

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SESSION MEETING MINUTES
HOUSTON, TEXAS

January 21, 2018

MODERATOR

The Rev. Dr. Trey Little

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

The Rev. Chris French, The Rev. Chad Erb, Assistant Pastors; Hardie Morgan, Executive Director of Ministry Support; Susan McElroy, Executive Assistant, Senior Pastor; Denise Phelps, Director of Care Ministries

The Session of Grace Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas met in a STATED MEETING on JANUARY 21, 2018 at 12:00 pm.

Attendance:

Elders Present: Candy Aldridge, Deb Castillo, Vic Condrey, Francisco Garibay, Evan Ghazi, Jenny Gottschalk, Stephanie Husmann, Jim Leeland, Mike Mantel, Dan McElyea, John Meloy, Stephanie Mixon, Greg Morby, Hardie Morgan, Philip Parker, Jo Swank, Ted Teinert, Jim Tomforde, Gindi Vincent, Woody Woodruff, Greg Zuanich

Excused: Terry Looper, Keith McElroy, Tami Plummer, Keeke Russo

Absent: The Rev. Dr. Michael Fry, Associate Pastor; Jerry Hanlon, John Murphy

Also in attendance: Kathy Crippen, Rick Routzon, David Swearengin, Carrie Wall, Margaret Ellis

The Rev. Dr. Trey Little called the meeting to order and opened in prayer.

Welcome to the Class of 2020: Trey welcomed the Class of 2020 Elders to the Session.

Ordination and Installation: The Session ordained and installed these Class of 2020 church officers who were unable to attend the January 14 ordination and installation worship service. Rick Routzon and Carrie Wall (deacons) were ordained and installed, and Kathy Crippen (deacon), Francisco Garibay (elder) and David Swearengin (deacon) were installed.

Ministry Support Report: Hardie Morgan updated the Session on the status of the budget. We have collected ~ \$4.5 million versus the \$4.8 million budgeted. Grace staff and the Ministry Support Team are evaluating options to address the shortfall and balance the budget within the context of our strategy.

Bless Team – Christ Community Church, Bryan, Texas: Stephanie Hussman shared that, in November, several members of Christ Community Church (Grace's church plant) met at Grace with staff from Grace and First Presbyterian Houston. During the meeting, Grace and FPCH committed some structural and preaching support to them during the formative stages of their development. We agreed to visit their Sunday evening worship service during the upcoming months. They specifically requested that Grace Session pray for them at every Session meeting. Stephanie and Chris French led us in prayer for their church.

Dates:

1. National ECO Meeting: January 23-25, 2018 at Hilton Americas, downtown Houston. Elected delegates from Grace will attend, but Session members also are encouraged to attend the sessions.

2. Church Officer Annual Retreat: The annual retreat will occur on Saturday, February 17 at Grace from 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. The topic of the meeting is the Facilities Improvement Team report. Proposed improvements are outlined in 3 phases. Expert consultants/designers will present the report.

Additional Notes: Trey introduced the leaders of each Strategy Teams so that Class of 2020 Elders could meet the leader of the team to which they have been assigned. Trey requested that we pray for Grace members going to Haiti with Living Water International on January 27. Grace staff member Nacho Alcaez recently lost his father.

Clerk's Report & Administrative Matters: Candy Aldridge presented the Consent Agenda, which included minutes from the November 14, 2017 Session meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes. It was seconded and the minutes were approved.

The meeting was closed in prayer, remembering each payer request.

The next Session Meeting will be held Saturday, February 17, 2018, 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Candy Clarke Aldridge
Clerk of Session