

**HIDENWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Minutes of the Stated Session Meeting**  
**April 28, 2021**

I. The April 28, 2021 stated Session meeting began at 7:00 pm in person with a Zoom option. Rev. Charles Tucker, Interim Pastor and moderator, established a quorum, welcomed participants, and opened with prayer. John Vanderhoven gave the opening devotion.

Session Members Present

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

Session Members Absent

Dana Stowell (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 March 24, 2021 stated Session meeting as presented. The motion was SECONDED and APPROVED.

B. Clerk's Report-

1. Death of William "Bill" Goslee, March 28, 2021

C. Action on Request

None

D. Communications

None

III. SESSION/DIACONATE LIAISON

Session received and accepted the minutes of the April 21, 2021 stated Diaconate meeting. It was noted that although the installation of the new LED sign had been slightly delayed, the process should be completed shortly.

IV. SESSION COMMITTEES

A. Faith Formation.....Jimmie Espich

- The committee is looking for an intern or a part-time person to provide additional leadership for our growing Junior Disciples and Middle School Youth programs. They have a CNU student who may be willing to serve in this capacity and are working on a job description. They hope to begin with several outings for this group this summer.
- The committee received a gift of \$1000 from the family of Jane Bradway, a former member of Hidenwood who now lives in Williamsburg. The committee hopes to invest the funds in an expanding program for children and youth.

- The Book Sale is planned for Wednesday, June 2 until Sunday, June 6, 12 noon to 4 pm. There will be an early bird sale, opening day only, June 2, Wednesday with \$10 admission from 10am to 12 noon. Set-up is Saturday, May 29, Memorial Day weekend. The Boy Scouts will be asked to help. CDC safety guidelines for mask wearing and social distancing will be followed.
- Art Camp is planned the week of June 28, limited to 10 families. We will meet in the Fellowship hall from 9-11. All children must be accompanied by an adult.
- VBS will be July 19-24 for 50 children.
- The Adult Seminar has finished a Lenten study and will begin a study of the ten commandments on May 2. Pastor Charles and Carey Gerstner lead the study.

B. Finance.....Arthur Henderson  
The financial reports were accepted as presented. Arthur reported there is a buyer for the two cemetery plots previously gifted to the church.

C. Stewardship..... John Mattern  
No report

D. Worship..... Rob Collins  
The committee continues its search for a more affordable video technician.

E. Personnel..... Ben Mason

- The committee MOVED that the Interim Pastor covenant between Pastor Charles Tucker and Hidenwood Presbyterian Church be extended with the same terms and conditions for a period of six months from July 1, 2021 or until a new permanent pastor for Hidenwood Presbyterian Church is found if that occurs before the six-month extension is completed. The motion was APPROVED.
- The committee MOVED that the pay for the Video Technician be set at \$175 per week until such future time as a change in the pay of the Video Technician is approved by Session. At such future time, the adjustment in pay may be either to a different weekly salary or an hourly pay rate. The motion was APPROVED.

F. PNC..... Leslie Brooks

- The PNC informed Session that Ken Koehler has resigned from the committee for personal reasons. The Committee does not feel another person needs to take his place.
- The PNC held two productive Zoom conversations with a prospective candidate and has invited that candidate to an in-person visit Saturday, May 1. The candidate has accepted, and will tour the church and the CNU campus, and have lunch with the committee. The candidate’s family will also come for that visit.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Arthur Henderson, Hidenwood's commissioner to the April 20, 2021 PEVA meeting hosted virtually by Yorkminster Presbyterian Church, reported that attendees were presented with February and March financial church giving reports, heard faith journey and statement of faith from Inquirer Carter Jones, addressed a motion by First Presbyterian Church of Virginia Beach requesting approval to sell property gifted the church from a former member, and celebrated the ministry of "Papa" Bote-Tshiek.
- B. Arthur Henderson was approached by Pax Goodson from Hilton Presbyterian Church who told Arthur that Hilton planned to use half of their PPP money (\$20,000) to help renovate the LINK offices located in Hilton Village. From the LINK website: *LINK is a nonprofit volunteer organization which exists to help people help themselves through education, direct services, advocacy, and outreach programs. To date, more than 130 organizations work collaboratively to provide unduplicated and duplicated coordinated services.*

Pax challenged Hidenwood to pledge at least \$5000 to add to the project's proposed \$40,000 budget.

Arthur Henderson MOVED to allot \$2500 towards the LINK renovation project. The motion was SECONDED and APPROVED.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

At the last Session meeting, Shawen Bartol proposed creating an ad hoc committee to explore future plans for Hidenwood and its mission in the community. Session approved Jimmie Espich, Shawen Bartol, and Arthur Henderson to serve on this committee.

VII. PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Charles-

- shared Holy Week and Easter attendance and viewer statistics, noting that Hidenwood's online presence seems to be viable. He and the staff will work on ways to connect this online community.
- completed the Lenten study series and will begin a new series May 2 using Adam Hamilton's book *Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today*
- continues member contacts and staff meetings, as well as COM and PEVA obligations
- invited Bill Lamont to return to Hidenwood to conduct Jan Mattern's memorial service July 30
- continued the discussion of church vitality with Session

VIII. INFORMATION ABOUT CARE GROUPS

Darren Utley, former Hidenwood pastoral assistant, has joined First Presbyterian Church of Racine, Wisconsin.

IX. LOOKING AHEAD

- A. Red Cross Blood Drive, May 18
- B. Session meeting, May 26

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm with a closing prayer by Pastor Charles.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_