

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SESSION MEETING MINUTES
HOUSTON, TEXAS
February 25, 2023

MODERATOR
The Reverend Dr. Julia Leeth

The Session of Grace Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas met in a STATED MEETING on Saturday, February 25, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Massey-Tucker Hall.

Attendance:

Pastors Present: Rev. Julia Leeth, Rev. Chris French

Elders Present: Earl Baudin, Deb Castillo, Ron Collins, Vic Condrey, Bert Crump, Cathy Finck, Andy Frazelle, Tory Gunsolley, Jamie Horton, Martha Hunt, Tom Lee, Keeke Russo, Lisa Schwartz, and Jim Tomforde

Excused: Russ Chase, Lisa Descant, Dorothy Hobbs, Abby Meade

Absent: n/a

Others in attendance: Traci Baudin, Daniel Baudin, Ivy Castle-Simpson, Kristi Elmore, Rev. Francisco Garibay, Doug Gleditsch, Rev. Aaron Hansz, Sharon High, Jordan Goodie, Liz Moran, Hardie Morgan, Rev. Denise Phelps, , and Candy Clarke Aldridge

Call Meeting to Order - The Rev. Dr. Julia Leeth

Open with Prayer - Elders prayed the scripture Acts 2: 42-47.

Moderator's Report - Julia addressed the Elders and Deacons who had assembled for the Church Officers Retreat today. This occurred before the Session meeting convened.

Consent agenda and Clerk's report - a motion was made to correct the January Clerk's Report to remove Trey Little's name from the list of dismissed covenant partners, since pastors are not covenant partners of Grace. The motion was seconded and approved.

New Business

- **Grace School** - The Grace School Committee asked for approval of revised cost of the school reception remodel and addition of the STEM Lab construction project. The Session previously approved this project, however there is now additional cost due to building cost inflation and a change in interior design elements. The original approved project was valued at \$1,950,000. The updated Contractor bid came in at a project cost of \$2,374,933. As this increase exceeds the \$100,000 threshold for Session approval, we are seeking approval of this increase amount. The increased expense will be funded by the school's capital funds set aside for this purpose. A motion was made to approve the increase to the bid amount. It was approved.

Strategy Team Updates

- **Ministry Support** - We are doing better than expected on reducing the deficit. 2022 was the first year-over-year increase in contributions in several years. The financial report is included in the Session packet.

There was a motion to adjourn the Session meeting and return to the Church Officers Retreat.

Julia closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk of Session