

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SESSION MEETING MINUTES
HOUSTON, TEXAS
April 27, 2022

MODERATOR
The Reverend Dr. Julia Leeth

The Session of Grace Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas met in a STATED MEETING on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in Massey-Tucker Hall.

Attendance:

Pastors Present: Rev. Chris French

Elders Present: Ron Collins, Vic Condrey, Judy Dewey, Cathy Finck, Tory Gunsolley, Jamie Horton, Debbie Kaplan, Debbie Lunn, Abby Meade, Jim Tomforde, Tom Prisk, Karen Welton, and Lisa Schwartz

Excused: Deb Castillo, Russ Chase, Andy Frazelle, Dorothy Hobbs, Ethan Tritt

Absent: n/a

Others in attendance: Daniel Baudin, Beth Craig, Kristy Elmore, Sharon High, Hardie Morgan

Call Meeting to Order – The Rev. Chris French, Moderator

Open with Prayer – The Rev. Chris French, Moderator

Confirmands Present Faith Statements to Session

Elders met with 2022 confirmands and heard their faith statements. Daniel Baudin moved that the Session receive these confirmands as Covenant Partners. A motion was made that the Session receive these confirmands as Covenant Partners per the completion of the course on Sunday, May 8, participation in confirmation on Sunday, May 15, and to approve the baptisms of Alyssa Minear and Myles Gunsolley. It was seconded and approved. Elders laid hands on the students and prayed for them.

Moderator's Report – The Rev. Chris French, Moderator

Clerk's Report, Administrative Matters and Approval of Consent Agenda – Tom Prisk, Acting Clerk of Session, presented the Consent Agenda. A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda, which included the Minutes and the Clerk's Report. It was seconded and approved.

New Business –

- Disaster Response Plan – Kristy Elmore, Director of Mobilization and Partners, presented the response plan for Grace. There was general discussion and clarification.

Team Updates

- Ministry Support – Debbie Kaplan, Chair, presented the financials. Grace has about five years' cash to absorb the current deficit. She also provided a Stewardship Update.
- Pastor Nominating Committee Update – Cathy Finck provided an update. SIMA, the consultant, is forming a packet that details who we are and what we are looking for. She asked for prayer to

support PNC - an intentional use of this time to pray.

- Church Officer Nominating Committee Update - Karen Welton, Elder, announced that the CONC added two members to fill vacancies: Matt Meade for a one-year term and Paul Craig for a two-year term. CONC is looking to fill six Elder positions and twelve Deacons positions, but additional Deacons are desired. She requested that each current Elder nominate two people for consideration. Nominations are open until May 6.

- Strategy Team Updates
 - General - Deb Kaplan shared that Backyard needs people to serve, particularly since Ivy Castle is taking on new responsibilities. No other highlights, only a reference to updates in our packet.
 - Worship, Equip, Serve and Grace School team reports are included in the Session packet.

There was a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded. Chris French closed with prayer.

DATES:

- Session Strategy Team Meeting - Wednesday, May 11; 6:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
- Strategy Team Reports Due - Monday, May 16, 2022
- Dinner and Session Meeting - Wednesday, May 25, 2022; 6:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
- **DATE CHANGE** Fall Session Retreat - Saturday, August 20; 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Prisk
Acting Clerk of Session