

**MINUTES OF THE SESSION MEETING OF THE  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018**

1. The session of First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven, Michigan, assembled in God's name on Monday February 5, 2018, at 7:01 pm in the lounge of the church located at 508 Franklin Avenue in Grand Haven, Michigan. The Clerk, Carrie Rivette, determined a quorum was present. Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon called the meeting to order.
2. **Attendance:**
  - 2.1 Elders Present: Bill Blessing, Lynne Bosch, Calvin Clark, Sandie Enders, Megan Hayes, John Heritage, Andrew LaFurge, Nancy Levenburg, Paul McNergney, Charlie Parker, Abe Overway, Carrie Rivette, Rick Skodack, Alishia Terrill, and Tina Vander Wall.
  - 2.2 Elders Absent or Excused: Caroll Bennink, Marge Coffey, Jack Jansma, Michele Smith, and Keith Konarska.
  - 2.3 Teaching Elders Present: Troy Hauser Brydon and Jill VanderWal.
  - 2.4 Teaching Elders Excused or Absent: None.
  - 2.5 Others Present: Doug Doering.
3. **Introduction to Session Meetings:** Rev. Hauser Brydon presented a brief summary of meeting proceedings for the new Elders.
4. **Call to Worship:** Rev. Hauser Brydon read Mark 9:14-29. Rev. Hauser Brydon then opened the meeting with prayer.
5. **Clerk's Report:** Carrie Rivette reporting:
  - a. Upon motion and support, session approved the February 5, 2018, meeting docket with the revision of reversing the order of items 7 and 8.
  - b. Upon motion and support, session approved the January 8, 2018, session meeting minutes.
  - c. Upon motion and support, session approved the January 28, 2018, annual congregation meeting minutes.
  - d. Approval of the January 2018 membership report was withheld in order to work out the discrepancy in number of members removed from active roll.
  - e. Upon motion and second, session approved moving Kari Paintin to inactive per her request; transferring Amanda Cook Machan to FPC Charlottesville, VA; and removing Karen Bush from the rolls per her request.
  - f. Upon motion and second, session approved Carla Kocher and Jerry Hilger as active members.
  - g. Correspondence – the Presbytery thanked us for completing our annual statistical report.
6. **Organizational Meeting:** This was performed during the December 4, 2017, meeting.
7. **Communion Schedule and Brief Training:** Paul McNergney gave instructions. A reminder was given to clean up after both services.
8. **Visioning time:** Staffing Children's, Youth, and Hospitality Ministries: There was general consensus on the plan for discerning and searching for Children's and Youth Ministry positions. Hospitality will be lay person driven Sunday mornings. An advertisement was published for help on an event to event basis for funerals and such. We may look into that for Sunday mornings, if needed.
9. **Treasurer's Report:** Andre LeFurge reporting:
  - 9.1 Andrew reported that year end was and close to budget.
  - 9.2 The large jump in income in December 2016 on the graph was due to the Alpha Fund transfer.

	<u>Dec. Actual</u>	<u>Dec. Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
General Fund Revenues	\$94,146.02	\$92,000.00	\$914,431.54	\$912,000.00
General Fund Expenses	\$106,009.59	\$93,973.21	\$898,248.96	\$912,000.00
Joyful Noise Revenues	\$69,238.98	\$73,950.00	\$738,264.86	\$738,221.00
Joyful Noise Expenditures	\$75,112.30	\$91,267.11	\$661,333.09	\$726,304.94

10. **Omnibus Motion:** Upon motion and support, session approved the following written committee reports:
  - 10.1 **Mission Committee** Minutes of January 15, 2018.

