

HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Session Meeting Minutes
17 August 2022
Hybrid Meeting

Moderator Rev Kent Winters-Hazelton called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM with evening prayer. A quorum was present.

Elders Present: Ben Anderson, Laurie Anderson, Ralph Bowling, Clyde Foshee, Sara Gambrell, Helen Jones, Ann Lacy, Steve Makela, David Morrison, Kathy Mounce, Nancy Owen, Patti Pinkley, Carol Pye, Mike Reed, Craig Siegenthaler, Paul Troy, Chris Valentine, Lauren Wood.

Clerk to the Session: Cynthia Welch

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

Guests: Becky Slagle, CE Committee; Joel Weible, CoM Liaison; Katherine Trentham and Bill Williamson, CoM Task Force.

Kent welcomed Rev Nolan Huizenga, HPC's incoming Bridge Transitional Pastor. The Elders introduce themselves for Nolan's benefit. Nolan thanked Kent for his service to HPC.

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

Clerk's Report

Minutes. With a motion, a second, and no objections, the minutes from the Stated Session meeting on 20 July were approved.

Membership Changes. Megan and Bobby Franklin transferred to First Presbyterian Church, Jeffersonville IN. Lynn Wenzel has asked to have her membership restored. With a motion and a second and no objections, these changes were approved.

Death: Margy Ann Palmer, 1 August 2022

Consent Agenda

The Session approved the curriculum for Sunday school, youth group advisors, and anticipated fundraisers for HPC youth or the 2022-2023 school year (see Christian Education report on Session private page).

Open Forum

1) Update on the LPTS candidacies of people associated with HPC. Carol Pye.

a) Shannon Bostrum. He finished CPE on 15 August, and plans to apply for a full year CPE residency after graduation from LPTS in May 2023.

b) Ken Schuck. He has decided to convert to Judaism, and will be sending a formal letter to resign as Inquirer.

c) Melissa Worthey. She has been approved to enter the Candidacy phase through Presbytery of the Mid-South in Tennessee.

2) Review of the Transitional Pastor's evaluation. Kent presented his evaluation of his time at HPC in the past two years, for Session review. MKP will also receive an evaluation. The evaluation will stay on the Session private page on the HPC website, and the Session can share it if they so choose. The Session expressed appreciation and thanks to Kent for his service.

The mission study needs follow-up attention. The previous committee has fallen apart, so Nolan will work with the Session to move it forward.

Action Items

None

Committee Reports

Christian Education. Becky Slagle. The committee is encouraging parents to be group leaders. Montreat went well, despite two adult covid cases in the HPC group. Adult education has an Earth Care speaker on 11 Sept, which begins the monthly speaker series.

Church in the World. No report.

CNC. Will start to work again in a couple of months.

Earth Care. The raised garden beds are available, and will be installed soon.

Fellowship. Ralph Bowling. PresFest 25 Sept - Food will all be packaged, and there will be three food trucks on site. People will buy their own.

Finance. Mike Reed. The annual financial review will be conducted by church members this year. Working on a method for STITCH to be able to take credit card payments.

PNC. They are continuing to virtually interview candidates.

Personnel. Craig Siegenthaler. Organist Ben Weaver resigned to take a position in Florida; Brian Allred is temporarily filling in. Employees' short-term disability benefits coverage is moving to a plan with the PC(USA) Board of Pensions.

Property. Various tweaks, fixes, and updates going on.

Race Equity. No report.

Stewardship. Ben Anderson. Stewardship Sunday is 13 November.

Worship and Spiritual Life. Carol Pye. Communion was served on 7 August.

Deacons. Kathy Mounce. Deacons took cookies to the Sages.

College care packages. Cynthia Welch. The Session has been asked to choose a month to send care packages to HPC college students. After discussion, the Session decided on \$5 Target gift cards, plus some other items to send in September. Cynthia will coordinate, and get the number needed from Steve Holmes.

Pastors' Reports

Melissa. The HPC Community Fund is now over \$2000. There was some discussion about how to keep this fund replenished.

Nolan. He read a Blessing for Equilibrium, and talked about how welcome he has been made to feel.

Charles. He spoke about continuing to do the ministry that HPC has always done.

Kent. He thanked the Session for its service over the past 24 months. He spoke to how deeply supportive Megan and Vini have been, and gave kudos to all the HPC staff. He asked the Session to lift up the staff in prayer as HPC goes forward. Kent said he is leaving with signs of hope, and encouraged the Session to share those signs.

With a motion, a second, and no objections, the meeting was adjourned with prayer at 7:43 PM.