

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STATED SESSION MEETING

May 22, 2025

Rev. Chuck Goodman Moderator

LaCleta Hall Clerk of Session

Elders: L. Bremhorst, D. Parker, K. Sorensen, J. Wake, S. Essenburg, K. Hammack

Absent: F. Newman, M. Jungmeyer

1. Lighting of the Christ candle with Kathy reading a devotional and opening prayer. A quorum was present and the agenda set.
2. Consent Agenda : MSA Motion to approve consent agenda .
  - a) Approve Stated Session Meeting Minutes 2/27/25 & 4/24/25
  - b) E-vote 5/14/25: Approve request to Great Rivers Presbytery to suspend ruling elder term limit for Linda Bremhorst to serve another 3 year term (class of 2028).
  - c) Communion served 5/4/2025 Dr. Rev. A. Barbee and Rev. Goodman
  - d) Great Rivers Presbytery report 4/29/2025
3. ORDER OF THE DAY:
  - a) Received new member Pam Denby by Reaffirmation of Faith-previous attendance at Girard Methodist Church. Will be installed as new member June 1, 2025.
4. CLERK'S REPORT: NA No correspondence received.
5. FINANCIAL REPORT: David Parker
  - a) Bank balances as 5/20/25: Operating: \$80,360.61 Designated: \$49,375.83 Money Market \$20,496.41 (solar rebate ?), RHF Action Fund \$22,703.50
  - b) Net income is positive at \$31,824 and pledges are ahead of last year. Pledges at 43.29% and Per Capita 60.09%
  - c) Over budget for guest personnel (207.51%) and Video Operator (54.57%). Overages due to contract changes with staff.
  - d) MSA Motion to receive the financial reports.
6. PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Goodman
  - a) He asked elders to share their reflections about the Worship Summit May 2-3 w/ Dr. Rev. Barbee. HPC has not received her follow-up report yet. She thanked the church for her care and hospitality while with us.
  - b) Much discussion concerning music staff positions-how it will affect worship, what does the congregation expect, salary costs for any new hire, qualifications a/ expectations of music staff to be considered and clarified. Job description to be formulated by end of summer for any position (s).
  - c) A decision to develop a congregational survey re: our current music program and current worship practices to be completed this summer.
  - d) Cal Piland, Virginia Hosking, and Jamie Grenwald will continue w/ summer music program working together with planning and implementation.
7. CURRENT BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS:
  - A) NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Kelly Hammack  
The proposed slate of new officers for 2025-2026:  
Elders: Linda Bremhorst (2028), Laurie Newman (2027), Kelly Hammack (2028)  
Deacons: Dawn Tarrant (2026), Rob Forysth (2027), Grace Nolan (2028)  
Current Raising Hope Committee: Tom King, Linda Hinsman, David Parker, Jim Bremhorst
  - B) ORGAN PROPOSAL: Tom Heintzelman

- Tom submitted a proposal requesting consideration for purchase of remainder of organ section. Currently, \$6,264.00 has been donated. Due to rising costs, completion of the organ could exceed \$38,000. A decision to postpone action on this request.
- C). Money in the Talent Grant line in the Designated account has \$200.00 which will be move to new category for the Hope Gardeners.
  - D). David Parker reviewed the first reading a/ document changes for the revised Raising Hope Program. Any suggestions for changes should be sent to him ASAP. A lot of work was done by the committee . (Charlie Minert, Becky Cantrall, Tom King, Grace Nolan, David Parker). The second reading for approval w/ changes to be done at the June meeting.
  - E). Building Request: Sheryl Essenburg  
Request from David Ross to use the building for the Prairie Weavers Guild Sunday June 22 1-3 pm (about 9 members). MSA Motion to approve this request.

8. TEAM REPORTS:

- A. Bldg. & Gr: Bids and discussion on new flooring for north hallway underway. Costs could be between \$10,000-\$40,000. The committee will submit a proposal to Session when decisions are made. Energy savings w/ new solar panel very significant.
- B. Safety Committee: Six panic buttons have been installed in the building. CPR/AED re-certification being scheduled for later this summer. Six individuals have gone through STOP THE BLEED training. A quality first aid kit is being purchased to place by the AED machine in the hallway in case of an emergency.
- C. COMMUNICATION: June meeting being scheduled.
- D. FAITH FORMATION: Movie night for children was a success. Next event not yet planned.
- E. FELLOWSHIP: Game Night May 30-sign up sheet posted in hallway. Summer breakfast June 14 at Café Moxo.
- F. MISSIONS: Jane Addams school to receive Pentecost offering. Garage sale profits may go to James Project (undecided). Rice meal kits activity be planned-\$2,000 part of Hope In Action.
- G. NOMINATING: report earlier in the minutes
- H. PERSONNEL: New job description for Administrative Assistant has been written by Ginny Self. Pastor will get copies for Session to review. A second child care worker is being sought for hire.
- I. WORSHIP: Worship Planning date June 28 10-12:00 at the Illinois Presbyterian Home. August 23 10-12:00 another planning time w/ Worship Summit attendees invited to attend. Worship Team meets first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm.

9. OTHER:

- a) Sheryl asked about the Nursery policy-Session will review this before going to Personnel
- b) Transition Meeting w/ all deacons and elders moved to Wednesday June 25 at 6:30 pm. NOTE: Date change from June 26 since the building is being used for another activity.
- c) New elder rotation scheduled to be completed once new officers are installed.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:40 pm Linda closed w/ reading from Max Lucado and offered prayer for the concerns shared by the elders and Pastor Goodman.

Elder for June: David Parker

Next Session Meeting: June 25, 2025 6:30 pm

Opening Prayer for June: Marcia Jungmeyer

Closing Prayer: LaCleta Hall

Respectfully Submitted,

LaCleta Hall Clerk of Session