

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SESSION MEETING MINUTES
HOUSTON, TEXAS
March 19, 2019

MODERATOR
The Rev. Dr. Trey Little

The Session of Grace Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas met in a STATED MEETING on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Attendance:

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

Elders Present: Candy Aldridge, Vic Condrey, Francisco Garibay, Evan Ghazi, Jim Leeland, Terry Looper, Mike Mantel, Natalie McElroy, Dan McElyea, Stephanie Mixon, Greg Morby, Hardie Morgan, Nnenna Okoro, Wayne Parchman, Tami Plummer, Tanner Spears, Jo Swank, Gindi Vincent, Woody Woodruff, Greg Zuanich

Excused: Dath Collins, Bert Crump, Jim Tomforde

Absent: Philip Parker

Others in attendance: Susan McElroy, Denise Phelps

Trey Little opened the meeting by leading the Elders in guided prayer inspired by a devotional reading from *Jesus Always*.

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

Beginning in April, an element of leadership development will be included in each Session meeting. Starting with an overview in April, Trey will lead discussions on each of Grace's five values throughout the year.

Strategy Team Opportunities

Team Chairs responded to a few thought questions about their progress, challenges and expectations. As always, monthly reports were attached to the Session packets.

New Business

Elders Assisting in Worship: In the upcoming months, Elders will be asked to participate in weekly worship services by reading scripture, praying and other contributions.

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 pm at First Presbyterian Church. Details will come in an email invitation in April.

Old Business

READY Report: Construction is on schedule for June, beginning with the McKechnie Room. Grace member, Vernon Beyer, has volunteered to assist Hardie Morgan as the co-Owners-Rep during construction. The roof replacement project is still in the bid phase. Final bids will come to Session before action is taken. Approval of the expenditure requires Session approval. Several working teams were formed to meet with the architects over the next couple of months to fill in the details of the architect's drawings. Meetings began today. The Grace website will soon display progress updates for the congregation.

Stewardship/Financial Update - We have received pledges totaling \$2.7 million. Hardie Morgan expects pledges of about \$3 million. Pledges generally fund about 60% of the annual budget.

Financial Update - The financial report indicates that February revenue FYTD lagged budget by 5%, while expenditures met budget for the same period. As a reminder, targeted annual revenue is about \$4.6 million, but we budgeted to \$4.5 million.

Dates

The next Stated Session Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 16, 2019, 7 p.m.

Chris French closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Candy Clarke Aldridge
Clerk of Session