

**MINUTES OF THE STATED SESSION MEETING
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HOUSTON, TEXAS
November 19, 2024**

The November Stated Meeting of the Session began at 6:00pm in LC181. Rev. Curtis Bronzan called the meeting to order with a quorum present. Susan Miclette gave the opening prayer. Rev. Courtney McLaughlin led a discussion on issues involved in moving traditional churches into missionary churches. Rev. Jeanmarie Tade introduced communion which was served by intinction. Rev. Emmanuel Paulpeter led a prayer for the concerns expressed by the Elders.

OMNIBUS MOTIONS

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

- Resolved, that the submitted Session Meeting Minutes – October 22, 2024, be approved.
- Resolved, that the submitted October 2024 Membership Report be approved.
- Resolved, that the Session Dashboard be approved.

COMMITTEES REPORTS AND UPDATES

Advisory Committee/Clerk's Report

Susan Miclette

- Communion will be served on Sunday, December 1. Additional Elders are needed to serve at the 8:15 and 11:00am worship services.
- There is an ongoing discussion about the importance of a covenant partner directory and how best to design it.
- The Eco Conference will be in Dallas, Texas, January 28-29. There will be five pastors and eight members attending.
- The session Christmas party will be December 13, 2024, at the home of Susan Miclette.

Finance Committee

Keith Cole

- Giving for October was \$501k (budget was 500k).
- Pledge cards are slowly coming in.

Community Life Committee

Kristen Foxley

- Kristen distributed a list of the zones and attendance for Neighborhood Connect get together. Zone 9 was complemented for incorporating a time of prayer and worship into their gathering.

Personnel Committee

Stephanie Fleck

- Stephanie Fleck, Matt Reed, and Jan Smith will meet with Rev. Curtis Bronzan and the Clerks for an informal review of the past 6 months.

Governance Committee

Tom Brents

- A **motion** was made and seconded to approve that Nehemiah Neighborhood Center, Inc. will amend their By-Laws to provide that 1) First Presbyterian Church is no longer the sole member and 2) that Nehemiah will no longer be required to submit the names of proposed board members to First Presbyterian Church for approval. Following a discussion the motion was tabled for further discussion.

Standing and Elder Nominating Committee

Jan Smith

- No report.

Pastor's Report

- When the Session Meeting closes, the session will then enter into an executive Session Meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

- A **motion** was made, seconded, and approved to accept the proposal for refurbishing the Memorial Garden at the cost of \$94,000, minus a gift of \$50,000, which would bring the cost to the church to \$44,000.
- Tom Brents, Hillary Reed, and Mark Carleton gave a presentation that updated the First Presbyterian Church/Presbyterian School Master Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm with the singing of the Doxology.

Rev. Curtis Bronzan, Moderator

Susan Miclette, Clerk of Session
