

HIGHLAND PREBYTERIAN CHURCH
Session Meeting Minutes
19 April 2023
Hybrid Meeting

Moderator Rev Nolan Huizenga called the meeting to order with evening prayer at 6:16 PM. A quorum was present. There was small group discussion concerning feelings about the mass shooting in Louisville.

Elders Present: Colleen Abate, Ralph Bowling, Jane Burbank, Kimberlee Burns, Amelia Connally, Jim Crowley, Tim Daniel, Sara Gambrell, Helen Jones, Ann Lacy, Cooper Osbourne, Nancy Owen, Patti Pinkley, Carol Pye, Nancy Reed, Sallie Stevens, Paul Troy, Chris Valentine.

Clerk to the Session: Cynthia Welch

Staff Present: Nolan Huizenga

Guests: Patricia Connally and Kathy Reed, PNC.

Elders Excused: David Morrison, Kathy Mounce, Craig Siegenthaler

The agenda was adopted with no objections.

PNC. Kathy Reed and Patricia Connally made a **motion** asking the Session to call a congregational meeting on Sunday, 7 May 2023, following the 11 AM worship service, for the purpose of receiving and acting on their nomination for Pastor/Head of Staff. It was **unanimously approved**.

Clerk's Report

Minutes. The minutes from the Stated Session Meeting on 15 March and the Called Session Meeting on 19 March were approved with no objections.

Committee Reports

Deacons. No report.

Finance. Chris Valentine for David Morrison. HPC is running less of a deficit than expected, and the books are in good order. As part of the agreement with the HPI loan, HPC will have a work day on 13 May at 10 AM to haul items out of two houses HPI is rehabbing.

Fellowship. Ralph Bowling. Upcoming events are the picnic at Cedar Ridge (30 April), Pentecost picnic (28 May after church), PRIDE parade (15 June).

Earth Care. No report. They hosted a display at dinner earlier tonight.

Church in the World. Jim Crowley. The committee made a **motion** to use \$250 from the CITW contingency fund to help sponsor HCM's Drag Revival happening during PRIDE in June. It was **approved unanimously**.

Children's Ministry. Nancy Owen. Lots of activities being planned, including Tween Camp and VBS.

Adult Education. March events were successful: David Dobson's talk about books that are exciting Presbyterians today, Cynthia Campbell's discussion about her book, *Meeting Jesus at the Table*, and the screening of the documentary *At the River: A Memoir of Struggle and Grace in the Segregated South*. They are working on scheduling summer events.

Youth Ministry. Cooper Osbourne. Youth will visit Montreat this summer. Senior recognition is 21 May, and confirmation Sunday is 28 May.

Worship and Spiritual Life. Carol Pye. Communion servers are needed for the modified intinction method HPC is using now; Carol will send an email. Communion was served on 2 and 9 April.

Stewardship. Tim Daniel. HPC is 3% ahead in stewardship at this point.

Race Equity. No report.

Property. No report.

Personnel. Ann Lacy. The committee is looking at permanently filling the children and youth positions, as well as looking at overall configuration of jobs and positions open.

Pastors' Reports

Megan. She is out with covid, but thanked those who helped pull together the prayer vigil this past week.

Nolan. He said he was thankful for the extra care for staff while he was at Princeton on study leave.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia B Welch
Clerk to the Session