

MINUTES
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STATED MEETING OF SESSION
May 18, 2022

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Pastor Ashley at 636 pm.

Roll	Bill Alessio	Gretchen Louden	Craig Holmes	Sylvia Cavanaugh
	Kim Roider	Wilfred Tamon (ex)	Carol Dietrich	Gail Herron
	Cheryl Hunt			
	Moderator: Rev. Ashley Love			
	Clerk: Janet Sepiol			
	Guest: Suzi Treganza, Office Manager			

Devotional - Pastor Ashley asked each person for a word that best describes how they're feeling right now, especially as it relates to the church and enlarge on that. Many thoughts were shared.

Approval of Meeting Agenda - The agenda was amended to include written reports from 3 more committees and approved as amended.

Clerk's Report

- The Minutes of the March 20, 2022 Stated Meeting were approved.
- Correspondence from the Clerk of Presbytery gives information on the New Child Safety Law, updating requirements for training, background checks, policies, and procedures. We are applying for our own Department of Justice number.
- Commissioners for the May 21st Presbytery meeting via Zoom will be Carol & Gretchen.
- Gretchen will provide our luncheon for the June Session meeting.

Consent Items

Pastor's Report

- Pastor Ashley would like to provide de-escalation training for the whole congregation and is following up on some possibilities.
- The Covenant Conversation event in Sacramento on June 4, 2022 is proceeding well. There are already 40 people signed up. Participation can be live or virtual. Pastor Ashley and Charlie Briggs will be leading one of the workshops.
- Maggie Harmon, our area representative for the Presbyterian Foundation, helps churches with their planning and financing and is willing to come meet with our Session - a nice opportunity for us to get some advice. She is available to come July 24, so it was decided to hold our July Session meeting then.
- Our Food Bank video that Pastor Ashley made will be shown at Presbytery.
- The Presbytery Conference at Lake Tahoe was very energizing and worthwhile.
- Pastor Ashley will be off May 29. Our guest preacher will be Rev. Rola Al-Ashkar, the Associate Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian in Sacramento.
- Faith in the Valley is shifting its focus to a Homes Guarantee program and tenant rights.
- Dennis Dunn and Rev. David Hill from the Presbytery Committee on Vitality (formerly the Committee on Ministry) would like to come for a biennial visit. It was decided to invite them to our June 26 Session meeting.
- Our 100th birthday is coming up in less than a year, so it is time to start planning the celebration. It should be exciting - perhaps an organ concert and a big party inside and out. It was **MSP** to form a committee to arrange a 100 year birthday celebration for the church building. Pastor Ashley is willing to be the chair, and it was agreed to cast a wide net for the committee.

Discussion items

- The contract with Reality, revised by Session and by the Presbytery Finance committee, was presented. It was **MSP** to approve the revised contract with Reality. It can now be sent to Reality for their approval and signature. Contract attached
- We will update the Session Manual at our June meeting. Suzi will send out the names of those who have already submitted changes. Any other suggested changes need to be sent in soon, so they can be compiled and sent out ahead of the Session meeting. Changes submitted at the last minute would make things very difficult.

Committee Reports

Christian Education - Kim reported

- Reality has invited our children and grandchildren to attend their Vacation Bible School in July.
- There will be 2 more Tuesday evening Bible Studies, and then we will adjourn for the summer.
- There may be 2 more Sunday School sessions per month this summer, depending on schedules.

Congregational Care - Sylvia reported

- There have been many phone calls, visits, cards sent, and errands run.
- In-home communion was served on May 1 to Marjorie Wall, Francis Mendez-McPherson, and Janet Lewis.

Fellowship - Carol reported that they have been serving coffee and treats after church.

Finance, Buildings, & Grounds - Carol reported

- The parking lot has been resurfaced and re-striped.
- Our insurance review has been done.
- The committee approved use of our facilities for Reality's Quarterly Congregational meeting and their Vacation Bible School and for Ethan Albala's Rhythm Works
- Leaks have been found in the roof.
- The basement needs to be cleaned out.

Membership Review - Cheryl presented the letter the committee proposes to send to members who have become inactive, as well as the list of those people. It was **MSP** that the letter as presented will be sent to the list of people as presented. Letter and list attached

Mission - Cheryl reported

- A Family Promise Holding Fund has been established.
- The Cents-ability Holding Fund has been renamed the Cents-ability/Food Pantry Holding Fund.
- Family Promise went very well. We will be hosting again the week of June 5. The families continue to use our shower.
- There will be national events on June 11 for Guns to Gardens.

Nominating - no report

Personnel - Bill's report stated that the committee had met with Cindy Chan and Suzi Treganza for their annual reviews and recommended raises of \$1/an hour for Suzi and 3% for Cindy. It was **MSP** that Suzi receive a \$1/an hour raise and Cindy receive a 3% raise.

- Kelly Coffee is leaving. Her last day is Wednesday, May 25. She has been with us since 2016. The committee is giving her a card and gift certificate. Anyone who would like to contribute should give their donation to Suzi.

Stewardship - no report

Scholarship - Kim reported they will be meeting next week.

Support & Endowment - no report

Worship & Music - Gretchen reported the transition with Reality appears to be going well. She has spoken with John and Earl as well as Matt and Christian, and they all feel it's working. One change - nursing mothers are using the Chapel now.

Dates to remember:

May 21

May 30

June 4

June 5

Week of June 5

Presbytery meeting

Office closed for Memorial Day

Covenant Conversation event

Pentecost

Family Promise

June 7

Week of June 27

Week of June 27

Polling place

Rhythm Works/Ethan Albala - 9am - 3pm

Reality VBS - 6pm - 8pm

Next stated meeting

June 26

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Pastor Ashley at 830pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Sepiol

Clerk of Session