

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT  
MINUTES OF THE SESSION MEETING: MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017

ELDERS PRESENT: Charlie Bowers, Pat Boyer, George Camlin, Gordon Core, Jason Dille, Cindy Garlisi, , Steve Marriner, Joan McCrory, Robynne Myers, Chuck Neff, Connie Simon, and Katie Wichterman

ELDERS EXCUSED: Ben Evans, Jim Little, Kim O'Donnell and Jeremy Zajdel

STAFF PRESENT: Rev. Dr. Stuart D. Broberg, Rev. Kay Balderose, and Jessica Hickman

GUEST PRESENT: Pastor Evans Solomon from the New Testament Mission in Haiti

OPENING PRAYER AND DEVOTIONS

The Rev. Dr. Stuart D. Broberg convened the regularly scheduled meeting of the Session of The Church of the Covenant, on Monday, December 4, 2017 at 7:45 p.m. at Dr. Broberg's home. Dr. Broberg opened with a prayer for the New Testament Mission.

Dr. Broberg then introduced Pastor Evans and asked him to provide a brief description about the work of the New Testament Mission. Pastor Evans was very excited about the Mission's efforts.

DISCUSSION ABOUT THE 2017 ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Steve Mariner reviewed the 2017 report from the Endowment Committee to the Session, and recommended that we receive it and forward it to the congregation. He noted that the PNC Foundation is performing as expected, with our Endowment Fund exceeding the projected benchmarks. The Fund's profits exceeded the costs needed to retain PNC to administer the Fund. Steve moved that the Session receive the report as a 9-month report from the Endowment Committee, Gordon Core seconded, and the Session unanimously approved the motion.

STATUS OF THE 2017 FALL STEWARDSHIP AND 2018 CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS

Gordon Core advised, that as of today, we have received 197 pledges for a total of approx. \$515,000. Those figures compare well to numbers from 2016 and 2015. He said that he expects 2017 to resemble 2016. We still need about 20 pledges to get to last year's pledge number total, and the Committee is making phone calls to try to achieve this goal. If we get more than 20 more pledges, he thinks we will exceed the \$600,000 mark.

Dr. Broberg advised that we have received a significant gift toward the 2018 capital campaign, and the gift should allow us to move ahead with that campaign. In addition, he noted that we have received a \$50,000 gift for maintenance of the stained glass windows in the sanctuary. The donor for the stained glass windows wants that to be a matching gift. Dr. Broberg said he feels lots of energy coming from the congregation for pledging for the pre-school program, new security measures and mission programs.

CHRISTMAS SECURITY

Dr. Broberg described the security measures that will be implemented for the Christmas Eve worship services. A plainclothes, off-duty police officer will be present at each service. The effectiveness of that plan will be evaluated on a Sunday-Sunday basis after January 1, 2018. Our

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insurance company is pressing us to take this course of action. This gives us a plan that we can use to advise the congregation if security questions arise. Charlie Bowers moved to proceed with Dr. Broberg's security plan as outlined, George Camlin seconded the motion, and the Session unanimously approved the motion.

ADJOURNING AND CLOSING PRAYER

Dr. Broberg thanked the Session for all of their hard work and support in 2017. Pat Boyer then moved to adjourn this meeting, George Camlin seconded the motion, and the Session unanimously approved the motion to adjourn. Dr. Broberg adjourned the meeting with a prayer at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jonathan M. Pachter*

Jonathan M. Pachter, Clerk of Session