

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SESSION MEETING MINUTES
HOUSTON, TEXAS
January 20, 2015

MODERATOR

The Rev. Trey Little

ASSOCIATE PASTORS

The Rev. Chris French

The Reverend Dr. Michael Fry

STAFF

Melissa Brown, Director of Missions

Hardie Morgan, Executive Director of Ministry Support

Denise Phelps, Director of Older Adult Ministries

Susan McElroy, Pastor's Executive Assistant

The Session of Grace Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas met in a STATED MEETING in the Library on January 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

ELDERS PRESENT: Okey Akwari, Ronnie Braden, Paul Craig, Jim Davis, David Finck, Monika Frazelle, Phil Grant, Morris Harper, Debbie Kaplan, Kevin Kiniry, Matt Kiker, Doris Looper, Doug Lunn, Scott Maham, Dan Malaguilla, Myrna Maldonado, Paul Mancillas, Kerry Moore, John Musgrove, Lisa Schwartz, Wanda Schwarz, Rick Siegel, Jim Weatherall, Mandy Webber, Sarah Williams, Shawn Williamson.

ELDERS EXCUSED: Eva Hollingsworth.

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

The clerk took roll and declared a quorum.

The Reverend Little called the meeting to order and Rick Siegel opened the meeting with prayer.

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

- Approve Minutes of November 18, 2014 Session Meeting

- Approve January 2015 Clerk's Report and all action items therein except the baptism of Katherine Nicole Urech which had to be rescheduled.

There was a second and the motion passed.

The clerk discussed the general rules of conduct during Session meetings and the expectation of leadership from each Elder.

MODERATOR'S REPORT: The Reverend Little noted that there were two Elder Resignations: Mr. Shawn Williamson (class of 2015) resigned via letter and in person. Shawn's resignation was the result of a significant distance between his home and Grace. After Shawn resigned, we laid our hands upon him and prayed. Eva Hollingsworth (class of 2016) also resigned for personal reasons.

The Reverend Little announced the hiring of Mr. Broun Stacey as the new Director of Young Adults and College Ministries and provided some background.

The Reverend Little announced that the presentation of Confirmands would be on March 29, 2015 and that this would be a luncheon and a Session meeting with attendance by all Elders expected.

The Reverend Little discussed the Church Officer retreat to be held at Houston Christian High School on February 7, 2015.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration & Finance: The committee submitted a written report which was provided in the Session Packet. Hardie Morgan provided some information regarding historical attendance records with an eye towards considering whether a change in the Sunday morning Schedule should be considered. He also noted that the new sound system was being planned and the cost would be a bit higher than expected.

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

Congregational Care: The committee submitted a written report which was provided in the Session Packet.

Family Ministries: The committee submitted a written report which was provided in the Session Packet. Mandy Webber also discussed the upcoming Youth Sunday, silent auction and sporting clay event.

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

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

CLOSING

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David E. Finck".

David Finck
Clerk