

HIDENWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Minutes of the Stated Session Meeting
May 17, 2022

- I. The May 17, 2022, stated Session meeting began at 7:06 pm in McKeithen Hall. Rev. Andrew Whitehead, Pastor/Head of Staff and moderator, established a quorum, welcomed participants, and opened with prayer.

Session Members Present

Ben Mason Bette Runyan
Beverly McLean Andrew Kirkpatrick
Jimmie Espich Ed Miles

Session Members Absent

Dana Stowell
Lisa Woessner
Leslie Brooks
Shawen Bartol
Jessica Kelly

- II. SPIRITUAL FORMATION
Pastor Andrew and Elders shared how they were feeling about the violence in America considering recent mass shootings.

III. REPORT OF THE CLERK

- A. Action on Minutes
1. Beverly McLean MOVED to accept the minutes of the April 27, 2022, Stated Session Meeting. The motion was SECONDED and APPROVED.
- B. Clerk's Report
1. None
- C. Action on Requests—none
- D. Communications—none

IV. SESSION/DIACONATE LIAISON

- A. Replacing two light bulbs above the choir is estimated to cost \$600. Our equipment cannot reach those bulbs for us to do the replacement ourselves.

V. SESSION COMMITTEES

- A. Faith Formation.....Jimmie Espich
1. The lunch and speaker event after worship, May 15, was very well attended and appreciated.
 2. Family Fun Night will be May 20, 6-8 PM.
 3. The Book Lover's Used Book Sale set up and sale will be June 4-12.
 4. VBS dates are July 18-22. *Make Waves* is the curriculum.
 5. Sunday Seminar study is using a creation theme. To learn more about being an Earth Care Congregation go to presbyterianmission.org and search for Earth Care Congregations.
 6. Explorers will go to the Hilton Art walk and to lunch at the Greek Festival, June 4.
 7. Pickle Ball Ministry continues Mondays 5:30-6:30 PM, and Thursdays, 5:30-6:30PM.

- B. Finance..... Ed Miles
1. April showed an \$11,000 loss. Quarterly the church is still ahead over \$49,000.
 2. A gift has been received from Charlie Spencer’s estate. The Endowment Fund needs guidance from Session to set priorities for using the funds.
 3. Due to market conditions, investment rates may start to rise. If this happens, the treasurer will consider some type of investment. Currently there is over \$400,000 in cash.
- C. Stewardship..... Beverly McLean
No report.
- D. Worship..... Andrew Whitehead
1. Andrew looks forward to long-range worship planning with our new Music Director Diane Drury.
 2. Tech support is needed to resolve sound issues in the sanctuary.
- E. Personnel..... Ben Mason
No report
- F. Preschool..... Leslie Brooks
1. Most Preschool classes are fully enrolled. Ten students have registered for first grade. All other classes have a waitlist.
 2. Give Local 757 was very successful. The preschool will split proceeds raised, \$7,988 between the Scholarship Fund and an additional contribution to the Fellowship Hall renovation.
 3. There are many Covid cases in the Preschool.
- G. Memorial Fund..... Gay Huffman
1. The Memorial Fund balance is \$20,378.90.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Election of a Commissioner to the July 19 Presbytery Meeting was deferred.
- B. Beverly McLean MOVED to allow RaJeana Price to use a preschool classroom to film a pilot for a TV series within the week of June 20-24. The motion was SECONDED and APPROVED.
- C. Celebration of the Fellowship Hall Project was discussed. Suggestions included:
- Having HPC groups and committees have tables with displays of their work to inform and engage members in participation.
 - Having a processional entering led by a bagpiper playing Amazing Grace.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Pastor Andrew announced the formation of a Restructuring Committee authorized by Session at its April 27 meeting. Elders Jessica Kelly and Lisa Woessner,

Deacons Bob Crowther and Hilary Spencer, and Member at Large Debi Stevens will serve on the committee. Barbara Adams and Andrew Whitehead are staff support for the committee. Pastor Andrew expects the committee to have a report prepared to present this fall.

VIII. PASTOR’S REPORT

Pastor Andrew:

- Visitor Class, after worship, May 22. Elders are invited to attend.
- He will be on vacation May 23-29.

IX. INFORMATION ABOUT CARE GROUPS

No Report

X. LOOKING AHEAD

- A. Family Fun Night, Friday, May 20, “Lego My Eggo,” 6 to 8 pm
- B. Visitor’s Class, Sunday, May 22, immediately following worship, McKeithen Hall
- C. Andrew on vacation, May 23-29
- D. Barbara on vacation, May 23-27
- E. Hidenwood Explorers, Saturday, June 4
- F. Used Book Sale, Wednesday, June 8 through Sunday, June 12 (volunteers needed)
- G. Blood Drive, Wednesday, June 15, 10 am to 4 pm
- H. Session meeting, Wednesday, June 22, 7 pm (Jessica Kelly, Jimmie Espich, opening/closing prayers)

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

Andrew P. Whitehead
Moderator

Jimmie Espich
Acting Clerk

Date minutes approved: ___ / ___ / ___

Initialed by: Clerk: _____ Assistant Clerk: _____