

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SESSION MEETING MINUTES
HOUSTON, TEXAS
June 19, 2018

MODERATOR
The Rev. Trey Little

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

The Rev. Chris French, Associate Pastor; The Rev. Chad Erb, Associate Pastor; Susan McElroy, Executive Assistant

The Session of Grace Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas met in a STATED MEETING on June 19, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Attendance:

Elders Present: Candy Aldridge, Deb Castillo, Francisco Garibay, Evan Ghazi, Stephanie Husmann, a Jim Leeland, Mike Mantel, Keith McElroy, Dan McElyea, Greg Morby, Hardie Morgan, John Murphy, Philip Parker, Tami Plummer, Jo Swank, Ted Teinert, Jim Tomforde, Woody Woodruff

Excused: Vic Condrey, Jenny Gottschalk, Jerry Hanlon, Terry Looper, Stephanie Mixon, Keeke Russo, Gindi Vincent,

Absent: John Meloy, Greg Zuanich

Trey Little opened the meeting with prayer.

Clerk's Report & Administrative Matters: Candy Aldridge presented the Consent Agenda for approval. A motion was made to approve the minutes and the attachments from the May 15 Stated Session meeting and the June 10 Called Session meeting. It was seconded and approved.

New Business

- **Session Structure proposal:** Deb Castillo, Chair of the Leadership Development Team, presented a proposal for updating various components of the current Session structure and operation. (See handout.) The Leadership Team had met and discussed various options before making the following recommendations:
 1. Reduce the size of the Session from 27 Elders to 18 Elders.
 2. Adopt a new Session meeting agenda which allows for dedicated prayer time, encourages discussion and input and provides training for spiritual and strategic development.
 3. Change the Session meeting date and time to switch between Tuesday evenings and Sunday afternoons.

Each recommendation was discussed thoroughly by the Elders as they met in groups of 4-6 at separate tables. After the small group discussions, each group shared their comments and concerns with all the Elders present. Because it was important that all Elders know about these recommendations, Deb said she would email each Elder who was absent and provide the recommendations to them, offering other members of the Leadership Team as resources for

questions and information. After that was complete, a vote would be conducted by email among all Elders, to be reported at the next Session meeting.

Conversations About Key Strategic Opportunities:

- **Capital Campaign** update: Trey reported that the initial feedback has been positive since the June 10 unveiling to the congregation. During the summer, he will begin a quiet phase of meeting with influential leaders leading up to the September 9 campaign launch.
- **Ministry Support** report: Hardie Morgan reported that income for May 2018 was 15% higher than May 2017, and expenses were 9% lower. YTD results are that income is 3% lower and expenses are 2% lower, yielding a 1% lower position than in 2017.

Trey closed the meeting in prayer.

The next Session Meeting will be held Tuesday, August 21, 2018, 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Candy Clarke Aldridge
Clerk of Session