

HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Session Meeting Minutes
20 July 2022
Hybrid Meeting

Moderator Rev Kent Winters-Hazelton called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM with evening prayer. A quorum was present.

Elders Present: Laurie Anderson, Ralph Bowling, Clyde Foshee, Sara Gambrell, Helen Jones, Steve Makela, David Morrison, Kathy Mounce, Patti Pinkley, Carol Pye, Mike Reed, Craig Siegenthaler, Lauren Wood.

Clerk to the Session: Cynthia Welch

Staff Present: Kent Winters-Hazelton, Charles Brockwell, Melissa Worthey.

Guests: Katherine Trentham, Marissa Galvan-Valle, Bill Williamson, Laura Welch.

Elders Excused: Ben Anderson, Nancy Owen, Chris Valentine

Elders Absent: Ann Lacy, Paul Troy

Kent talked briefly about the process HPC has been through in the last two years, and where HPC is headed. He also talked about the circle of life, with the death of Kevin Burns and birth of Zoe Loren Bostrum on the same day.

With a motion and second and no objections, the agenda was adopted.

Clerk's Report

Minutes. With a motion and a second, the minutes of the Stated Session Meeting on 15 June 2022 were approved with one correction: the lease for the apartment above the church office was to be terminated on 31 July, not 30 June.

Birth. Zoe Loren Bostrum, daughter of Rev Megan McCarty and Shannon Bostrum, 5 July 2022.

Death: Kevin Burns, 5 July 2022.

Consent Agenda

From **Church in the World**: With a **motion** and a second and no objections, the Session approved sending second quarter disbursements to HPC's mission partners (previously approved in the budget): Mid-Kentucky Presbytery (MKP), \$14,000; Cabbage Patch, \$3,000; Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM), \$2,000; Habitat, \$2,500; Highland Community Ministries (HCM), \$5,500; Portland Avenue Community Trust (PACT); \$1,000.

Open Forum

Next steps on parents' meetings and potential follow-up discussions. Sara Gambrell said she and Ann Lacy met with some of the parents of HPC youth, and they are ready to move forward, instead of rehashing old issues. They would like more open communication with committees, and to possibly restructure HPC events to not be as age restricted. Sara said she felt the parents are hopeful in how they are moving forward.

Action Items

1) From **Personnel**: approve the hiring of the Rev C. Nolan Huizenga as the Bridge Transitional Pastor/Head of Staff pursuant to the covenant with MKP and the job description posted for the Session. Nolan would start on 1 August 2022.

Passed unanimously.

2) From **Personnel**: approve the end of Rev Kent Winters-Hazelton's contract as Transitional Pastor/Head of Staff as of 31 August 2022. Kent's last day will be 17 August 2022. Kent will be on the payroll though the end of September 2022.

Passed unanimously.

3) **Annual review of the church roll.** Clyde and Betsy Foshee and HPC staff have reviewed the HPC membership roll, and contacted those who have not been part of worship or the life and work of the church since the end of 2019. After reviewing 346 names, sending personalized letters by mail or email, and including an addressed and stamped postcard to be returned within three weeks, the final number to remove is 112 (full list is available on the Session private page on the website). **Approved unanimously.**

4) **Elect commissioners** to the called special MKP meeting on 21 July 2022: Carol Pye, Craig Siegenthaler, Kathy Mounce. **Approved unanimously.**

Open Forum (continued)

Design and process to welcome the next pastor. Kent went over some of the things UPC members can do to welcome the next pastor (both Nolan and the permanent Pastor/Head of Staff, when that happens). A few of them are: be welcoming; nurture trust and relationship; have clear channels of communication: find the new pastor's interests, and provide them information about activities in the Louisville area; dedicate time for the staff to bond with the pastor; harness the enthusiasm that comes with the arrival of a new pastor; pray for the new pastor and his or her family; send him or her a welcome note or email; embrace the uniqueness of the pastor; celebrate his or her special gifts and strengths; be prepared to follow; make the welcome intentional; have a transition team; remain open minded and open hearted. Nolan will be welcomed in the service on 14 August.

Committee Reports

Worship and Spiritual Life. No report. Communion was served on 3 July 2022.

Stewardship. No report.

Property. Clyde Foshee. The lease on the apartment over the office will not be terminated on 31 July, but has gone month to month effective 30 June.

Personnel. Nothing additional.

PNC. Martin Hall has stepped up to be co-chair with Linda Valentine. The committee is reviewing a new set of names.

Finance. Mike Reed. A review of HPC financial protocols is overdue. He will ask if any HPC members have the expertise to do it.

Fellowship. Ralph Bowling. Planning continues for Pres Fest and Arts on the Corner on 25 September.

Earth Care. No report.

CNC. No report.

Church in the World. Nothing additional.

Christian Education. No reports. Michael Harper and Rhonda Hibdon are open to staying on, and will have six-month reviews.

Deacons. Kathy Mounce. The Deacons continue to communicate among themselves and help in the congregation where needed.

Kent welcomed Melissa Worthey back to HPC as Pastoral Assistant filling in while Megan is on parental leave.

Pastors' Reports

Kent. Kent's final report, reviewed with the Personnel committee, will be part of the Session meeting on 17 August.

Melissa. She has been working with the HPC community relief fund, and has contacted each committee chair.

With a motion and a second and no objections, the meeting was adjourned with prayer at 7:16 PM.

Respectfully,

Cynthia B Welch
Clerk to the Session