

**CHURCH OF THE COVENANT**  
**MINUTES OF THE SESSION MEETING: MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2016**

**ATTENDING:**

ELDERS PRESENT: Pat Boyer, Joel Braun, George Camlin, Gordon Core, Jerry Davison, Dan Halulko, Jessica Hickman, Jim Little, Steve Marriner, Joan McCrory, Crystal Miles, Dennis Myers, Kim O'Donnell, David Taylor, Katie Wichterman

ELDERS EXCUSED: Cindy Garlisi, Chuck Neff

ELDER RESIGNED: Ashley Bashioum

STAFF PRESENT: Rev. Dr. Stuart Broberg, Camille Braun, 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 D. Broberg, on Monday, April 11, 2016 at 7:07 p.m. in the Dining Room. Dr. Broberg's devotion was from 1 Samuel 6:9, and addressed listening to God's will. Dr. Broberg then led the group in prayer to open the April 2016 Session meeting.

**APPROVAL OF THE DOCKET AND MINUTES**

The docket for this meeting was reviewed next. After a motion was made by Gordon Core and seconded by Jerry Davison, the April 2016 Session docket was unanimously approved. After a motion was made by Jim Little and seconded by George Camlin, the minutes from the March 7, 2016 special called Session meeting (approve new members) and the regular Session meeting were unanimously approved.

**REVIEW OF THE MARCH 2016 WASHINGTON PRESBYTERY MEETING**

Pat Boyer provided the Session with a review of the March 2016 Washington Presbytery meeting. She noted that one of the focus points for the meeting was each church's insurance.

**APPROVAL OF WEDDINGS**

Dr. Broberg advised the Session about the wedding of **Kyle Hamilton** and **Brittany Peters**. No Session action was needed as this wedding met the criteria of the Church's wedding policy.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CLERK**

There were no baptisms, weddings, or funerals to report.

**SPECIAL CONSIDERATION CALENDAR**

Dr. Broberg said that the Administration Committee will convene a meeting to discuss funding issues at the Church. The Committee will meet in the upcoming weeks, then have an initial meeting with the Session. These meetings will focus on how to fund the financial needs for building projects, ministry and mission needs, and staffing. A plan will be developed and then brought to the congregation.

### **REVIEW OF THE MINISTRY PLANS FOR EACH COMMITTEE**

Dr. Broberg provided Session with some guidance on how to move through this process. He noted that Session will have main oversight responsibility to make sure each Committee follows through with implementation of its Plan. These Ministry Plans and this process will create a permission-giving culture that moves the overall ministry of the Church of the Covenant forward.

The Ministry Plans provided by each Committee can be found after the end of these minutes.

#### *Finance Committee*

Steve Marriner presented his Committee's Ministry Plan goals. Joan McCrory moved to approve the Finance Committee's ministry plan, and Jerry Davison seconded the motion. Dr. Broberg asked if there were any questions about the plan. Hearing none, the Session proceeded to vote and unanimously approved the plan.

#### *Personnel Committee*

Pat Boyer presented her Committee's Ministry Plan goals. Kim O'Donnell moved to approve the Personnel Committee's ministry plan, and Dan Halulko seconded the motion. Dr. Broberg asked if there were any questions or discussion about the plan. Hearing none, the Session proceeded to vote and unanimously approved the plan.

#### *OAR Committee*

Jim Little presented his Committee's Ministry Plan goals. Joel Braun moved to approve the OAR Committee's ministry plan, and Crystal Miles seconded the motion. Dr. Broberg asked if there were any questions or discussion about the plan. Hearing none, the Session proceeded to vote and unanimously approved the plan.

#### *Stewardship Committee*

Gordon Core presented his Committee's Ministry Plan goals. George Camlin moved to approve the Stewardship Committee's ministry plan, and David Taylor seconded the motion. Dr. Broberg asked if there were any questions or discussion about the plan. Hearing none, the Session proceeded to vote and unanimously approved the plan.

#### *Mission Committee*

David Taylor presented his Committee's Ministry Plan goals. Pat Boyer moved to approve the Mission Committee's ministry plan, and Jim Little seconded the motion. Dr. Broberg asked if there were any questions or discussion about the plan. Hearing none, the Session proceeded to vote and unanimously approved the plan.

