboard be approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

Advisory Committee/Clerk's Report

Michael Harada

- The June session meeting will be moved to June 11, 2024.
- Session elders are encouraged to sign up for the serving of communion, by the passing of the trays, on May 5, 2024. There will be a time for instruction prior to the worship service.

Finance Committee

Keith Cole

- March financial condition: Keith reported that March contributions were strong, totaling \$896,000 for the month and nearly \$300,000 above the forecast. Expenses were lower than budgeted, resulting in a net income before investment/depreciation of \$50,000. Year-to-date, FPC is now only \$190,000 below its revenue forecast and ahead of budget on a net income basis of \$260,000. Liquidity continued substantially unchanged and remains adequate for operations.

Personnel Committee

Evelyn Smith

- The summer interns are being hired.

Standing Nominating Committee/Elder Nominating Committee

Roby Novell

- The deadline for turning in nominations for the Elder Nominating Committee and for the next class of elders has been extended to the end of April.

Pastor's Report

Rev. Curtis Bronzan

- The recruitment for a Young Adult Pastor and Youth Director is progressing. There are several good candidates that are being considered. The search for a Pastor for Discipleship and Congregational Care is continuing.
- The retreat at the Lionberger's ranch produced a good discussion of future plans for First Presbyterian Church and its programs.

ACTION ITEMS

- A **motion** was made, seconded, and approved for the baptisms for Kaide Gillespie (8<sup>th</sup> grade) and Fiona Massey (12<sup>th</sup> grade) for Youth Sunday May 5, 2024.
- A **motion** was made and approved to elect Jonathan Hance and Laurel Simmons to serve on the Presbyterian School Committee on Trustees.
- Discussion continued considering the times on Sunday morning for Sunday School Classes and Worship Services.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Session moved into an executive session at 8:30 pm.

The session moved out of executive session at 9 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm with prayer by Wei Yang.

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Rev. Curtis Bronzan, Moderator

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Michael Harada, Clerk of Session