

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SESSION MEETING MINUTES
HOUSTON, TEXAS
June 18, 2019

MODERATOR
The Rev. Dr. Trey Little

The Session of Grace Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas met in a STATED MEETING on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Attendance:

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

Elders Present: Candy Aldridge, Dath Collins, Vic Condrey, Bert Crump, Francisco Garibay, Evan Ghazi, Jim Leeland, Mike Mantel, Natalie McElroy, Greg Morby, Hardie Morgan, Nnenna Okoro, Wayne Parchman, Tami Plummer, Tanner Spears, Jo Swank, Woody Woodruff, Greg Zuanich

Excused: Terry Looper, Dan McElyea, Stephanie Mixon, Philip Parker, Gindi Vincent

Absent: Jim Tomforde

Others in attendance: Susan McElroy, Dorothy Hobbs

Trey Little asked the Elders to pray among themselves at their tables, giving thanks for the Vacation Bible School team and the youth. There was a vibrant spirit in planting seeds among the kids this week.

Clerk's Report & Administrative Matters

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

Leadership Development: The 2019 focus on living our values began with Multiplying, Not Dividing, and Matthew 28:16-20, the Great Commission. Hardie Morgan reminded us that making disciples who make disciples is the core of our mission.

Strategy Team Opportunities: Strategy Teams submitted written updates of their activities.

New Business

- **Director of Student Ministries Search Team** – Trey announced these additional staff changes since The Rev. Chad Erb resigned:
 - Matt Davis, Director of Student Ministries and Reed Brentlinger, Student Ministries Associate, have resigned, and
 - Angie Williamson, Student Ministries Associate, has changed from a full-time to part-time employee.

There is a search team for the Director of Student Ministries position led by Natalie McElroy. The members are Stephanie Parker, Nate Sheehan, Taylor Tritt, Mandy Weber and Ed Williams. They are reading *Sustainable Youth Ministry* in preparation for the search. A Student Ministries Town Hall meeting is scheduled for August 11. Staff is also tapping into Fuller Youth Institute resources and have asked their applied research strategist and assistant professor of youth, family & culture at Fuller Seminary, Steven Argue, to speak with parents on August 25. They are also seeking additional parent volunteers.

- ECO Presbytery of Texas meeting, September 20-21, 2019 - The annual meeting will be held at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church in Houston this year. Elders are invited to attend, and to participate in the Mission Affinity Group meeting that will be held Friday evening.

Old Business

Session Meeting Time Poll - The result of the recent poll for preference for moving the Session meeting time was inconclusive. Susan McElroy will send another poll with 2 choices: 6 pm and 6:30 pm. The result will be announced before the August Session meeting.

Pastoral Search Update - More information will be available at the August meeting, but Grace is exploring using a search firm to identify candidates.

Construction Update - Trey praised Hardie Morgan for the many hats he wears at Grace and for his contributions to the construction project. Hardie distributed the written update summary and informed the Elders that another portion of the construction contract would be sent for Session approval, likely via email. Construction on a portion of the Grace School project will begin soon, funded by the Grace School gala.

Financial Update - The financial report indicates that May revenue is on target, with expenses below the target due to timing. Expected FY net position is estimated to be -\$57,000. The Ready Campaign pledges are coming in as pledged.

Dates

The next Stated Session Meeting will be held Tuesday, August 20, 2019.

Chris French closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Candy Clarke Aldridge

Clerk of Session