

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SESSION MEETING MINUTES
HOUSTON, TEXAS
May 21, 2019

MODERATOR
The Rev. Dr. Trey Little

The Session of Grace Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas met in a STATED MEETING on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Attendance:

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

Elders Present: Dath Collins, Vic Condrey, Bert Crump, Francisco Garibay, Evan Ghazi, Jim Leeland, Terry Looper, Mike Mantel, Natalie McElroy, Dan McElyea, Greg Morby, Hardie Morgan, Wayne Parchman, Tanner Spears, Jo Swank, Jim Tomforde, Gindi Vincent, Woody Woodruff

Excused: Candy Aldridge, Nnenna Okoro, Philip Parker, Tami Plummer, Greg Zuanich

Absent: Stephanie Mixon

Others in attendance: Susan McElroy, Tracy Baudin

Trey Little opened the meeting by discussing the Congressional Assessment that was presented to the congregation on May 19 and sent via email on May 20. Results are expected in approximately 30 days and will be communicated as soon as possible after that. He then discussed Matt Davis' resignation and his interim replacement, Dorothy Hobbs. Trey read Philippians 1 and asked the Elders to discuss our current staffing and member status and then pray at their tables.

Leadership Development: Chris French gave a presentation on one of our core values: Biblical Integrity, not Cultural Conformity. The focus was on our responsibility to study, learn and live the word of God. Additionally, the message was that we should be a church where this core value is obvious to our members and visitors.

Clerk's Report & Administrative Matters

Dan McElyea presented the Consent Agenda for approval. A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda. It was seconded and approved.

New Business

- **Spiritual Cohort:** Traci Baudin spoke to the 2020 Spiritual Cohort from Fuller and presented a flier with proposed dates that are still to be finalized. This Cohort will be in conjunction with First Presbyterian Church of Kingwood and will be led by Tracy and Chad. She extended an invitation to the Elders to participate.
- **Fiftieth Anniversary:** Trey notified the Elders that the Fiftieth Anniversary of Grace is planned for December 8, 2019. This is in the early planning phase.
- **Congo Sub-Group:** Chris French advised Session that a group of people from the Congo has approached him to see if we have space available for them to gather and worship. The group consist of approximately 40 adults and 20 children. They have reviewed the ECO Central Tenants

and confirmed their understanding and agreement. We will move forward with a three-month evaluation period.

Old Business

Financial Update The 2017/2018 Audit was finalized and approved. The financial report indicates that April revenue was 22% less than budget for the month and -6% FYTD. Expenditures were -8% to budget MTD, and -3% FYTD. Compared to 2018, revenue was -7% YTD and expenses were -6%.

READY Report: Work on the roofs will begin on May 22. All permits, other than the permit for MTH have been filed. The MTH permit will be submitted on May 22. SLI start submitting actual bids for work on May 22. Bids for the Audio/Visual work is expected in late June.

Mission Affinity Groups (MAG) meeting: Wayne Parchman gave a report on the MAG with First Presbyterian and Memorial Drive Presbyterian Churches. Members from the three sessions discussed projects and included talks about what is working well and what still needs work. The group spent some time talking about church planting. The next MAG meeting will take place in the Fall. Wayne also discussed the highlights of the National ECO meeting in Minneapolis. The ECO Presbytery of Texas meeting is scheduled for September 19 & 20 at MDPC.

Dates

The next Stated Session Meeting will be held Tuesday, June 18, 2019, 7:00 p.m. There will be no July meeting.

Francisco Garibay closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan McElyea
Acting Clerk of Session
