

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SESSION MEETING MINUTES
HOUSTON, TEXAS
September 18, 2018

MODERATOR

The Rev. Dr. Trey Little

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

None

The Session of Grace Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas met in a STATED MEETING on September 18, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Attendance:

Elders Present: Candy Aldridge, Deb Castillo, Vic Condrey, Francisco Garibay, Evan Ghazi, Jenny Gottschalk, Stephanie Husmann, Jim Leeland, Terry Looper, Mike Mantel, Keith McElroy, Stephanie Mixon, Greg Morby, Hardie Morgan, John Murphy, Philip Parker, Tami Plummer, Keeke Russo, Jo Swank, Ted Teinert, Jim Tomforde, Gindi Vincent, Woody Woodruff, Greg Zuanich

Excused: Dan McElyea

Absent: John Meloy

Trey Little opened the meeting prayer, followed by with several minutes of guided prayer among the Elders.

Clerk's Report & Administrative Matters:

Candy Aldridge presented the Consent Agenda for approval. It was noted that in the minutes from last month that Jerry Hanlon was inadvertently recorded as being absent at the August 21, 2018 Stated Session meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes, as amended, and the attachments from the August 21, 2018 Stated Session meeting. It was seconded and approved.

New Business:

- **Church Officer Nominating Committee Report:** Candy Aldridge reported that the 2018 Church Officer Nominating Committee recommends a slate of six Elder and 14 Deacon nominees for congregational approval. Elder nominees for the Class of 2021 are: Dath Collins, Bert Crump, Natalie McElroy, Nnenna Okoro, Wayne Parchman and Tanner Spears. Deacon nominees for the Class of 2021 are: Grace Akwari, Tina Crump, Ken Fickes, Sally Fickes, Billie Federman, Margaret Forristall, Sheila Guthrie, Karen Hahn, Carolyn Lawlis, Jane MacFarland, Steve MacFarland, Judy Prisk, Janice Slater, and Peggy Swoboda. Additionally, the CONC identified Sharon Collins and Abby Meade to replace Tom Hall and Debbie Lunn, whose terms on the Church Officer Nominating Committee are expiring.

Conversations About Key Strategic Opportunities:

- **Annual Plan for 2018/2019 Fiscal Year:** The Ministry Support Team presented an overview of the 2018/2019 budget for Session approval. Hardie Morgan described the model on which the revenue forecasting is based. A motion was made to approve the proposed budget, and it was seconded. The motion was approved.

- **Grace School Security Resolution:** Jim Tomforde presented the results of the work the Grace School team did with the School on the issue of enhanced campus security. There are two issues: (1) Grace must consider whether to pay the \$50,000 although it was not budgeted and (2) how to ensure that Grace is part of similar future discussions before action is taken. A motion was made to approve the additional cost of \$50,000 for HPD campus security, understanding that it will be funded from reserves unless additional revenue is available at the end of the fiscal year. The motion was seconded, then approved.
- **Capital Campaign Update:** Trey reported that there were 60 advance pledges for the Capital Campaign after the September 12 worship service. Feedback to Trey continues to be positive. He asked the Elders to be in prayer for the congregation as we look toward Sunday, October 7, when the congregation presents their pledges of financial support for the campaign.

Trey Little closed the meeting in prayer.

The next Session Meeting will be held Tuesday, October 16, 2018, 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Candy Clarke Aldridge
Clerk of Session