

**MINUTES OF THE STATED SESSION MEETING
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HOUSTON, TEXAS
January 21, 2025**

The January Stated Meeting of the Session began at 6:00pm on Zoom because of severe weather. Rev. Curtis Bronzan called the meeting to order with a quorum present. Susan Miclette gave the opening prayer. Rev. Jon Crantz gave a homily and then the session was divided into groups for discussion.

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 - November 19, 2024, be approved.
- Resolved, that the submitted November and December 2024 Membership Reports 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, February 2. Additional Elders are needed to serve at the 11:00am worship service.
- Repairs and upgrades to infrastructure for the memorial Garden are underway and landscaping should begin late January.
- The need and location for additional handicapped parking spaces for our attendees/congregation is under discussion.
- The pastors and several Session elders will be attending the ECO conference in Dallas next week and it is suggested the information about the conference be shared the congregation.

Finance Committee

Keith Cole

- December finished well - \$1.8M in giving (\$9k over budget for the month); \$200k more received than December 2023.
- Pledge cards (222) are still coming in. The number of cards and the amount pledged is up from 2024.
- The budget process is beginning.

Community Life Committee

Kristen Foxley

- Instead of a meeting, the Community Life Committee went to Star of Hope to serve at "Snacks and Goodnight." Perhaps Sunday School classes could take this on as a service project.
- This year Neighborhood Connect will meet during a two-week period (April 27 - May 10) rather than a full month as they did last year.
- Cheryl needs more greeters.

Personnel Committee

Stephanie Fleck

- No Report

Governance Committee

Randy Wilson

- The discussion concerning the Nehemiah By-Laws has been tabled.
- **Motion** - The Governance Committee of First Presbyterian Church moves that the proposed revision to the charter of the Personnel Committee be adopted and approved by Session. Motion approved.
- **Motion** - The Governance Committee of First Presbyterian Church moves that the charter of the Finance Committee be amended to make the first year ruling elder to be a voting member of the committee. Motion approved.

Standing and Elder Nominating Committee

Jan Smith

- No report.
- There will be a kickoff meeting next month.

Pastor's Report

Rev. Curtis Bronzan

- There is a potential candidate for director of Young Adults.
- Rev. Bronzan reviewed the results of the Collective Leadership Assessment and Entrepreneurial Operating System Report, which were a part of the lead team retreat with Rev. Dr. Dana Allin, in December.
- Rev. Bronzan plans to restart his research and writing towards his Doctorate in Ministry.
- Pastors and staff will be reengaging the discussion in the coming weeks, regarding our worship schedule with a proposal to Session in the fall. This is increasingly necessary, considering our budget's inability to cover the cost of the current services. Dan and Hunter are working on the current financial overage.

ACTION

The proposed walk-about regarding the First Presbyterian Church/Presbyterian School master Plan was postponed due to weather.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm with a corporate prayer by the session and a closing prayer by Leo Espinoza.

Rev. Curtis Bronzan, Moderator

Susan Miclette, Clerk of Session
