

MINUTES OF THE SESSION
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HOUSTON, TEXAS
June 11, 2024

The June Stated Meeting of the Session began at 6:00pm in LC181. Rev. Curtis Bronzan called the meeting to order with a quorum present. Michael Harada gave the opening prayer. Rev. Curtis Bronzan gave a homily. Rev. Emmanuel Paulpeter introduced communion which was served by intinction by Rev. Paulpeter. Rev. Bronzan thanked the elders who were rolling off Session for there service. The elders in the class of 2025 gave individual thank you speeches to each elder of the class of 2024.

OMNIBUS MOTIONS

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

- Resolved, that the submitted Session Meeting Minutes January 16, 2024, be approved.
- Resolved, that the submitted Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes January 28, 2024, be approved.
- Resolved, that the submitted December and January Membership Reports by approved.
- Resolved, that the Session Dashboard be approved.

COMMITTEES REPORTS AND UPDATES

Advisory Committee/Clerk's Report

Michael Harada

- Gave the following charge to the Session - the business of the church should be secondary to prayer life and alignment with God

Finance Committee

Keith Cole

- May receivables \$650k, \$120k over budget for the month leaving \$50k short for the the year. June receivables \$240 k so far and need \$220k to hit budgeted year target
- Alicia Ten Eyck asked that the Budget & Risk management updated handout be included in the financial minutes. A motion was made, seconded and approved,
- There was a discussion about not changing old minutes. Governance advised if it was not a voting item, the minutes should not be changed.

Community Life Committee

Jane Champion

- Jane passed out a signup sheet asking elders to write notes to home bound covenant partners over the summer.
- Jane passed out a list of neighborhood zones with the statistics showing how many covenant partners (those with correct emails) were in each zone, how many attended the last 4 gatherings and the percentage of participation. She asked for agreement on continuing the gatherings next year and the need to combine some of the smaller groups. She said the idea of adding service projects with fellowship was working and trying to

encourage other ways to connect outside of worship. Personal invitations are key. (Spreadsheet attached)

- Celeste and her communications were thanked for their work especially the follow up to all covenant partners after the severe wind storm.

Personnel Committee

Evelyn Smith

- The committee will be submitting a job description and pastor review process to Governance.
- Ashley Kennedy is a new hire for middle school girls
- The committee is meeting in June with Governance to discuss a bylaw change.

Standing and Elder Nominating Committee

Roby Norvell

- Interviews for the new elder class of 2027 will begin in July.
- The committee will submit a bylaw change regarding the nominations of family members to Governance.

Pastor's Report

Rev. Curtis Bronzan

- Curtis provided a copy of "Canoeing in the Mountains" for all Session elders (incoming and outgoing) as a summer reading project. The book will be the main topic of the Session fall retreat.
- Curtis announced that the search team had found a strong candidate for Pastor of Discipleship (Equipping and Sending) The bio for Courtney McLaughlin is attached. She has had a visit to the church and is energized to by our vision and location. There was discussion regarding terms of call and housing. Terms of call are not required to be voted on by the congregation. Curtis encouraged the Session to join Courtney McLaughlin and the Search team in prayer and fasting Thursday evening.
- Discussion regarding the approval of the Vision Frame/Horizon Storyline

Grants and Scholarship Team Update

Hunter Johnson

- There was a summary of the total of grants and scholarships for the year in the Session packet

ACTION ITEMS

- A motion was made, seconded and approved the Dale Avenue board members Brock Hudson, Brent Dorsey and Hunter Johnson
- A motion was made, seconded, and approved to call Courtney McLaughlin to the position of Pastor of Discipleship (Equipping and Sending)
- The motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the Vision Frame/Horizon Storyline.

Elders were reminded to add communion dates, the fall retreat and ECO Presbyterian meeting to their calendars.

Closing prayer by Michael Harada and singing of the Doxology followed by the Lord's Prayer

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm with the singing of the Doxology.

Rev. Curtis Bronzan, Moderator

Michael Harada, Clerk of Session

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