

MINUTES
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STATED MEETING OF SESSION
March 20, 2022

The meeting was called to order with lunch and opened with prayer by Janet Sepiol at 12:25PM.

Roll Bill Alessio (ex) Gretchen Louden Craig Holmes Sylvia Cavanaugh
 Kim Roider Wilfred Tamon Carol Dietrich Gail Herron
 Cheryl Hunt
 Moderator: Rev. Ashley Love
 Clerk: Janet Sepiol
 Guest: Suzi Treganza, Office Manager
 Visitors: Pastors Christian Simas and Matt Boga, James Boga, Amy Rush, and Angie Wei

Visitors

- Pastors Christian and Matt and Amy and Angie from Reality discussed the details of moving Reality's service to the morning. In polling their membership, they decided that the answer to the question *What's going to serve our mission best?* was answered with their moving to a 9AM service. They will shorten their service without losing liturgical elements and plan to decentralize and meet in homes for fellowship following the service. They will have a hard exit from the Sanctuary and the parking lot by 1030AM. As for parking, they agreed to keep the line of parking spaces along the gym open for our choir. We also discussed the importance of differentiating between our 2 congregations, so that we are not perceived by visitors as the same congregation. It was decided to have separate signage.

The new schedule will begin April 3, and the Reality staff was invited to our May Session meeting to check in on how everything is working for both congregations.

Pastor Ashley closed the meeting with our Reality visitors with prayer at 12:58PM.

After our Reality visitors left, Kim Roider re-opened the meeting with prayer.

Devotional - Pastor Ashley read aloud and discussed Isaiah 55:1-9.

Approval of Meeting Agenda - The Meeting Agenda was approved.

Clerk's Report:

- The Minutes of the February 26, 2022 Stated Meeting were approved
- Correspondence from the Presbytery reported an opening for a new Presbytery Recording Secretary
- Correspondence from the General Assembly reported grants available from General Assembly 2022 Unassigned Funds

Pastor's Report

- Pastor Ashley is working with Pastor Melissa at Trinity Presbyterian Church on a joint Good Friday service. It will be at Trinity at 5PM.

- For Maundy Thursday, the Thursday Bible Study group is inviting everyone to come at 11AM for study, lunch, and Communion. Lunch will be bring your own and the group will provide drinks and dessert.
- Pastor Ashley and Charlie Briggs are working with a committee to plan a Presbytery event highlighting the Coventry Network. It will be all day 9:30AM – 3:30PM on Saturday, June 4, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, across from the Capitol.
- Presbyterian Foundation, an agency of the General Assembly, helps churches with their planning and financing. Maggie Harmon is this area's representative for them, and she recently moderated a Presbytery workshop on regeneration and sustainability. Pastor Ashley attended the workshop and met Maggie, who is happy to meet with churches for planning and advice. In fact, she offered to attend a Session meeting. It was decided this could be helpful, and Ashley will follow up with her.
- Next year is our 100 year birthday, and it seems an apt time to really look at our history and our future - what are our dreams? Pastor Ashley is considering a sermon series and perhaps congregational study to look at this.

Discussion Items:

- It was decided to allow Reality to move their service to 9AM and have our service at 11AM. They have also requested to use Koinonia Hall for children's activities during that time, and that was approved. We therefore revised our license agreement with them. Pastor Ashley will send the revised contract to the Presbytery Finance Committee for their approval (they are meeting in 2 days), and then present it to Reality. It was MSP to approve the following wording in the contract:

1.(A). Reality Church shall have shared access to (but not possession of) the Sanctuary, the nursery, the kitchen, restrooms, **Koinonia Hall**, and shared access to the church parking lot. In addition, Reality Church shall have the sole use of **5** rooms/offices within the church to be selected by the parties, namely Knox Room, Calvin Room, and three (3) offices on the second floor. The church parking area shall be available for use by Reality Church. Reality Church shall have the right to use the above described areas for a period of 4 hours (**6:30AM – 10:30AM**) every Sunday **morning** and other times as agreed to by the parties.

1.(B) was deleted

4 (A) In consideration for each Sunday **or additional service** on which Reality Church makes use of the premises.

- It was MSP to table updating the Session Manual until the next Session meeting. Please send proposed changes to Suzi.

Committee Reports:

Christian Education - Kim reported

- The camera is up and operating in the nursery. It will be set to record only on Sunday mornings. Kim thanked Pastor Ashley for taking care of getting and setting up the camera.
- John Vaughn is leading the Lenten Study on Tuesdays at 630 PM.

Congregational Care – Sylvia reported

- Phone calls and visits are being made and rides provided

Fellowship – Carol reported that in person coffee hour is being rebooted

Finance, Buildings and Grounds – Carol reported

- We are finishing up on lighting, with hopes it improves security
- The parking lot will be resurfaced and striped May 2 and 3
- We have new basketball backboards. Carol thanked Doug and Craig for that project.
- The Family Promise administrators toured our facility and were happy with what they saw.

Mission – Cheryl reported

- Family Promise will be starting at FPC the week of May 8. We will know more what to expect after we see what happens in the Manteca church, which is starting in 2 weeks. We will probably have 2 families and never more than 14 people. We will get an email the week before we start with the details of who and what. Day Center is at Zion Lutheran Church.

Nominating – no report

Personnel – Ashley reported the committee is starting annual reviews

Stewardship – no report

Support and Endowment – Craig reported the committee funded 4 requests, including \$30,000 for the deficit

Worship and Music – Gretchen reported the committee is meeting tomorrow

- It was MSP that the congregation can come forward for Communion. Worship & Music will decide the details.

Thanks were given to Janet for the lunch. Cheryl will be bringing it next meeting.

It was decided not to meet in April. Our next stated Meeting will be May 15 after church.

Dates to remember:

March 27	4th Sunday of Lent
April 3	5th Sunday of Lent
April 10	Palm Sunday
April 14	Maundy Thursday – 11:00AM Bible Study, Lunch, and Communion
April 15	Good Friday - 5PM joint service at Trinity Presbyterian
April 17	Easter
May 2 -3	Parking lot resurfaced and striped
May 8 week	Family Promise

Next Stated Meeting May 15 - no April meeting

Wilfred closed us in prayer at 3:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Sepiol
Clerk of Session