

HIDENWOOD PRESBYTERAN CHURCH
Minutes of the Stated Session Meeting
June 23, 2021

I. The June 23, 2021 stated Session meeting began at 7:00 in McKeithen Hall. Rev. Charles Tucker, Interim Pastor and Moderator, established a quorum, welcomed participants, and opened with prayer. Andrew Kirkpatrick gave the opening devotion.

Session Members Present

Leslie Brooks Ed Miles
 Jimmie Espich Beverly McLean
 Andrew Kirkpatrick John Vanderhoven
 Ben Mason Shawen Bartol

Session Members Absent

Arthur Henderson (EX)
 John Mattern (EX)
 Dana Stowell
 Rob Collins (EX)

II. REPORT OF THE CLERK

A. Action on Minutes

1. Jimmie Espich MOVED to accept the minutes of the May 26, 2021 Stated Session meeting as presented. The motion was SECONDED and APPROVED.
2. Andrew Kirkpatrick MOVED to approve the June 13, 2021 minutes of the Called Congregational Meeting as presented. The motion was SECONDED and APPROVED.

B. Clerk's Report

1. Death of Shannon "Skip" Mason, June 19, 2021

III. REPORT FROM DIACONATE

The minutes from the June 16, 2021 Diaconate meeting were accepted. Charles reported that tree work was completed Monday, June 21. Tuesday, June 22, power was out at the church due to a storm, and the offices closed early.

IV. REPORTS OF SESSION COMMITTEES

A. Faith Formation..... Jimmie Espich

1. Congregational Vitality: Carey described the webinar from Union Seminary that she, Charles, and Barbara are in. They are learning more about how to develop and support Hidenwood's virtual congregation.
2. The book sale was a big success, earning \$4,044.42 in sales. The funds will be used primarily to expand the collection of books for the preschool children. All unsold books were stored for the 2022 book sale which will be held June 5-12. Customers were surveyed to determine how shoppers learned of the sale. The majority cited the signs around the church.
3. The committee is still trying to find a youth assistant. Carey has contacted Kipp Reddick at CNU again and she will ask PEVA to post a request for us.
4. Art Camp is June 28-July 2. Carey has the activities planned and has two volunteers to help.
5. VBS is July 19-23. Registration is at capacity unless more people volunteer. Most volunteer positions are filled.

6. Junior Disciples hopes to have some summer recreation activities for middle school age children.
7. The next adult studies seminar will begin in September. The committee has asked a group of adults to organize a fellowship group with events for adults and their guests.
8. The committee will not have an informational event on Rally Day but will promote opportunities for study and fellowship.

B. FinanceEd Miles for Arthur Henderson
 Leslie Brooks MOVED to accept the financial statements as presented. The motion was APPROVED.

C. Stewardship John Mattern
 No report

D. Worship Rob Collins
 The committee will be applying for an additional \$5,000 PEVA grant to use to purchase a new rear view camera and possibly a new screen.

E. Personnel Ben Mason
 No report. Ben was asked if he had any information on the hiring of Robert Parry to mow the grounds and whether or not Robert had completed, if necessary, required background checks. Rev. Tucker said he would try to obtain more information about whether Robert had been hired, who hired him, and if background checks were necessary.

F. Church Officer Nominating Committee Jimmie Espich
 The committee presented its slate of officers for the Class of 2024. They are:

<u>Elder</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
Lisa Woessner	Melanie White
Jessica Kelly	Bill Espich
Bette Runyan	Bob Crowther

Although Arthur Henderson, current chair of Finance, must step down as chair since he has already been on Session for six years, he will continue to serve on the committee. Jimmie thanked her committee and reminded Session that officer training would occur in the fall, and the officers would be installed/ordained in January.

Jimmie Espich MOVED to hold a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing this new slate of officers following worship on July 11, 2021. The motion was APPROVED.

G. Ad-hoc Future Plans Committee Shawen Bartol
 No report

H. Pastor Nominating Committee Leslie Brooks
 Leslie asked Session to remind members to let go of the notion that just because the new Pastor/Head of Staff is young, the pews would miraculously be filled with young congregants and their families!

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Will Hoskins, chair of the Endowment Committee, MOVED that Session approve a \$15,000 donation to Presbyterian Children’s Home of the Highlands. The money would come from The Sandahl portion of the Endowment Account will be used for this purpose. The motion was APPROVED.

2. PEVA has called a special meeting June 30, 2021 at 10:00 at First Presbyterian Church, Hampton. As Arthur Henderson was the commissioner to the called PEVA meeting in April, he will be asked to attend this meeting. If he is unable to go, Leslie Brooks will attend.
3. The next stated PEVA meeting is July 20, 2021. The meeting will be by Zoom. (Note: Rob Collins was approved by email at a later date as commissioner for this meeting.)

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Session held discussion on finding pulpit supply pastors to serve after Charles Tucker leaves and before Andrew Whitehead begins. As Charles will be out of town August 8, the church will need someone, although Carey has expressed interest in preaching. Some members expressed a desire for one consistent pastor during this time, others valued a variety of faces. Charles reminded Session that often supply pastors are difficult to find, especially in the summer.

VII. HIDDENWOOD PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

- A. Extended “camp” ended last week. This was a two-week opportunity for families to continue sending their children to Hidenwood while local public schools were still in session. School may consider extending the school year next year to mimic the public school system schedule.
- B. There are currently five students registered for first grade with more expected to join this summer.
- C. The school raised over \$6,800 for the Ruth Olney Scholarship Fund this year from GiveLocal757 as well as from a generous gift from the Pentecost Offering with a matching donation from the Mission Committee. A majority of this scholarship fund will be offered to multiple families in need who applied for the upcoming school year.
- D. The preschool rooms need painting as well as new carpeting. The school will ask permission from the Session to make these renovations. The upstairs classrooms will also have new A/C units installed this summer, and the school is discussing with the Property Committee to help contribute to that project.
- E. The school would like to ask someone from the Property Committee to help with weed control on the playground this summer. The school is willing to pay the individual for time and materials.

VIII. PASTOR’S REPORT

1. Hidenwood’s online presence continues to be strong
2. Member contact continues, as allowed.
3. COM and PEVA obligations continue
4. Barbara, Carey, and Charles are participating in a webinar called *Being a Hybrid Church*.
5. Memorial services for Skip Mason will be July 1 and for Jan Mattern July 30

IX. INFORMATION ABOUT CARE GROUPS

Michael Jackson, Hidenwood’s sexton, continues to recover from a dog bite and is back at work

X. LOOKING AHEAD

- A. Art Camp, June 28-July 2
- B. Church office closed July 5
- C. Red Cross Blood Drive, Tuesday, July 13
- D. Vacation Bible School, July 19-23

E. Session meeting July 28, 7 pm, McKeithen Hall

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 with a closing prayer by Beverly McLean.

Charles M. Tucker
Moderator

Leslie Brooks
Clerk of Session

Date minutes approved: ___ / ___ / ___

Initialed by: Clerk: _____ Assistant Clerk: _____