

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

I. The March 24, 2021 stated Session meeting began at 7:00 pm both in-person and with a Zoom option. Rev. Charles Tucker, Interim Pastor and moderator, established a quorum, welcomed participants, and opened with prayer. Leslie Brooks gave the opening devotion.

Session Members Present

Leslie Brooks Rob Collins
Jimmie Espich Shawen Bartol
Andrew Kirkpatrick Ben Mason
Dana Stowell John Vanderhoven
Joey Ritchie Arthur Henderson
Beverly McLean

Session Members Absent

Ed Miles (EX)
John Mattern (EX)

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 February 24, 2021 stated Session meeting as presented. The motion was SECONDED and APPROVED.

B. Clerk's Report-

1. Death of Jan Mattern, March 10, 2021

C. Action on Requests -None

D. Communications-None

III. SESSION/DIACONATE LIAISON

Session received and accepted the minutes of the March 17, 2021 stated Diaconate meeting.

IV. SESSION COMMITTEES

A. Faith Formation.....Jimmie Espich

1. The committee plans to focus on the Junior Disciples program and is considering hiring a few part-time youth workers or interns to help lead a program beyond Junior Disciples. There is potentially the start of a middle school program and the possibility to take middle schoolers to Massanetta this summer.
2. Plans for summer VBS are on hold until NNPS makes a decision on summer school plans
3. Preschool chapel, led by Carey Gerstner, is every other week.
4. Adult Sunday School meets at 9:00, led by Rev. Tucker

- B. Finance.....Arthur Henderson
 - 1. John Mattern has gifted two cemetery plots to the church. The Finance Committee MOVED to sell the plots, giving first right of refusal to Hidenwood members. Proceeds will go to the church in memory of Jan Mattern and applied to the general operating funds of the church. The motion was APPROVED.
 - 2. Andrew Kirkpatrick MOVED to accept the financial statements as presented. The motion was APPROVED.
 - 3. Shawen Bartol proposed forming a committee to develop long range financial plans for the church. No action was taken on this proposal.
- C. Worship..... Rob Collins

As directed by Session, Rob approached CNU to see about hiring a student to manage the on-line production of our Sunday service, but has not heard back from them yet. Conversations with other churches showed that current pay rates for techs run about \$25/hour. Hidenwood currently pays Nicholas Brewster \$175/week. The committee MOVED to extend Nicholas Brewster’s contract for an additional 90 days. The motion was APPROVED. Rob will meet with the Finance Committee to make plans for budgeting this position.
- D. Personnel

No report
- E. PNC..... Andrew Kirkpatrick

The committee held Zoom conversations with three candidates and continues conversation with one. A rematch from CLC has provided the committee with 25 additional PIFs to consider.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Arthur Henderson was approved as Hidenwood’s PEVA commissioner for the April 20 PEVA Meeting.
- B. Hidenwood Presbyterian Preschool is proposing to add a first-grade class (see attached) but will not proceed without Session approval. Shawen Bartol, chair of HPP, MOVED to give the preschool permission to pursue the addition of a first-grade class. The motion was APPROVED.
- C. Don Kane was given the go-ahead to hold a Rise Against Hunger event June 12, using a previously submitted layout for tables. This event had been planned for an earlier date before a second Covid shutdown.
- D. Nominating Committee.....Jimmie Espich

Chairman Jimmie Espich has contacted the Worship, Faith Formation, Stewardship, and Evangelism Committees for names of congregation members to represent their committees on Nominating. Names so far include Jane Strebel (Faith Formation), Robert Parry (Diaconate), Shawen Bartol and Jimmie Espich (Session). The committee will develop a slate of officers to be installed in January 2022.

VI. PASTOR'S REPORT

- A. Rev Tucker gave updates on the numbers of viewers watching livestream and recorded services, as well as the numbers attending in-person worship. Numbers are trending upward. Carey reminded those who watch the services on Facebook to click "Share."
- B. Lenten Sunday School studies continue, and a Pentecost study will follow.
- C. Staff meeting, PEVA, and COM obligations continue
- D. Rev. Tucker officiated at Nell O'Connor's funeral February 27, 2021
- E. John Mattern would like to hold a memorial service for wife Jan July 30 and would like Rev. Bill Lamont, former Hidenwood pastor, to officiate. Charles will extend an invitation to Rev. Lamont.

VII. INFORMATION ABOUT CARE GROUPS

Gayle Rauch is moving to Williamsburg to be closer to the facility where is wife Judy is.

VIII. LOOKING AHEAD

- A. Holy Week: March 29-April 2
 - 1. Reflective services Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday available on HPC website
 - 2. Maundy Thursday Communion Service, April 1
 - 3. Good Friday Service, April 2
- B. Easter Sunrise Service, 7 am; Morning Worship 10:30 am with communion
- C. Church Offices closed, Friday, April 2 and Monday, April 5
- D. Rev. Tucker enjoying a well-earned vacation April 25. Carey Gerstner will man the pulpit.
- E. Wednesday, April 28, Session, 7 pm

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm with a closing prayer by Shawen Bartol.

Charles M. Tucker
Moderator

Leslie Brooks
Clerk of Session

Date minutes approved: ___ / ___ / ___

Initialed by: Clerk: _____ Assistant Clerk: _____

Grade One Class Proposal

- Our Kindergarten class has been highly successful with 6 students the first year, 16 this school year and we have 16 enrolled for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Based on the number of current K families requesting to remain at Hidenwood, the Director would like to consider expediting the opening of a first-grade classroom here at HPP-HPK.
- Mrs. Gerstner and I have explored the idea of using Room 207. We would need to add a sink, but it could be portable. Any cost would be covered by the preschool.
- We would like to use the extra tables and chairs that are upstairs already. They would continue to be the property of the church.
- The school will cover the cost of purchasing materials such as books, math manipulatives and consumable supplies.
- We will use the VA SOLs for reference as we create units of study. We would like to consider more Christian education such a weekly chapel.
- Our PM carpool line would take place at 2:30.
- Students may use before and after care and our special Extended Care programs.
- The playground is built to six-year-old students. They would have playground time with Kindergarten. We would also utilize the courtyard.
- We need to explore the use of additional bathrooms. The school would cover the cost of cleaning.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Huemer