**11. Committee Reports withheld from the Omnibus Motion:**

- 11.1 **Adult Education Committee:** Referred to report in Carroll Bennink's and Keith Konarska's absence.
  - 11.1.1 Upon motion, session approved the following non-Session members to serve on Adult Education: Warren Trimble, Betty Jo Enell, Deb Sorensen, Bob Day and David Jones.
- 11.2 **Children's Ministry Committee:** Megan Hayes reporting:
  - 11.2.1 Upon motion, the following non-session members were approved to serve on the Children's Ministry Committee: Kim Beber, Carrie Ledet, Melisa Overway, and Dianna Sahr.
  - 11.2.2 Megan reported that they are teaming with Camp Geneva for VBS. They used designate funds to subsidize the program so that cost would be kept similar to previous years. This will not affect camp grants.
- 11.3 **Generosity Committee:** Alishia Terrill reporting:
  - 11.3.1 The fundraising policy was presented.
- 11.4 **Hospitality and Outreach:** Calvin Clark reporting:
  - 11.4.1 Upon motion, the session approved the following non-session members to serve on the Hospitality and Outreach Committee: Karen Nienhouse, Kay McCrea, Cheryl Nametz, Diane Jones, Mary Heyer, Nancy Homes, Amy Miller, Ann White, and Barb Butterworth. Sandie Enders is also a member of the committee.
- 11.5 **Joyful Noise:** Andrew LeFurge reporting: Andrew presented the Joyful Noise fun facts handdout.
- 11.6 **Personnel Committee:** Nancy Levenburg reporting:
  - 11.6.1 Upon motion, session approved the following non-session members to serve on Personnel Committee: Neil Blake, Cindy Podorsek, Meghan Heritage and Staci LaFurge.
  - 11.6.2 Upon motion, session approved offering a temporary position as Technology Coordinator to Harry Nienhouse for up to 10 hours/week at a compensation of \$16/hour, with no paid time off or benefits, and reporting to Maryanne Beery.
- 11.7 **Trustee's Committee:** Rick Skodack reporting:
  - 11.7.1 Upon motion, the session approved the following non-session members to serve on Trustee's Committee: John Nametz, Jason Cotton, Cal Bosman, Lisa Luckey, Patrick Duell, Randy Needham, and Dotty Bennink.
- 11.8 **Worship Committee:** Carrie Rivette reporting:
  - 11.8.1 Upon motion, the following non-session members were approved to serve on Worship Committee: Rob Andersen, Pamela Blake, Bari Johnson, Harry Nienhouse, Tim Olson, and Rob Ver Duin. Calvin Clark will also serve on Worship Committee.
  - 11.8.2 Upon motion, session approved the addition of the 7 am service to the Easter Sunday schedule.
- 11.9 **Community Artist Series Sub-Committee:** Nancy Levenburg reporting:
  - 11.9.1. Upon motion, session approved the following non-session members to Community Artist Series Committee: Jackie Baden, Kent DeYoung, Ron Mass, Harry Nienhouse, Eric Snyder and Barb Spring.
  - 11.9.2 Nancy reported that CAS falls under Worship Committee but does not have a session liaison. She volunteered to be the session liaison.
- 11.10 **Youth Committee:** Jay Neitring reporting:
  - 11.10.1 Upon motion, session approved the following non-session members to serve on Youth Committee: Katie Neitring, Eric Snyder, Keli Olson, Heather Force, Becky Sanchez and Leanna Sanchez.
  - 11.10.2 Jay reported that the Youth Auction needs donations. Please contact him or Lynne Bosch if you can help.
- 11.11 Upon motion, session approved reports not included in omnibus.

**12. Unfinished Business:** None.

**13. New Business**

- 13.1 Upon motion and support, session approved the Annual Statistical Report.
- 13.2 Upon motion and support, session approved the Session Covenant for 2018-19.

14. **Moderator's Comments:** Rev. Hauser Brydon reporting:
  - 14.1 Report of ordinations and installations of elders and deacons.
  - 14.2 Distributed sign up for 2018 Presbytery meetings.
  - 14.3 Brigitte Kemmink is moving to candidacy stage of seminary. She will come to Session next month and speak with us. Consider being her liaison. Tim Stoecker is currently, but having an elder would be good. It requires checking in with her every 6 months. She is currently doing her Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at Pine Rest this year.
15. **Associate Pastor Comments:** Rev VanderWal reporting:
  - 15.1 April's meeting is 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of April, the 9<sup>th</sup>. It will be a joint meeting with the Deacons.
16. **Action Item Recap:**
  - 16.1 Approval of the February 5, 2018, meeting docket.
  - 16.2 Approval of the January 8, 2018, session meeting minutes.
  - 16.3 Approval of the January 28, 2018, annual congregation meeting minutes.
  - 16.4 Approval of moving Kari Paintin to inactive per her request; transferring Amanda Cook Machan to FPC Charlottesville, VA; and removing Karen Bush from the rolls per her request.
  - 16.5 Approval of Carla Kocher and Jerry Hilger as active members.
  - 16.6 Accepted Treasurer's report.
  - 16.7 Under an omnibus motion, accepted the Mission Committee's written report.
  - 16.8 Approved the following non-Session members to serve on Adult Ed: Warren Trimble, Betty Jo Enell, Deb Sorensen, Bob Day and David Jones.
  - 16.9 Approved the following non-session members were approved to serve on the Children's Ministry Committee: Kim Beber, Carrie Ledet, Melisa Overway, and Dianna Sahr.
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  - 16.18 Approved the Annual Statistical Report
  - 16.19 Approved the Session Covenant for 2018
17. **Adjournment:** On motion and support, the session adjourned with the prayer at 8:50 pm. The next scheduled meeting is March 5, 2018, at 7:00 pm.

Carrie Rivette  
Clerk of Session