

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SESSION MEETING MINUTES
HOUSTON, TEXAS
January 15, 2019

MODERATOR
The Rev. Dr. Trey Little

The Session of Grace Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas met in a STATED MEETING on January 15, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Attendance:

Pastors Present: The Rev. Dr. Trey Little and The Rev. Chris French

Elders Present: Candy Aldridge, Dath Collins, Vic Condrey, Bert Crump, Evan Ghazi, Jim Leeland, Terry Looper, Mike Mantel, Dan McElyea, Stephanie Mixon, Greg Morby, Hardie Morgan, Nnenna Okoro, Wayne Parchman, Tami Plummer, Tanner Spears, Jo Swank, Jim Tomforde, Gindi Vincent, Woody Woodruff, Greg Zuanich

Excused: Francisco Garibay, Natalie McElroy

Absent: Philip Parker

Others in attendance: none

In November 2018, the Leadership Development Team recommended a format change to the Session agenda for 2019. This agenda follows the new format, with focused prayer time and Strategy Team discussions.

Prayer for Grace, our church family and our leadership

Trey Little opened the meeting with guided prayer among the Elders:

1. for Grace: for clarity of God's will for Grace, that our work is for the glory of God and that we would make Jesus visible in a real way, and
2. for the church family who are suffering a loss, that we would be continually shaped in the likeness of Christ, for a culture of generosity and that people would be connected in authentic community, and
3. for our leadership and their spiritual and emotional health, for protection from spiritual warfare, for resolve to lead in obedience and boldness.

Clerk's Report & Administrative Matters

Candy Aldridge presented the Consent Agenda for approval. A motion was made to approve the November 13, 2018 Stated Session meeting minutes, the December 2, 2018 Called Session meeting minutes and the November 2018 Clerk's Report. It was seconded and approved.

Strategy Team Opportunities:

Trey encouraged Strategy Team leaders to enrich their monthly reports by incorporating these proposed guidelines:

1. Reflecting on the last three months, what went well for the team and why?
2. What has the team found challenging these past three months?
3. What are the expectations for the next three months and how can the Session help and support those efforts?

New Business

The Ministry Support Team presented to the Session the first expenditure for the Ready Campaign. Roof replacement bids are expected to be approximately \$350,000. Expenditures of >\$100,000 require Session approval. Discussion ensued. A motion was made for the Session to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$350,000 for roof replacement on campus. There being no further discussion, the motion was seconded and approved.

The Ministry Support Team asked the Session to approve the addition of an additional member to its team, Debbie Kaplan. The motion was made, seconded and approved.

Hardie Morgan presented the Financial report. Through December 2018 (Period 6), FYTD total Revenue was -8% to budget. Operating results were -7.5% to budget. Calendar year contributions were 3% (\$144,656) lower than budgeted, but expenses were \$100,000 lower than budget, leaving a CY position of -0.9% (\$44,656.)

Old Business

As an update to the Facilities Improvement part of the Ready Campaign, Trey and Hardie reported that the final drawings are in process. Allowing four months to complete the permitting process, construction is expected to begin in June 2019. Activities will begin sooner with the replacement of the roof. Construction may be complete in six months.

Dates

The next Stated Session Meeting will be held at the Church Officer Annual Retreat on Saturday, February 23, 2019, 8:30 a.m.

Vic Condrey closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Candy Clarke Aldridge
Clerk of Session