#### *Worship and Music Committee*

George Camlin presented his Committee's Ministry Plan goals. Dennis Myers moved to approve the Worship and Music Committee's ministry plan, and Jerry Davison seconded the motion. Dr.

Broberg asked if there were any questions or discussion about the plan. Hearing none, the Session proceeded to vote and unanimously approved the plan.

*Christian Education Committee*

Jessica Hickman presented her Committee's Ministry Plan goals. Crystal Miles moved to approve the Christian Education Committee's ministry plan, and Katie Wichterman seconded the motion. Dr. Broberg asked if there were any questions or discussion about the plan. Hearing none, the Session proceeded to vote and unanimously approved the plan.

*Nominating Committee*

Pat Boyer presented her Committee's Ministry Plan goals. Kim O'Donnell moved to approve the Nominating Committee's ministry plan, and Jerry Davison seconded the motion. Dr. Broberg asked if there were any questions or discussion about the plan. Hearing none, the Session proceeded to vote and unanimously approved the plan.

*Building and Grounds Committee*

Jerry Davison presented his Committee's Ministry Planning goals. Gordon Core moved to approve the Building and Grounds Committee's ministry plan, and Dan Halulko seconded the motion.

Dr. Broberg asked if there were any questions or discussion about the plan. There was a question about air conditioning for the sanctuary. Dr. Broberg said that there were no plans to install air conditioning at this time. Kim O'Donnell raised questions about how air conditioning would be installed, noting that any such plans needed to consider historical preservation aspects for the sanctuary.

Kim requested that the item related to air conditioning be pulled from the Building and Grounds Ministry Plan and tabled until the Committee considers the historical preservation aspects and provides the Session with a review of their deliberations. Dr. Broberg then asked if the Session was ready to vote on a revised Ministry Plan for the Committee. The vote was held and the Session voted unanimously to approve the Plan, revised to remove the air conditioning issue, to be considered at a later date.

*Administration Committee*

Jonathan Pachter presented his Committee's Ministry Plan goals. George Camlin moved to approve the Administration Committee's ministry plan, and Dennis Myers seconded the motion. Dr. Broberg asked if there were any questions or discussion about the plan. Hearing none, the Session proceeded to vote and unanimously approved the plan.

Dr. Broberg asked Jonathan Pachter to compile all these plans in one document to be provided to Session at a later date. That will let everyone see Session's plan and hopes. The document will also show the congregation how Session is empowered to take these goals and act upon them.

Jonathan agreed to compile the ministry plans into one document. Dr. Broberg commended the Session on its work.

### **FINANCE REPORT**

Steve Marriner reviewed the latest financial report and noted that we have some ongoing financial deficits. He said that the Finance Committee will closely monitor these issues and will report back to the Session in the next Session meeting in May. Steve also pointed out that Endowment Sunday will be held on May 15, 2016, with an Endowment lunch to be provided at 1:00 p.m. on that day.

### **MEMORIAL COMMITTEE**

No report.

### **PASTORAL CARE REPORT**

Dr. Broberg told the Session that Ralph Farabee's wife Janet had fallen down a flight of steps and was facing surgery tomorrow. She had broken some facial bones. He also said that Darla Pepper-Miller's grandson is being treated for leukemia. There would be a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for her grandson on April 16, 2016 at Chartiers Hill Presbyterian Church from noon until 4:00 p.m. Cindy Garlisi's mother is having a difficult time, and Cindy needed to be excused from the Session meeting tonight to help take care of her mother. Joel Braun said that Chuck Neff is feeling much better and recovering. Joe Donham is not feeling too well. Dr. Broberg asked the Session to hold all of these folks and their families in prayer.

Dr. Broberg thanked the Session and the entire church family for helping to care for his parents after they both fell and were hurt when he was in Haiti on the mission trip. They are very sore and incapacitated; he is arranging for his parents to have 24-hour care.

### **DATES OF NOTE**

The next communion will be held on Sunday, May 1, 2016. The next regular Session meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 2016.

### **ADJOURNING AND CLOSING PRAYER**

Dan Halulko moved to adjourn and George Camlin seconded that motion. Session approved the motion unanimously. Dr. Broberg closed the meeting with a prayer at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jonathan M. Pachter*

Jonathan M. Pachter, Clerk of Session