

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STATED SESSION MEETING

TRANSITION MEETING WITH DEACONS JUNE 25, 2025

Rev. Chuck Goodman Moderator LaCleta Hall Clerk of Session

Deacons and Elders (current and new officers) gathered for a meeting at 6 pm and enjoyed a delicious taco bar provided by Linda Bremhorst and her team of helpers. Pastor asked the out-going officers to share thoughts about their time of service and presented them with a gift. Offices leaving: Bonnie Cartwright (deacon), Marcia Becker (deacon), Frank Newman (elder), and Linda Bremhorst (elder but who will serve another 3 yr. term). He explained the duties for each group, asked everyone to listen for the will of God, and to use the gifts they have been given. He read a statement from FOR ONE WHO HOLDS POWER before the two groups separated for their individual meetings.

SESSION MEETING (convened at 7 pm)

Elders: K. Sorensen, J.Wake, L. Newman, K. Hammock, S. Essenburg, L. Bremhorst, M. Jungmeyer, D.Parker,
Not Present: S. Fritz

1. Meeting opened w/ Lighting of the Christ Candle and Marcia offered prayer. A quorum was present and the agenda set.
2. CLERK'S REPORT:
 - a) Approve Stated Session Meeting Minutes 5/22/25 w/ correction of 8 F. "Garage sale profits to go to Clean Slate and the James Project".
 - b) Congregational Meeting Minutes 6/15/25 w/ correction: Sally Fritz (2027) and Laurie Newman (2028)
 - c) Ordination and Installation of Officers Class of 2028 6/15/2025
 - d) Communion served: 6/1/25, 6/8/25 (Pentecost)
 - e) E-vote 6/15/25 Motion passed for building use request from Carlene Miller
 - f) Deacons Meeting Minutes- no June meeting
 - g) No correspondence.
3. FINANCIAL REPORT
 - a) Balances as of 6/1/25: Operating: \$78,737.90 Designated: \$54,794.71 Money Market:\$20,496.41 RHF Action Fund: \$20,935.15 Total Assets (w/ Pastor's FSA) \$177,005.03
 - b) Sue Hack given permission to use Talent Grant money for HPC Gardeners
 - c) Net Operating Income is positive: \$28,554.35 a/ pledges ahead of last year \$114,223.71
 - d) Pledges at 48.04% and Per Capita at 62.28 %
 - e) Some additional income due to solar rebates. Discussion and clarification about the solar rebates and how the money will be used. We received \$25,469.53 in January and will receive \$31,656 in May-a \$500.00 fee taken out for accountant services.
 - f) Budget overage remains for Guest Personnel and Video Operator expenses.
 - g) Suggestion was made to provide a periodic financial update to the congregation-this could be done by e-blast or in church bulletin.
 - h) MSA Motion to receive the financial reports.
4. CURRENT BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS
 - A) Session meeting day and time set: Fourth Thursday (4) at 6:30 pm. Pastor will text and e-mail information to elders.

- B) MSA Motion to approve Jim Bremhorst (Treasurer), LaCleta Hall (Clerk of Session and Elected Commissioner) for 2025-2026. Marica Jungmeyer will be alternate commissioner.
- C) The Elder Rotation schedule was distributed. Any changes send to LaCleta ASAP for possible revision. New officers will need to get a key for the office door.
- D) Kelly Hammack volunteered to chair the Nominating Committee for this coming year.
- E) Session Liaisons for committees:

Bldg. & Gr: Kathy Sorensen	Worship & Music: Marcia J. Kelly H., Sally F.
Communications: Jeff Wake	Personnel- Laurie Newman
Faith Formation: Linda Bremhorst	Nominating: Kelly Hammack
Fellowship: Sheryl Essenburg	
Missions: Kathy Sorensen	
- F) RAISING HOPE FUND PROGRAM
David distributed revised policy from the committee of 9-this is considered a 2nd reading w/ a vote in July. MSA Motion to accept as a 2nd reading.

G). PIPE ORGAN COMPLETION PROJECT

The Moderator reported on the research in the Session minutes from April 25, 2024 about the organ completion action taken. The minutes of April 25, 2024 stated that the Session approved "moving forward with the recommendation from the Worship Team". Much discussion ensued.

- 1) To approve the completion of the pipe organ as soon as possible asking the Session to figure out funding and recommends the project be overseen to be "inaugurated" by Virginia and dedicated in her honor before she retires.
- 2) Requests that a Pipe Organ Task Force be created, coordinated by Tom Heintzelman, Virginia Hosking, one current elder from Session, one Finance Team member, and someone from Building & Grounds to research the cost and effort involved and move forward to complete the job.
- 3) Suggests Session approve use of designated and undesignated memorial funds to seed a fundraiser to fund the pipe organ completion in honor of Virginia and in memory of those whose memorials are dedicated to it inviting the congregation to contribute to the completion with memorial gifts.
- 4) Pastor Chuck recommends Virginia Hosking be recognized as Organist Emerita in appreciation and honor of her 50 years as Hope's Organist, Music Director, and Worship Arts Director.

Moderator clarified that a "rescind" would not be in order.

MOTION: Given the extreme changes in our music staff, the Session is putting a hold on the first three recommendations (April 25, 2024) of the Pipe Organ Completion Project until a music director is hired and can provide input on the feasibility and advisability of completing the organ.

H Mention was made of HPC'S 60th anniversary in 2026-a small celebration may be considered. Sheryl will talk to the Fellowship Committee.

5. TEAM REPORTS

- A) Bldg. & Gr: West door handle needs replaced-still difficult to open. Tree in courtyard needs trimmed to prevent falling limbs.
- B) Safety Committee-Re-certification training is to be scheduled for AED/CPR for individuals who took the first training. A new, more complete first aid kit placed in hallway near AED machine. Panic button locations were shared for new elders.
- C) FAITH FORMATION: Retreat to be planned for October and a Funeral Planning Program for Aug. 30
- D) FELLOWSHIP: Graduate celebration planned for July and a gathering at the Wakery July 26
- E) FINANCE: A meeting in August to begin working on budget.
- F) MISSIONS: No July meeting. Hope In Action begins July 12-Aug. 17
- G) NOMINATING: NA
- H) PERSONNEL: A second child care worker has been hired Mary Janik Start date TBD

l) WORSHIP: Virginia is providing a list of tasks and duties she has handled the last several years. Kathy is helping Virginia. Elder of the Month is responsible for preparing communion for that month. A Worship Planning time is set for Saturday June 28 at the Illinois Presbyterian Home from 9-12:00
Another planning date for August 27.

6. PASTOR'S REPORT

He is reading a book entitled: PURSUING GOD'S WILL TOGETHER. By Ruth Barton. This may be a good book to use for future study.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS: NA

MSA Motion to Adjourn: 10:00 PM LaCleta offered closing prayer

Respectfully Submitted,,

LaCleta Hall Clerk of Session