

HPC STATED SESSION MEETING

January 23, 2025

Rev. Chuck Goodman Moderator

LaCleta Hall

Clerk of Session

Elders: L. Bremhorst, D. Parker, M. Jungmeyer, K. Sorensen, F. Newman, S. Essenburg

Absent: Jeff Wake, Kelly Hammack

1. Meeting convened at 6:30 pm w/ Lighting of the Christ Candle, Kathy reading a devotional and offering prayer. A quorum was present and the agenda set.
2. MSA Motion to approve the Consent Agenda:
 - a) Approve Stated Session Minutes 12/19/2024
 - b) Approve Called Session Minutes 1/12/2025
 - c) Communion Served: 12/22/24, 1/5/225
 - d) Deacons Minutes 11/7/24
 - e) No membership changes
3. CLERK'S REPORT:
 - a) Calendar Summit Feedback 1/11/25
 - b) No correspondence received
 - c) Requested a volunteer for the Great Rivers Presbytery meeting February 11, 2025
4. FINANCIAL REPORT:
 - a) Balances as of 12/31/24: Operating: \$51,167.13 Designated: \$43,304.35 RHF: \$20,466.11
Total Assets: \$114,637.59
 - b) Significant increase in pledges for 2024 w/ \$14,566.38 surplus after the expected budgeted shortfall of \$35,716.
 - c) RHF funds base value increased \$8,180.26 with distribution going into the Action Funds.
 - d) Solar panel energy savings evident—35-40 % of energy produced being used by our facility.
 - e) David will be scheduling a RHF financial review meeting and asking for volunteers to serve on committee.
 - f) It would be helpful to have pledge totals earlier in the fall to help plan the budget, especially for Personnel. This is difficult since pledges come in throughout the year.
 - g) MSA Motion to receive the financial reports.
5. PASTOR'S REPORT:
 - a) Good News! HPC received a \$5,000 donation from Wayne Lowry and a \$100,000 donation from Keith Sheckler estate. Further discussion is needed on how to put money to good use.
 - b) A lot of uncertainty w/ Personnel issues concerning the music staff situation and determining how to proceed without Tom Heintzelman and Virginia Hosking. Several church members have helped fill the gap w/ worship music until June along with Cal Piland, Interim choir director and Jamie Grenwald-organ/piano substitute.
 - c) Pastor presented a proposal to plan a Worship Renewal Workshop by Rev. Dr. Amantha Barbee later this year. Her fee is \$1000 w/ additional costs of travel and lodging. He will send elders a copy of the proposal. This workshop would help the Worship Team get focused on how to proceed w/ the HPC music program-this is an opportunity for all interested music members to listen, ask questions, and consider options.
 - d) Currently the Worship Team meets the first Tuesday on the Month with Lectionary Study at 6 pm and worship meeting at 7 pm.
 - e) Plans are underway to have special celebrations for Tom (TBD) and Virginia (June 8). Virginia still attends staff meetings, helps with music selection, and assists Cal.

6. CURRENT BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION:

- a) Baptism of Megan and Remington Grant scheduled this Sunday January 29, Richard Deal, the grandfather, is making each girl a special cross.
- b) Personnel Committee has updated staff contracts.
- c) Building Request for District 19 Alcoholics Anonymous meeting for March 22, 2025 approved.
- d) Question was raised about the need for a member talent survey to be done. No decision made.
- e) Discussion on the Congregational Meeting on February 2- David will prepare information about Raising Hope funds and the solar panel project.
- f) New officers installation scheduled for June 22 w/ elections on June 1. Nancy Seefeldt still needs installed as a deacon.
- g) MSA Motion to approve the 2024 Annual Report with additions and corrections. Changes to Ginny ASAP!
 - Add Book Club and Films & Faith reports. Linda will contact Dave Ross a/ Chris Westerlund.
 - David will add a new statement for #8 on the Bldg. &Gr. report.
 - It may be helpful to add committee chair persons names and a list of important phone numbers to the report.

7. TEAM REPORTS:

- a) Bldg. & Gr: New trash service provider to be hired after Republic contract ends in October 2025.
- b) Pastor was wearing his new panic button and told locations of the others in the building.
- c) Faith Formation: Women of Hope Brunch Feb. 9 w/ Men of Hope preparing the meal. Retreat plans are moving ahead. Next Children's event yet to be scheduled.
- d) Fellowship: Baptism celebration to be this Sunday January 19 for Grant children.
- e) Mission: Jane Addams project –plans for Women of Hope to provide sweat pants. Heartland House project finished.
- f) Nominating: Phone calls still being made. No report.
- g) Personnel: Kathy Sorensen is the Session liaison for the February meeting.
- h) Worship: Lectionary study at 6 pm and team meeting at 7 pm. Everyone welcome to attend.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Frank suggested a meeting w/ all non-HPC groups to improve communication and offer church assistance to them as needed. Ginny currently stays in touch with the groups.

NEXT STATED SESSION MEETING: FEBRUARY 27, 2025 6: 30 pm

Opening Prayer for February: Marcia Jungmeyer

Closing Prayer: David Parker

Elder of the Month for February: Jeff Wake

Elder of the Month for March: Kelly Hammack

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20 pm with Sheryl closing with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
LaCleta Hall Clerk