

**MINUTES OF THE STATED SESSION MEETING FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HOUSTON, TEXAS
February 25, 2025**

The February Stated Meeting of the Session began at 6:00pm in LC181. Rev. Curtis Bronzan called the meeting to order with a quorum present and an opening prayer. Rev. Bronzan gave a homily related to the book “Canoeing the Mountains,” followed by discussion groups based on portions of the book.

Susan Miclette offered a prayer for the Session and community.

Rev. Courtney McLaughlin introduced communion which was served by intinction by Rev. McLaughlin and Rev. Bronzan.

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 January 21, 2024, be approved.
- Resolved, that the submitted January 2025 Membership Report be approved.
- Resolved, that the Session Dashboard be approved.

COMMITTEES REPORTS AND UPDATES

Advisory Committee/Clerk’s Report Susan Miclette

- Repairs and upgrades to infrastructure for the memorial Garden are underway and landscaping has begun.
- Hunter Johnson is putting together a team to better address and advise a process for making improvements.
- Communion will be served on Sunday, March 2. Additional Elders are needed to serve at the 11:00am worship service. There will be prayer partners at all worship services.
- Ash Wednesday services are March 5 at 12:00pm and 7:00pm. Prayer partners are needed for those services.
- There will be another Big Event, giving the congregation an opportunity to serve the city.
- There will be a Memorial Service on March 8, for Dr. Lou Shields.
- Vacation Bible School will begin June 9.

Finance Committee

Keith Cole

- January and February were good months. The budget is on target and February finished in the black.

- Stats will be given at the next session meeting.

Jim D'Agostino

- A **motion** was made and approved to accept the amount of \$280,684 as the correct balance of the account known as "Benevolences - Other" as of June 30, 2024.

- A **motion** was made and approved that the Asset Allocations for investment Grade Fixed Income be changed from a Lower Limit of 0% to 5% and an Upper limit of 20% to 40% to enable a higher fixed income exposure as appropriate.

Hunter Johnson

- The roof is in the capital budget for this year.

Pastor's Report

Rev. Curtis Bronzan

- A **motion** was made and approved by email for the worship services to be held on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025, at 8am, 9:30am, and 11:15am.
- The Session was encouraged to read the article in the session packet "View, Voice, Vote, Veto" from Forbes magazine.
- The Session was reminded that they are to speak as one voice.
- There will be discussions concerning the hours of the worship service. Adequate parking is a concern.

Action Items

- There will be a second reading next month to approve the serving of Communion by non-Elders who have received appropriate training.
- A **motion** was made and approved to accept the description of "Pastor of Missional Alignment."

ACTION

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm with a closing prayer and the singing of the doxology, followed by a walk-about regarding the First Presbyterian Church/Presbyterian School Master Plan. There will be a follow-up meeting on Sunday, March 2 for discussion.

Rev. Curtis Bronzan, Moderator

Susan Miclette, Clerk of Session
