

HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Session Meeting Minutes
14 December 2022
Hybrid Meeting

Moderator Rev Megan McCarty called the meeting to order with prayer at 7:23 PM, after a shared dinner with the Deacons. A quorum was present. Rev Nolan Huizenga led evening worship and small group sharing.

Elders Present: Laurie Anderson, Ralph Bowling, Clyde Foshee, Sara Gambrell, Helen Jones, Ann Lacy, Steve Makela, David Morrison, Kathy Mounce, Nancy Owen, Patti Pinkley, Craig Sieganthaler, Paul Troy, Chris Valentine.

Clerk to the Session: Cynthia Welch

Staff Present: Megan McCarty, Nolan Huizenga, Charles Brockwell

Guests: Edward Caruthers, PNC

Elders Excused: Carol Pye

Elders Absent: Ben Anderson, Lauren Wood

With a motion and a second, the meeting agenda was adopted.

Clerk's Report

Minutes. The Stated Session Meeting Minutes from 16 November were approved with a motion and a second. The Congregational meeting minutes from 4 December 2022 were received with one change.

Membership Change. Viola Blackwell has requested a transfer to First Presbyterian Church, Paducah KY. It was approved with a motion and a second.

Baptism. Matilda Anderson, daughter of Ben and Jesse Anderson, was baptized on 27 November 2022.

Consent Agenda

1) From **Church in the World:** Approve 4th quarter giving: HCM, \$5,500; Cabbage Patch, \$3,000; Habitat, \$5,000; KRM Operating, \$2,000; Mid-Kentucky Presbytery Shared Support, \$14,000; PACT, \$1,000. Additional disbursements: LPTS Theological Education Fund, \$1,000; Buckhorn Children's Home, \$2,000; KRM Family Sponsorship, \$2,500; Atkinson Elementary, \$1,000; Coalition for the Homeless, \$2,000; Metropolitan Housing Coalition, \$100; transfer to HPC Community Relief Fund, \$1,000; Louisville Youth Group, \$500; UKIRK, \$500; Cedar Ridge, \$1,000; Presbyterian World Mission (Ian and Jhan CoWorkers), \$1,500; Presbyterian World Mission (Tracy Ortega CoWorkers), \$1,500; Presbyterian World Mission (Cobbie and Dessa CoWorkers), \$1,500; South Louisville Community Ministries, \$1,500; West Louisville Community Ministries, \$1,500; Central Louisville Community Ministries, \$1,500; Simmons College, \$1,000; Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, \$2,500. New gifts: Louisville Grows, \$1,200; Grace Hope Presbyterian Church,

\$5,000; Mid-Kentucky Presbytery (dedicated for medical debt), \$4,000; Louisville Urban League, \$2,500.

2) From **Worship and Spiritual Life**: Approve the 2023 Communion schedule (posted on Session private page).

3) From **Finance**: Approve an additional signer on the Baird brokerage account. Signers will be Jim Crowley, Clyde Foshee, and David Morrison.

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

Committee Reports

(brief reports as needed due to time constraints)

Finance. David Morrison presented a draft budget for 2023. It is 94% funded for a \$1.6M budget. In 2021, there was a \$125,000 surplus from the year before. In 2022, there was only a \$10,000 surplus.

Personnel. Craig Siegenthaler. Craig is rotating off Personnel. In January, there will be further discussion about the youth and children's positions. Nolan's contract has been extended for six months, until the end of June 2023.

PNC. Edward Caruthers. The PNC is still in conversation with candidates. The committee is taking a much-needed and well-deserved hiatus until the second week of January.

Property. The committee would like \$100,000 from the remaining capital campaign funds (not operating budget) for improvements to Walker-Nevin and PNC buildings.

Fellowship. Ralph Bowling. Caroling in the neighborhood is 18 December at 5 PM, with hot chocolate on the patio afterwards.

Stewardship. Session will help write thank you notes to those who have pledged for 2023.

Worship and Spiritual Life. Communion was served on 4 December 2022.

Pastors' Reports

Megan. She has recorded her sermon from Sunday, and it will be posted.

Nolan. There will be two Christmas Eve services, at 4:30 and 9 PM. Prayers for staff during Advent.

Affirmations and Concerns

The person who had the medical event on Sunday is out of the hospital; the Deacons are following up. Nolan said how much he and Megan appreciated the care and concern for her from the congregation during the event.

With a motion and a second, the meeting was adjourned with prayer at 8:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia B Welch
Clerk to the Session