

**HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Session Meeting Minutes**  
**18 January 2023**  
**Hybrid Meeting**

Moderator Rev Nolan Huizenga called the meeting to order at 6:16 PM. Rev Megan McCarty led evening prayer. A quorum was present.

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

Clerk to the Session: Cynthia Welch

Staff Present: Nolan Huizenga, Megan McCarty, Charles Brockwell.

Guests: Joel Weible, CoM Liaison; Steve Holmes.

Elders Excused: Ben Anderson, Sara Gambrell.

The agenda was adopted by consent.

**Clerk's Report**

Minutes. The minutes of the Stated Session meeting on 14 December 2022 were approved by consent.

Deaths. Ron Mikulak, 10 January 2023; Pat Dolack, 17 January 2023.

Membership Changes. Renata DeWees has requested a transfer of membership to Harvey Browne, along with her daughter Daphne and son Worth. The transfer was approved by general consent.

Mid-Kentucky Presbytery. The next meeting is Saturday, 25 February, at Second Presbyterian Church. Commissioners elected with a motion and a second and no objections are Nancy Owen, Clyde Foshee, Patti Pinkley, and Cynthia Welch.

**Consent Agenda**

From Church in the World: **Motion:** move \$5000 from CITW budget into the contingency fund for committee dispersal. Approved by general consent.

**Growing in Spiritual Community**

David Morrison, chair of the finance committee, led the Session in small group discussion around the HPC budget and spiritual community. Finance is intentionally proposing a budget with a deficit of around \$90,000. The last two deficit budgets were in 2014 and 2015. If need be, funds can be taken from the Memorial Fund. After prayerful discussion in small groups, the consensus was to go ahead with the budget as it stands with the deficit. Most felt HPC is on track to grow membership, and that there is a new feeling of hope surrounding the direction HPC is going, and this will be reflected as the year progresses.

### **Committee Reports**

PNC. No report, they are on a well-deserved brief hiatus.

Deacons. Kathy Mounce. The Deacons have been busy with memorial receptions around the recent deaths of two members, along with their regular connection with members.

Youth. Lauren Wood. The youth fundraiser trivia night is 29 January.

Worship and Spiritual Life. Carol Pye. Information will be sent out for volunteers to serve communion in February and March. Prayer partnerships are returning. Communion was served on 8 January 2023.

Stewardship. Has not met.

Race Equity. Has not met.

Property. No report.

Personnel. Ann Lacy. **Motion:** The committee requests a 3% raise for all employees, retroactive to 1 January 2023, and a 3.5% increase for Rev McCarty, pending approval at the Annual Meeting next month. Approved unanimously. Scott Morrison has been hired part-time for the website and social media.

Finance. David Morrison. **Motion:** approval of the 2023 budget, with deficit. Approved unanimously. **Motion:** The committee requests up to \$125,000 from the Legacy Fund (current value: \$241,000) for updates and refreshing for HPC's campus buildings. Approved unanimously.

Fellowship. Ralph Bowling. Wednesday dinner in February will be on Ash Wednesday, 22 February, at 5 PM (not on 15 February before the Session meeting).

Earth Care. Megan McCarty. Will meet next week.

CNC. Laurie Anderson. They have a good slate of nominations for Elders and Deacons.

Children's Education. Nancy Owen. They are planning for spring, and working on matching adults and children as church buddies.

Adult Education. Megan. Instead of a Lenten Devotional this year, HPC members are encouraged to read and reflect upon *Meeting Jesus at the Table*, by Cynthia Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr.

### **Pastors' Reports**

Megan. No day is the same, and there is a lot happening at HPC right now. She has been doing long-range planning with Nolan.

Nolan. The staff has a retreat coming up on 6 February.

HPC's Annual Meeting will be on 12 February 2023 at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

The meeting was adjourned by speaking the truth in love with each other, and prayer for others.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia B Welch  
Clerk to the Session

