

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SESSION MEETING MINUTES
HOUSTON, TEXAS
November 19, 2019

MODERATOR
The Rev. Dr. Trey H. Little

The Session of Grace Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas met in a STATED MEETING on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 6:30 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, Terry Looper, Mike Mantel, Natalie McElroy, Dan McElyea, Greg Morby, Nnenna Okoro, Wayne Parchman, Philip Parker, Tami Plummer, Tanner Spears, Jo Swank, Jim Tomforde, Gindi Vincent, Woody Woodruff, Greg Zuanich

Excused: Hardie Morgan

Absent:

Others in attendance: Susan McElroy, Tom Prisk

Chris French opened the meeting with prayer.

Examination 2020 Church Officers

Current Elders were divided into four groups and heard the faith statements of the nominated Church Officers. Elders reconvened and heard a motion to accept the nominees to be ordained and installed as Church Officers. The motion was seconded and approved.

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, noting that new member Susana Cedillo has already been baptized.

New Business:

- **Introduction of Director of Student Ministries** - Search Team Chair, Natalie McElroy, introduced Phil Warman as the new Director of Student Ministries. Phil reported to work this week.
- **Confirmation Class for 2020** - Natalie McElroy announced the beginning of the confirmation class in January. She requested that Elders commit to shepherding a confirmand through this journey, January through May 2020.
- **Approval of 2020 Strategy Team Assignments** - Leadership Development Team Chair, Candy Aldridge, presented the list of 2020 Strategy Team assignments for the incoming class of Elders. A motion was made and seconded. It was then approved.

Old Business

- Pastor of Discipleship and Formation Search Team Report - Trey shared that the search firm, Slingshot, has initially identified five candidates for the team's consideration. There have also been some informal conversations with potential candidates, who were referred to Slingshot for vetting. Screening will begin in December and interviews in January.
- Founders' Chapel Organ Replacement - Candy Aldridge presented three alternatives to the proposal presented at the October Session meeting, as requested by the Session. After discussions about repairing the Founders' Chapel organ or replacing it with an electronic organ, Candy presented a motion for repair of the organ, not to exceed \$165,000. The Chapel Organ Fund will be used to fund part of the repair (~ \$120,000), with the balance (~ \$45,000) coming from unallocated funds in the Ready Campaign. The motion was seconded and approved, with one Nay vote.
- Generosity and Financial Update - Ministry Support Team chair, Mike Mantel, presented the work of the Team in capturing the short-term and long-term outlook for Grace's finances. The presentation included historical context of revenue and attendance, types of revenue, possible solutions, the discipleship perspective, investment scenarios and next steps. The Team's goal is to present a complete solution for the Session's consideration at the Session retreat in February 2020.

Recognition of Class of 2019 Elders - This was the final Session meeting for the Class of 2019. Trey thanked everyone warmly for their contributions and encouraged them to stay involved.

Dates

The next Stated Session Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

Jim Tomforde closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Candy Clarke Aldridge
Clerk of Session