

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT  
MINUTES OF THE SESSION MEETING: MONDAY, MAY 7, 2018

CURRENT RULING ELDERS PRESENT: John Artuso, Charlie Bowers, George Camlin, Sue Denmead, Jason Dille, Dan Halulko, Lucy Johnson, Patty Mounts, Robynne Myers, Chuck Neff, Kim O'Donnell, Butch Richmond, Connie Simon, and Katie Wichterman

CURRENT RULING ELDERS EXCUSED: Ben Evans, Wayne Hunnell, Jim Hyland, and Jeremy Zajdel

STAFF PRESENT: The Rev. Dr. Stuart Broberg and Rev. Kay Balderose

OPENING PRAYER AND DEVOTIONS

The Rev. Dr. Stuart D. Broberg convened the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Session of The Church of the Covenant with prayer and devotions on Monday, May 7, 2018, at 7:02 p.m. in the Dining Room. He showed the Session the plaque presented by Waynesburg University to our Church for servant leadership in mission work.

APPROVAL OF THE DOCKET

After a motion was made by George Camlin and seconded by Dan Halulko, the docket for tonight's meeting was unanimously approved by the Session.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 2018

After a motion was made by Dan Halulko and seconded by Charlie Bowers, the minutes from the April 9, 2018 regular monthly Session meeting were unanimously approved by the Session with corrections.

WASHINGTON PRESBYTERY CELEBRATION DINNER

Dan Halulko provided a review of this dinner for the Session. Dan noted that almost \$11,000 was raised for Presbytery mission programs. He said that our Church was well represented. Dr. Broberg thanked Dan and Charlie Bowers for spearheading our efforts for this dinner.

APPROVAL OF BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS

The following baptism was presented to the Session. It did not need individual Session approval since it complied with the Church's baptism policy.

- Aaron and **Courtney Kojundic** requested to have their infant daughter, Ingrid (no middle name) Kojundic, baptized on Sunday, June 10, 2018 at the 11:00 a.m. service with The Rev. Dr. Stuart D. Broberg officiating. Ingrid was born on March 3, 2018.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CLERK

*Appreciation Note*

Dr. Broberg read a note of appreciation from Rev. Craig Kephart, the Executive Presbyter of the Washington Presbytery.

*Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals*

The following were baptized as adults on Sunday, April 1, 2018 at the 11:00 a.m. worship

service: Courtney Lee Boardly, Cory Shane Cook, Gabriel Shannon Rebel Fraser, and Ryan Andrew Hurst. They were also received as new members on that Sunday. The Rev. Dr. Stuart D. Broberg officiated.

There were no weddings or funerals to report in April 2018.

### SPECIAL CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

#### *Update on the Capital Campaign*

Dr. Broberg provided a review of the current capital campaign. Since confidential personal giving information was going to be discussed, the Session approved going into executive session after a motion by Sue Denmead and a second by Robynne Myers, The Session next approved coming out of executive session after a motion by Dan Halulko and a second by Sue Denmead. There were no actions taken during executive session.

#### *Distribution of the Session Personal Packets*

Session members were given draft pledge packets for the current capital campaign. Dr. Broberg reviewed the contents of these pledge packets, which will be provided to the congregation later in the current week. He asked the Session to review the packets and provide any immediate thoughts or comments.

Sue Denmead moved and Chuck Neff seconded a motion to add the J. W. McCreight Brass Instrumental Music Fund to the list of Giving Opportunities presented in the Capital Campaign. Nancy McCreight had asked to include this new fund into the campaign at this late date. Any money received in 2018 for this item will be moved into the Endowment Fund. There was some minor discussion. The Session then unanimously approved the motion to add the J. W. McCreight Brass Instrumental Music Fund to the list of Giving Opportunities presented in the Capital Campaign documents.

Dr. Broberg asked the Session members to submit their pledges for this campaign before the next Session meeting, which will be held on June 4, 2018. He noted that a previous Session had pledged an average of \$3,000 to \$5,000 per person for the earlier Light the Fire campaign.

George Camlin moved to approve the entire campaign packet as provided to the Session tonight, with the revision to include the J. W. McCreight Brass Music Instrumental Fund. Robynne Myers seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The Session unanimously approved the motion.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### *Finance Committee*

Jason Dille, chairperson, advised the Session that the monthly financial report was not available and would be provided when it is available.

#### *Personnel Committee*

Sue Denmead, chairperson, advised the Session that Tom Hickman is no longer on staff due to his ongoing health issues. Tim Grantz will replace him. Two candidates have interviewed for the Interim Youth Director position, with one more person possibly to interview. The deadline

for applying for the job is May 15, 2018. Sue noted that the Committee will be ready to select the Interim Youth Director shortly after the deadline passes. Sue also said that the Committee will thank Dave Naragon and Kayla Goncalves at an upcoming worship service for their work in providing youth leadership during this transition period.

*Membership and Fellowship Committee*

Kim O'Donnell, chairperson, thanked everyone for helping on Get Involved Sunday. Jonathan Pachter read the thank you note that Kim had sent to the Session. The thank you note expressed Kim's and the Committee's appreciation for the Session's efforts in promoting and assisting in Get Involved Sunday.

*Stewardship Committee*

Dan Halulko, chairperson, said that his Committee did not meet in April; therefore, there was no report from this Committee.

*Mission Committee*

Chuck Neff, chairperson, referred all to his Committee's minutes.

*Worship and Music Committee*

George Camlin, chairperson, referred all to his Committee's minutes.

*Christian Education Committee*

Katie Wichterman, chairperson, referred all to her Committee's minutes. Katie also noted that volunteers are needed to help for Vacation Bible School (VBS). She noted that all volunteers would need to have the appropriate clearances in order to be able to help at VBS.

*Nominating Committee*

Charlie Bowers, chairperson, said that this Committee has met and is beginning the process to develop a slate of officers for the Class of 2021. There will be an upcoming Minute for Mission and Bulletin insert about this effort.

*Building and Grounds Committee, Administration Committee, Endowment Committee, and Memorial Committee*

No reports.

*Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) Report*

Kim O'Donnell, chairperson, advised that the APNC is still accepting PIF's. To date, which is relatively early in the process, two people and the APNC have shown mutual interest in each other. Kim noted that we are on schedule and are communicating regularly with Rev. Bill Youmans of the Washington Presbytery's Committee on Ministry. Kim also said that Rev. Craig Kephart has advised that he is fine with the efforts of our APNC to date.

PASTORAL REPORT

Dr. Broberg said that six (6) teams provided in-home communion on May 6, 2018, serving 33 people. Dr. Broberg also have reviewed pastoral concerns. .

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DATES OF NOTE

The next Stated Session meeting will be held on Monday, June 4, 2018, starting at 7:00 p.m. The next Communion is scheduled for Sunday, June 3, 2018. The next Stated Presbytery Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Houston United Presbyterian Church. Charles Bowers and Chuck Neff are scheduled to attend.

ADJOURNING AND CLOSING PRAYER

After a motion by Charlie Bowers and a second by George Camlin, the Session unanimously approved the motion to adjourn. Pastor Kay adjourned the meeting with a prayer at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jonathan M. Pachter*

Jonathan M. Pachter, Clerk of Session