

**CHURCH OF THE COVENANT**  
**MINUTES OF THE SESSION MEETING: MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2014**

**ATTENDING:**

**CURRENT RULING ELDERS PRESENT:** April Betzner, Joel Braun, Jerry Davison, Sue Denmead, Linda Grimm, Jessica Hickman, Sue Key, Jackie Koman, Crystal Miles, David Taylor and Brian Teagarden

**CURRENT RULING ELDERS EXCUSED:** Donna Carlisle, Terri Grantz, Elsie Hall, Steve Johnson, Dennis Myers, Gary Recktenwald, and David Taylor

**STAFF PRESENT:** Rev. Dr. Stuart Broberg, Rev. Emily Miller, Camille Braun, Don Nixon, 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, March 3, 2014 at 7:04 p.m. in the Dining Room. Dr. Broberg opened the meeting with devotions and a prayer.

**APPROVAL OF THE DOCKET**

The docket for this meeting was reviewed next. After a motion was made by Sue Denmead and seconded by Crystal Miles, the March 2014 Session docket was unanimously approved, with a minor revision.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded by consensus to approve the minutes from the regular monthly Session Meeting of February 2014.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CLERK**

Lisa Lynn (Carlisle) DiNapoli requested by letter that her membership be transferred to Level Green Presbyterian Church, Trafford, PA. After a motion was made by Jackie Koman and seconded by Brian Teagarden, the letter request was unanimously approved by the Session.

The Session was asked to participate in the March 5<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday evening service by helping to carry the wooden cross. Several people volunteered.

Dr. Broberg asked the Session to approve his proposal to reconceptualize the April 2014 Session Meeting to receive new members, conduct minor business, and finally to share dessert and meet with Rev. Craig Kephart, the Executive Presbyter for the Washington Presbytery. The Session meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m., and will be over by 7:30 p.m. The Session approved this plan.

**Baptisms**

The following were baptized on February 16, 2014 at the 11:00 a.m. worship service: **Ethan Robert Vettor** and **Darienne Rachelle Vettor**, born March 21, 2012, children of **Robert and Tracy Vettor**; and, **Gina Marie Antoinette**, born December 2, 2013, infant daughter of **Steven and Kara Antoinette**. The Rev. Dr. Stuart D. Broberg officiated.

#### Weddings

There were no weddings to report for February 2014.

#### Funerals

**Hailee Elizabeth Agnew** passed away on Tuesday, January 28, 2014. Her funeral service was held on Saturday, February 1, 2014 in the sanctuary of The Church of the Covenant with the Rev. Dr. Stuart D. Broberg and Rev. Donald Austin co-officiating.

#### MINISTRY PLANS

Dr. Broberg reviewed the process for presenting and securing approval of each Committee's Ministry Plan. He also reminded the Session that, once the Ministry Plans are approved, the Committees are authorized by the Session to administer them. Dr. Broberg asked Jonathan Pachter to compile the Ministry Plans (copies attached) into a single document to be available to the Session and to anyone in the congregation.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Brian Teagarden presented the Finance Committee's Ministry Plan. The motion to approve came from Committee, therefore no second was needed. There were no questions and no comments. The Ministry Plan was unanimously approved by the Session.

#### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Sue Key presented the Personnel Committee's Ministry Plan. The motion to approve came from Committee, therefore no second was needed. There were no questions and no comments. The Ministry Plan was unanimously approved by the Session.

#### OAR COMMITTEE

Linda Grimm presented the OAR Committee's Ministry Plan. The motion to approve came from Committee, therefore no second was needed. There were no questions and no comments. The Ministry Plan was unanimously approved by the Session.

#### STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Joel Braun presented the Stewardship Committee's Ministry Plan. The motion to approve came from Committee, therefore no second was needed. There were no questions and no comments. The Ministry Plan was unanimously approved by the Session.

#### MISSION COMMITTEE

David Taylor presented the Mission Committee's Ministry Plan. The motion to approve came from Committee, therefore no second was needed. The date for Mission Weekend was noted as a minor change. Other than that point, there were no questions and no comments. The Ministry Plan was unanimously approved by the Session.

#### WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

Jackie Koman presented the Worship and Music Committee's Ministry Plan. The motion to approve came from Committee, therefore no second was needed. There were no questions and no discussion. The Ministry Plan was unanimously approved by the Session.

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Jessica Hickman presented the Christian Education Committee's Ministry Plan. The motion to approve came from Committee, therefore no second was needed. There was one question asked by the Session – in response, the National Day of Prayer was added to this Committee's list of events that they will be addressing. There were no other questions or comments. The Ministry Plan was unanimously approved by the Session.

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dr. Broberg noted that Elsie Hall, Committee chairperson, was resting following a recent illness. He asked if it would be all right for this Committee to present its Ministry Plan at another time. The Session unanimously approved that proposal.

#### BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Jerry Davison presented the Building and Grounds Committee's Ministry Plan. The motion to approve came from Committee, therefore no second was needed. There were no questions and no discussion. The Ministry Plan was unanimously approved by the Session.

#### PRE-SCHOOL

Camille Braun presented the Pre-School's annual plan for 2014, and the Session concurred.

#### **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Administration Committee, Endowment Committee and Memorial Committee* – no Ministry Plans and no reports.

*Ministry Team* – Pastor Emily said that in-home communion was cancelled for March 2014 due to bad weather. The next date for this important program will be determined soon. Pastor Emily also provided copies of the Deacons' minutes.

#### **MINISTERS' REPORT**

Dr. Broberg noted that Dennis Myers' mother in law, Gertrude Ford, had passed away. He asked the Session to keep the family in their prayers.

#### **DATES OF NOTE**

The next Stated Session meeting will be on Monday, April 7, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. The next Stated Presbytery Meeting will be held on March 11, 2014 4:00 p.m. at Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Church; Charles Bowers and Steve Johnson are scheduled to attend. .

#### **ADJOURNING AND CLOSING PRAYER**

After a motion by Jerry Davison with a second from Sue Key, Session unanimously approved a motion to adjourn. The meeting was closed with a prayer at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jonathan**

Jonathan M. Pachter  
Clerk of Session