

**HIDENWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Minutes of the Stated Session Meeting**  
**February 24, 2021**

I. The February 24, 2021, stated Session meeting began at 7:03 pm via Zoom. Rev. Charles Tucker, Interim Pastor and moderator, established a quorum, welcomed participants, and opened with prayer. Arthur Henderson gave the opening devotion.

<u>Session Members Present</u>		<u>Session Members Absent</u>
Leslie Brooks	Rob Collins	Dana Stowell (EX)
Jimmie Espich	Shawen Bartol	John Vanderhoven
Andrew Kirkpatrick	Ben Mason	
John Mattern	Ed Miles	
Joey Ritchie	Arthur Henderson	
Beverly McLean		

Also present was Carey Gerstner, Director of Faith Formation

II. REPORT OF THE CLERK

A. Action on Minutes

1. Jimmie Espich MOVED to accept the minutes of the January 27, 2021, stated Session meeting as presented. The motion was SECONDED and APPROVED.

B. Clerk’s Report: No report

C. Action on Request

1. Approved the request for transfer of Michelle Buszard from the Active Roll to Hilton Presbyterian Church, Newport News, Virginia

D. Communications

1. The 2020 Memorial Fund and the 2020 Mission Committee Benevolence Fund Statements were received for information. (See attached.)

III. SESSION/DIACONATE LIAISON

Session received and accepted the minutes of the February 17, 2021, stated Diaconate meeting and noted that Libby Bowman will serve as Diaconate chair, Melanie White will continue as secretary, and Robert Parry agreed to continue to serve on the Nominating Committee.

IV. SESSION COMMITTEES

A. Worship..... Rob Collins

The committee MOVED to return to in-person worship March 7, following the cleaning and distancing protocols put in place previously. The motion was APPROVED. Live stream services will continue. The committee will publish the results of the survey on holding a sunrise service after all results are in. The deadline for survey responses is Friday, February 26, 2021.

B. Faith Formation.....Jimmie Espich

Junior Disciples will resume in-person meeting in March. Adult Sunday School will also resume in March with a Lenten study. After Lent, the Sunday School will begin a study of Pentecost. Church vitality meetings continue.

- C. Finance .....Arthur Henderson  
The financial reports were accepted as presented.
- D. Stewardship..... John Mattern  
No report
- E. Personnel..... Ben Mason  
No report
- F. Memorial Fund..... Gay Huffman  
No report
- G. Endowment Fund ..... Willard Hoskins  
No report
- H. Pastor Nominating Committee..... Leslie Brooks  
Hidenwood received over 25 matches from the CLC as well as some pastor self-referrals. After the PNC read the PIFs of possible candidates, they compiled a short list of those with whom they wished to meet and issued a Zoom invitation to those candidates. To date, four have indicated they are no longer looking, one has accepted the Zoom invitation, and the remainder have not responded.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Officer Nominating Committee  
Jimmie Espich agreed to continue to act as chair of the Officer Nominating Committee, and Shawen Bartol agreed to serve as well. Additional members will represent other church committees.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Jimmie Espich reminded elders to keep the members of the PNC in continued prayer.

VII. PASTOR’S REPORT

Rev Tucker...

- shared live stream worship statistics
- conducted a funeral for Paige Stone on February 24 and will conduct one for Nell O’Conner February 27
- will begin an Adult Sunday School Lenten study on the seven last words of Jesus and a Pentecost study on the 10 Commandments
- has been able to do some in-person visits
- continues Monday staff meetings as well as PEVA and COM obligations
- has set a goal to continually improve the quality of the live stream worship services
- asked Session members to think about ways to safely hold in-person Easter worship services, as Easter is often a time when larger than normal attendance can be expected.

VIII. LOOKING AHEAD

- A. Blood Drive, Tuesday, March 16
- B. Lenten Musical Service, Sunday, March 21
- C. Wednesday, March 24, Session meeting, 7 pm

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm with a closing prayer by Jimmie Espich.

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Charles M. Tucker  
Moderator

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Leslie Brooks  
Clerk of Session

Date minutes approved: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

Initialed by: Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_ Assistant Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_