

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STATED SESSION MEETING

AUGUST 28, 2025

*No July Meeting*

Rev. Chuck Goodman Moderator

LaCleta Hall Clerk of Session

Elders: J. Wake, M. Jungmeyer, K. Sorensen, S. Fritz, D. Parker, L. Bremhorst

Excused: L. Newman, K. Hammack, S. Essenburg

1. Lighting of the Christ Candle and Jeff opened with prayer. A quorum was present and the agenda set. Pastor gave an update on several people ( passing of Roger Rasing-Dan's father, death of Rev. Grote, K. Hammack-surgery, Danielle Fox-medical, Dave Ross-surgery).
2. CLERK'S REPORT:
  - a) Approve Stated Session Meeting Minutes 6/25/2025
  - b) Called Session Meeting Minutes 7/7/25, 7/30/25
  - c) Communion Served: 7/6, 8/3
  - d) Presbytery Assembly Commissioner Report 8/19/2025
  - e) Deacons Meeting Minutes 6/25/2025
  - f) Membership Changes: Remove Patricia Patton (7/3/25) and Wayne Lowry (7/23/25) from membership roll

Correspondence:

- a) Linda Hinsman-Thank You for Noseworks trials using HPC facility
- b) E-mail from David Ross re: Library (response letter to be mailed)

3. FINANCIAL REPORT:

- a) As of 8/1/2025: Operating \$122,639.31 Designated: \$66,640.34 Money Market: \$ 20,519.67 RHF (action funds) \$21,025.49 Total Assets: \$233,874.81
- b) Pledges and Per Capita at 69.51% and 65.56% respectively
- c) Most expenses at or under 63%. Personnel and Guest Organist still over on budget
- d) No financial concerns at this time
- e) MSA Motion to receive the financial reports
- f) Task Force to begin budget process (D. Parker, J. Bremhorst, B. Cantrall, T.King) w/ budget sheets to committees in September and October begin Stewardship.. A financial review was completed 8/12/2025.
- g) Jim Bremhorst will retire from Treasurer in June.

4. CURREN BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS:

- A) Letter from Ginny Self re: handbells gift to HPC- MSA Motion to accept the gift. Jade will be in charge of Bell Ensemble. Insurance quote to be addressed to cover estimated value.
- B) Pastor shared a letter from Jade expressing her appreciation and excitement about becoming the new Music Director. She addressed several comments that were read to Session.
- C) MSA Motion to approve the revised Raising Hope Policy and to have it placed in the Policy and Procedures Manual.
- D) Adjusted Deacon/Elder flock assignments was distributed.
- E) Pipe Organ Task Force to meet 8/31/2025
- F) Building Request from Cal Piland for April 11, 2026 MSA Motion approved
- G) MSA Motion to approve Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program to be held at HPC October 18, 2025 from 9-4 pm. HPC Safety Committee will submit a report on what has been completed at HPC. Question was raised on how to handle a situation if ICE agents tried to enter the church- more information is needed to implement a process on how to respond. Marcia J. will look into

this further. Some discussion about how to assess back packs coming into the building. Safety will discuss this topic.

5. TEAM REPORTS:

- A) Bldg & Gr: New floor samples for front hallway selected-work to be done in January.
- B) COMMUNICATION: Ryan Electric addressed light issue in the sanctuary. Still some sound issues.
- C) DEACONS: New/adjusted lists were distributed
- D) FAITH FORMATION: Funeral Planning Program on Saturday August 30—10 people signed up Outdoor Game Night being planned for September
- E.) FELLOWSHIP: Weiner Roast October 12 Legacy Gathering October 9
- F) FINANCE: NA
- G) MISSION: Letters to be sent in September to agencies receiving garage sale funds (Clean Slate And James Project)
- H) NOMINATING: NA
- I) PERSONNEL: Ginny is retiring by end of February 2026. Personnel will be looking for a new hire and transition training for that person.
- J) WORSHIP: Good turnout for Worship Retreat on Saturday August 23. Kathy is writing down all the tasks that Virginia does in the church. Celebration for Cal Piland TBD

6. PASTOR'S REPORT:

- a) Expressed his gratitude and excitement for Jade Kastel
- b) Good to see Sunday attendance numbers up-new excitement and energy
- c) Commented on the amazing generosity of the congregation
- d) Looking into doing a retreat or time away in late October or early November. Possibly going to Florida to see his mother.
- e) He is considering adding a question / answer session into a sermon and may have some elders share their faith journey/testimony.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Book of Order available for Elders as well as new calendars
- b) LaCleta will send to elders proposed documents for a first reading at Session in September (Funeral Protocol, Child Abuse/Sexual Harassment, Clerk's Duties
- c) Building & Ground Committee to review Facility Use Form

Meeting Adjourned: 8:35 pm Marcia closed with prayer

Next Session Meeting: September 25, 2025 6:60 pm

September Elder of the Month: Jeff Wake  
Sept. Opening Prayer: Sheryl Essenburg

October Elder of the Month: Laurie Newman  
Closing Prayer: Sally Fritz

Respectfully Submitted,

LaCleta Hall Clerk of Session