

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SESSION MEETING MINUTES
HOUSTON, TEXAS

March 20, 2018

MODERATOR

The Rev. Trey Little

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

The Rev. Chris French, Associate Pastor; The Rev. Chad Erb, Associate Pastor; Sabrina Hergert, Director Mission Partners; Traci Baudin, Director Children's Ministries; Susan McElroy, Executive Assistant; Denise Phelps, Director Congregational Care; Beth Craig, Coordinator Special Projects

The Session of Grace Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas met in a STATED MEETING on March 20, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Attendance:

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

Excused: Terry Looper

Absent: The Rev. Dr. Michael Fry, Associate Pastor; John Meloy, Greg Zuanich

Also attending: Lisa Schwartz; Scott Hollingsworth – SLI Group, Jim Sheppard – Generis

Trey Little opened the meeting and Chris French led us in prayer.

Clerk's Report & Administrative Matters: Candy Aldridge presented the Consent Agenda for approval. A motion was made to approve the agenda and attachments. It was seconded and approved.

New Business:

1. Gather Team Report: Philip Parker reported to the Session that the Gather Team plans to provide information for discussion regarding the worship schedule, prior to the April 15, 2018 Session meeting.
2. Spiritual Formation Retreat: The Rev. Chad Erb encouraged Elders to continue consider participating in the Fuller Formation Cohort, which begins in the fall of 2018. Elders must commit to attending the opening and closing offsite retreats if they would like to take advantage of this development opportunity. Dates of the retreats are:
 - September 13 – 15, 2018
 - November 9 -10, 2018
 - February 8 – 9, 2019
 - May 2 – 4, 2019

Chad has extended the response time until April 1, 2018. Trey encouraged Elders to prayerfully consider commitment and participation.

Conversations About Key Strategic Opportunities:

Trey and Hardie Morgan presented additional information about the proposed capital campaign for discussion, as requested after the February Session Retreat. This stimulated a healthy discussion and a few requests for additional data. Trey reminded Elders that the February Retreat was to cast the vision for the future of Grace, and that everything in the vision is about Mission. The Facilities Improvement Team has met for over two years preparing for Grace's future, culminating in this three-phase proposal. Trey charged the Elders with preparing themselves sufficiently to be ready to vote on the proposed capital campaign – posing all questions as soon as possible. Hardie will prepare and circulate a draft resolution before the April 15 Session meeting. A vote on this will appear on the April 15, 2018 Session agenda. Trey charged Elders with praying faithfully for the will of the Lord to be done in this place.

Hardie Morgan closed the meeting in prayer.

The next Session Meeting will be held Sunday, April 15, 2018, 12:30 p.m. in Massey-Tucker Hall A.

Respectfully submitted,



Candy Clarke Aldridge
Clerk of Session