

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SESSION MEETING MINUTES
HOUSTON, TEXAS
April 16, 2019

MODERATOR
The Rev. Dr. Trey Little

The Session of Grace Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas met in a STATED MEETING on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Attendance:

Pastors Present: The Rev. Dr. Trey Little, The Rev. Chris French

Elders Present: Candy Aldridge, Dath Collins, Bert Crump, Jim Leeland, Terry Looper, Mike Mantel, Natalie McElroy, Dan McElyea, Greg Morby, Hardie Morgan, Wayne Parchman, Philip Parker, Tami Plummer, Jo Swank, Jim Tomforde, Gindi Vincent, Woody Woodruff, Greg Zuanich

Excused: Vic Condrey, Evan Ghazi, Stephanie Mixon, Nnenna Okoro

Absent: Francisco Garibay, Tanner Spears

Others in attendance: Susan McElroy, Heather Kaemingk

Trey Little opened the meeting by reading Psalm 23 three times and asked the Elders to discuss what word or phrase had popped out to them, and then pray at their tables.

Clerk's Report & Administrative Matters

Candy Aldridge presented the Consent Agenda for approval. A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda. It was seconded and approved.

Leadership Development: The 2019 focus on living our values began with Worshipping Not Observing, and Romans 12:1-2. Heather Kaemingk, new Director of Worship and Liturgy, shared with the Elders a piece about Worship as Discipleship.

Strategy Team Opportunities: Jim Tomforde reported that the Grace School Team recently has increased their momentum in several areas, giving a few examples. He asked the Elders to pray for Grace School for guidance for the future.

New Business

- **Confirmation Class:** On May 12, the confirmands will complete their training and be received by the church. Elders should expect an invitation from Matt Davis, Director of Student Ministries, to participate in the Confirmation examination between worship services that day. A brief Session meeting will be called afterward to determine their acceptance.
- **Church Officer Nominating Committee:** The CONC met on April 13 to begin the search for six Elders and ten Deacons. Elders were urged to identify candidates and nominate them prior to May 7.

- Vision Work with Auxano: Beginning in June, the Planning Team will meet monthly with consultant Auxano to launch Grace into the future, starting with our current vision, mission and values. The project is funded outside the operating budget.

Old Business

READY Report: Contributors have pledged \$2.6 million, which includes one-time gifts. Hardie Morgan provided an update (included in the Session packet) on planned renovation, maintenance, staging and the project timeline. It is on schedule to begin construction in early-mid June.

Stewardship/Financial Update - Based on current pledges for next fiscal year, modeling points to potential revenue of \$4.3 million. The budget is planned at \$4.5 million. Within the next 45 days, the gap (\$0.2 million) will be addressed before presentation to the Session.

Financial Update - The financial report indicates that March revenue was 7% greater than budget for the month and -3% FYTD. Expenditures were -35% to budget MTD, and -4% FYTD. Compared to 2018, revenue was -3% YTD and expenses were -8%.

Mission Affinity Groups (MAG) meeting: The first MAG meeting for Elders of the three churches in our Affinity group will occur on Sunday, May 5 from 4-6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church. Elders were strongly encouraged to attend.

Ministry Support request: The Session approved a recommendation by the Ministry Support Team for expenditures from the Ready Campaign funds for the following:

Replacement of parking light poles in South and East lots	\$ 31,701
Parking lot resurfacing	229,922
Replacement of Richmond Building and Learning Center roofs	250,000
Replacement of original flat roofs	90,000
Exterior Waterproofing	52,470
HVAC Improvements (includes one Main Plant Chiller)	\$ 327,113

Dates

The next Stated Session Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 7 p.m.

Chris French closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Candy Clarke Aldridge

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Clerk of Session