

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SESSION MEETING MINUTES
HOUSTON, TEXAS
NOVEMBER 15, 2016

MODERATOR

The Rev. Dr. Trey Little

STAFF

Hardie Morgan, Executive Director of Ministry Support
Susan McElroy, Pastor's Executive Assistant

The Session of Grace Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas met in a STATED MEETING in the Library on November 15, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Attendance:

Elders Present: Okey Akwari, Ronnie Braden, Deb Castillo, Russ Chase, Paul Craig, Monika Frazelle, Jenny Gottschalk, Jerry Hanlon, Morris Harper, Stephanie Husmann, Kevin Kiniry, Matt Kiker, Doug Lunn, Scott Maham, Dan Malaguilla, Keith McElroy, Kerry Moore, John Musgrove, Keeke Russo, Lisa Schwartz, Mandy Weber

Trustees Present: Vic Condrey, Tami Plummer. Jo Swank

Excused: Chris French, Jim Weatherall, John Murphy and Debbie Kaplan.

Absent: Myrna Maldonado, John Meloy, Ted Teinert

The Rev. Dr. Trey Little welcomed all to the meeting.

Examination of Class of 2019 Church Officers. Monika Frazelle (Class of 2016), Scott Maham (Class of 2017) and Deb Castillo (Class of 2018) reported on the Class of 2019 Elder class. They thanked everyone for their participation in the examination of the Class of 2019 Elders sharing their faith stories. They asked the Class of 2019 Elders to turn in their written faith stories to the Clerk of Session. Dan Malaguilla moved and Scott Maham seconded that the Session vote to accept the Elder Class of 2019.

Scott Maham reported from the Leadership Development Team and announced the Class of 2019 Elder team assignments. Session voted to approve the team assignments.

Clerk's Report & Administrative Matters: Acting Clerk of Session, Lisa Schwartz, announced the excused absence of The Rev. Chris French, who was meeting with First Presbyterian Church Houston concerning their movement to ECO. Chris asked our Session to pray for First Presbyterian Church. Lisa presented the Consent Agenda, and this was approved by the Session which included the October 18, 2016 minutes and the Clerk's Report for November 2016.

Narrative on the Health of Mission and Ministry: *How is your congregation intentionally unleashing the ministries of women, men and people of different ethnic groups who are experiencing God's call?* Dan Malaguilla spoke about Grace Español and the ministry that is occurring there.

FIT Update from The Rev. Dr. Trey Little: The FIT Team has divided into to subteams to drill down deeper to fine-tune the vision and details of the various areas of our physical plant. Trey said we had really great response from our three community meetings when the FIT plans were presented. The FIT Team is meeting monthly.


The Rev. Dr. Trey Little thanked the Elder Class of 2016 for their service and commitment to Grace Church. Trey announced that the Class of 2016 is invited to his home on Sunday, November 20, for a celebration. Trey gave every Elder on Session the book, "Canoeing the Mountains, which Elders and Deacons should read prior to the February Session Retreat. The author, Tod Bolsinger, will speak at the Church Officers' Retreat on Feb. 11, 2017. Trey and the Session prayed over the Class of 2016 Elder Class. Then the Class of 2016 was given the chance to address the Session.

New Business:

1. *Election of the Ruling Elder Commissioners for ECO National Meeting* – John Murphy, Denise Phelps and Sabrina Hergert have offered to serve as Elder Commissioners representing Grace at that national gathering. Scott Maham moved and John Musgrove seconded their election. Session approved this motion.
2. *The Session went into Executive Session.* The Rev. Dr. Trey Little prayed and dismissed the regular Session meeting and guests. Executive Director of Ministry Support, Hardie Morgan, conducted the Executive Session. Hardie advised that under ECO polity, the Session must approve the pastors' salaries. The Rev. Dr. Trey Little, the Rev. Chris French and the Rev. Chad Erb each received a 2% cost of living increase. The staff received a 2% cost of living increase. This is coming as a recommendation from the Personnel Committee so no second needed. Session approved this motion.

Hardie dismissed the Session Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Schwartz".

Lisa Schwartz

Acting Clerk of Session