

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

The March 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.

JOINT MEETING WITH PRESBYTERIAN BOARD

Mark Carleton introduced Brantley Highhill, an architect who has been designing campus upgrades recommended by the joint Master Plan Task Force, to share the vision of the future of the campus and its shared mission with the Presbyterian School and First Presbyterian Church. A slide presentation presented Step One, the Design Process, and outlined the common values being shared: Parking, Welcome Center, Youth Space, Athletic Green Space, Kitchen and Dining, and Room to Grow. The plans are now at the beginning of the process and there will be continued feedback until the end of the process is reached.

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 February 25, 2025, be approved.
- Resolved, that the submitted February 2025 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 by intinction April 5, 2025.
- Communion will be served Maundy Thursday.
- Grateful for Emmanuel Paulpeter's return from leave.

Finance Committee

Jim D'Agostino

- Contributions exceeded the budget for February.
- Expenses were below the budget for February.
- First Presbyterian Church will strengthen processes and procedures for paying bills.

Community Life

Kristen Foxley

- All Neighborhood Events (except for zone 16) are scheduled for April 27 or May 4.
- All are invited to Hops and Hymns Saturday, March 29 at the home of Dade Dowdle.

H.R. Committee

Stephanie Fleck

- The Senior Pastor's formal annual review will be held in June and the committee will be reaching out to Elders for feedback.

Governance Committee

Chris Wolfe

- The Governance Committee is continuing to work with the Nehemiah Center as their new by-laws are being written.

SNC/ENC

Tom Brents

- The committee is working on plans to seek nominations for the Session Nominating Committee and the Elder Nominating Committee.

Pastor's Report

Rev. Curtis Bronzan

- The staff will be shifting from yearly to quarterly goals, which has been found to be much more effective for accomplishing goals; accomplishments will be reviewed on an annual basis.
- A **motion** was made, seconded, and approved for the document which outlines the procedures that will allow non-elders to serve communion.

Presbyterian School Board

Cindy Cook

- Cindy Cook presented the names of two candidates, Brooke Bentley Grant and Kan Lee, for the replacement of two trustees rotating off the Presbyterian School Board. A vote will be taken by the session for the two nominees at the April Session meeting.

New Business

- Rev Curtis Bronzan led a discussion on the rationale for shifting the worship schedule.
- A **motion** was made, seconded, and approved to hire Justin Hall as the Pastor of Youth Ministry.

The following elders will join the Grants and Scholarships Team to study the best way to move forward, and perhaps change how we organize our benevolence activities:

Jim D'Agnostino – coordinator

Tom Brents

Courtney McLaughlin

James Melchers

Susan Miclette

Emmanuel Paulpeter

Matt Reed

Jan Smith

Rev. Emmanuel Paulpeter and Rev. Jeanmarie Tade served communion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm with a closing prayer by Rev. Curtis Bronzan and the singing of the doxology.

Rev. Curtis Bronzan, Moderator

Susan Miclette, Clerk of Session
