

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SESSION MEETING MINUTES
HOUSTON, TEXAS
May 19, 2015

MODERATOR

The Rev. Trey Little

ASSOCIATE PASTORS

The Rev. Chris French

The Reverend Dr. Michael Fry

STAFF

Hardie Morgan, Executive Director of Ministry Support

Sabrina Hergert, Missions Coordinator

Susan McElroy, Pastor's Executive Assistant

Denise Phelps, Director of Adult and Encore Ministries

Broun Stacy, Director of Young Adult and College Ministries

The Session of Grace Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas met in a STATED MEETING in the Library of Grace Presbyterian Church on May 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

ELDERS PRESENT: Ronnie Braden, Paul Craig, Monika Frazelle, Phil Grant, Debbie Kaplan, Kevin Kiniry, Doug Lunn, Scott Maham, Dan Malaguilla, Myrna Maldonado, John Musgrove, Wanda Schwarz, Jim Weatherall, Sarah Williams.

ELDERS EXCUSED: Okey Akwari, Jim Davis, David Finck, Morris Harper, Matt Kiker, Doris Looper, Paul Mancillas, Kerry Moore, Lisa Schwartz, Rick Siegel, Mandy Weber

CALL TO ORDER, OPENING PRAYER AND DEVOTION: The Session Packet was provided to the Session with an agenda for this meeting, the minutes of the prior Session meeting, committee reports, and other data for the Session's review and analysis.

The Clerk took roll and declared a quorum.

The Reverend Little called the meeting to order, and we opened the meeting with prayer.

CLERK'S REPORT: Motion was made for approval of the Consent Agenda as stated below:

- Approve the minutes of the April 21, 2015 stated Session meeting.
- Approve the minutes of the May 3, 2015 called 2015 Session Meeting.
- Approve the minutes of the May 10, 2015, called 2015 Session Meeting.
- Approve the May 2015 Clerk's Report and all action items therein.

There was a second and the motion passed.

MODERATOR'S REPORT:

The Reverend Little requested the approval of Francisco Garibay to administer Sacraments in accordance with ECO. During the discussion it was determined that this same request should apply for Sabrina Hergert, Denise Phelps and Broun Stacy. Chris French is to draft an action letter for one year for all of these teaching candidates. This action was moved by Scott Maham and seconded by Dan Malaguilla. Jim Weatherall led Session in prayer for all of the candidates.

The Reverend Little asked Session to endorse Sabrina Hergert and Broun Stacy to be candidates for ordination as teaching elders within ECO. This action was moved by Scott Maham and seconded by Paul Craig then passed by Session.

The Reverend Little requested the calling of a congregational meeting for May 31st to elect Ken Purgason and Russ Chase to be ruling elders for the Session Class of 2015 and Session Class of 2016 respectively. The congregational meeting would also be used to elect Scott Maham (Class of 2015), Debbie Kaplan (Class of 2016) and Steve Murphy (Class of 2017) to the Grace Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund trustees. Ronnie Braden moved and Paul Craig seconded Session then passed.

The Reverend Little then issued the following resolution regarding an outside church Worshipping on Campus:

Resolved that, beginning June 14, 2015, the Cameroon Presbyterian Church of Houston be permitted to hold worship services on Sunday afternoons in the Molly Ann Smith building or other space as determined by the Grace staff.

This issue was discussed and Session requested that this arrangement be reviewed at least annually. This resolution was motioned by Scott Maham and seconded by Monika Frazelle. Session then approved.

The Reverend Little then brought up an issue with Communion servers. There is a need for 62 servers for Communion each month. In May there was an issue of getting enough servers. The Reverend Little then stated that we will not serve Communion in June, July or September. At that time we will revisit if Communion should be served on the first Sunday of every month. Session felt strongly that Communion should be served and if the first Sunday was a holiday Sunday we should consider going to the second Sunday. Developing a subcommittee within the Worship committee was discussed. The Worship Committee will review the issue and report back in June as to what they believe the most appropriate action should be.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration & Finance: The committee submitted a written report, which was provided in the Session Packet.

Adult & Encore Ministries: The committee submitted a written report, which was provided in the Session Packet.

Congregational Care: No report.

Family Ministries: The committee submitted a written report, which was provided in the Session Packet.

Grace School: The committee submitted a written report, which was provided in the Session Packet.

Married Life: No report.

Missions: The committee submitted a written report, which was provided in the Session Packet.

Outreach & Evangelism: No report.

Worship: The committee submitted a written report, which was provided in the Session Packet.

Young Adult: The committee submitted a written report, which was provided in the Session Packet.

New Business

Monika Frazelle raised the issue of where high school students will meet after The Well is closed in December. The facilities team is currently meeting to determine the best solution for these students.

CLOSING

There was a motion to close, a second and the motion passed. The meeting was closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Debbie Kaplan
Acting Clerk