

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT
MINUTES OF THE SESSION MEETING: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014

ATTENDING:

CURRENT RULING ELDERS PRESENT: April Betzner, Joel Braun, Donna Carlisle, Jerry Davison, Sue Denmead, Terri Grantz, Jessica Hickman, Steve Johnson, Sue Key, Jackie Koman, Crystal Miles, Dennis Myers, Gary Recktenwald, and Brian Teagarden

CURRENT RULING ELDERS EXCUSED: Linda Grimm, Elsie Hall, and David Taylor

STAFF PRESENT: Rev. Dr. Stuart Broberg, Rev. Emily Miller, and Stacy Phillips

OPENING PRAYER AND DEVOTIONS

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Session of The Church of the Covenant was convened by the Rev. Dr. Stuart Broberg, on Monday, February 11, 2014 at 7:07 p.m. in the Dining Room. Dr. Broberg opened the meeting with devotions from 1 Peter 2:4, and then with a prayer.

APPROVAL OF THE DOCKET

The docket for this meeting was reviewed next. After a motion was made by April Betzner and seconded by Sue Key, the February 2014 Session docket was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes from the regular monthly Session Meeting of January 13th and the called Congregation Meeting held on January 26th. After a motion was made by Sue Key and seconded by Brian Teagarden, these two sets of minutes were unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CLERK

Dr. Broberg reviewed several upcoming baptisms with the Session. These baptisms comply with the Church's Baptism policy; therefore, separate Session approval is not needed for this baptism.

Two weddings were mentioned that had been scheduled for holiday weekends. Weddings on holiday weekends do not comply with the Church's Wedding Policy and will need to be special approved by Session. The Session referred them to the Worship and Music Committee for further consideration; that Committee will report back to Session at the March Session meeting. Other wedding requests complied with the Wedding Policy and did not need special approval from the Session.

Jonathan Pachter advised the Session that the 2013 statistical reports were filed in a timely manner with PC(USA) and with the Washington Presbytery.

Jonathan Pachter and Dr. Broberg advised the Session that the Washington Presbytery has requested that each congregation in the Presbytery help fund a Resource Center Coordinator for the Presbytery. Each church has been asked to contribute \$125 per year to fund the position. The Session approved this funding by consensus.

Dr. Broberg asked the Session to consider inviting Rev. Craig Kephart, the Washington

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Presbytery's Executive Presbyter, to attend our April Session meeting. Session approved the request.

Joel Braun, Crystal Miles, Jessica Hickman and others noted that the Presbytery's Leadership and Elder Training, held at our Church earlier in the year, went well and was worthwhile.

Dr. Broberg and Pastor Emily reported to Session on the recent Washington Presbytery meeting. They both said that the highlight of the meeting was the report on the Haiti mission trip in which our congregation participated.

Dr. Broberg pointed out that the March Session meeting will consist of review and approval of the Committee's Ministry Plans.

There were no baptisms, weddings or funerals to note for January 2014.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

Review and Approve the Revised Session Committee List

The Session reviewed and approved by consensus the revised Committee lists.

2014 Session Mission Budget

Steve Johnson reviewed the 2014 Mission budget. It will help fund quite a few local and foreign mission programs. It complies with the Session's desire that the Mission budget equals 10% of projected income.. The motion to approve the 2014 Mission budget came from Committee, Sue Denmead seconded the motion, and the Session unanimously approved it.

Information Related to the Buildings and Ground (B/G) Committee and the Christian Education (CE) Committee

At this time (7:51 p.m.), Steve Johnson moved and Joel Braun seconded a motion to enter into Executive Session. That motion was unanimously approved by the Session. At 9:04 p.m., Sue Denmead moved and April Betzner seconded a motion to come out of Executive Session and resume standard recording procedures. This motion was also unanimously approved by the Session.

A motion was made at this time by April Betzner and seconded by Joel Braun to call a special congregational meeting on Sunday, March 16, 2014 at 12:15 p.m. to review the 2014 B/G and CE budgets and discuss plans and decisions made regarding those budgets. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made at this time by Dennis Myers and seconded by Jessica Hickman to approve hosting the Presbyterian Senior Care's Holiday Home Event in November 2014, and give staff approval to meet with Presbyterian Senior Care and discuss this event. The motion was unanimously approved by the Session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – Brian Teagarden noted that his Committee did not meet in January 2014. Brian said that, as usual, cash income exceeded expenses in January. Brian asked all Committees to get in touch with Anthony Nicolella and firm up their 2014 budgets.

Personnel Committee – Gary Recktenwald, Chairperson – Gary noted that this Committee met in January but had no minutes to report out. Cyndi Barney will be on medical leave starting in February and will likely be out for 4-6 weeks. Job descriptions are being reviewed for Stacy Phillips, Pastor Emily, and Don Nixon.

OAR Committee – Donna Carlisle, Chairperson – Donna referred all to her Committee's minutes, with no other information to report.

Stewardship Committee – no report.

Mission Committee – Steve Johnson, Chairperson – Nothing more to report than has already been discussed.

Worship and Music Committee – Jackie Koman, Chairperson – Jackie referred everyone to her Committee's minutes, and also noted that there will be several new special worship services in 2014.

Christian Education Committee – Jessica Hickman, Chairperson – Jessica referred all to her Committee's minutes, and reviewed 2014 important dates with the Session.

Nominating Committee – Elsie Hall, Chairperson – Dr. Broberg reported for her, noting that that there was nothing new to report.

Building and Grounds Committee – Jerry Davison, Chairperson – Jerry referred to his Committee's minutes, and noted that there will be signs posted that identify specific Designated Smoking Areas outside the church buildings.

Administration Committee – Jonathan Pachter, Chairperson – no report.

Endowment Committee and Memorial Committee – no reports.

Ministry Team – Pastor Emily said that in-home communion will be held in March 2014. The next healing service will be held on February 18, 2014 – Joe Jeffreys will be the speaker.

MINISTER'S REPORT

Dr. Broberg said that he is very pleased with the Church's participation and leadership for the recently held Service of Christian Unity. He also said that the Washington Ministerium is functioning well.

DATES OF NOTE

The next scheduled Communion will be held on Sunday, March 2, 2014. The next regular Session meeting will be on Monday, March 3, 2014, starting at 7:00 p.m. The next Stated Presbytery Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 starting at 4:00 p.m. at the Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Church, with Charlie Bowers and Steve Johnson scheduled to attend.

ADJOURNING AND CLOSING PRAYER

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After a motion by Jackie Koman with a second from April Betzner, Session unanimously approved a motion to adjourn. The meeting was closed with a prayer at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan

Jonathan M. Pachter

Clerk of Session