

BONHOMME PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
14820 Conway Rd., Chesterfield, MO
Stated Meeting of the Session
November 21, 2017

Moderator: Rev. Phil Hargrove
Clerk of Session: Jeffrey S. Russell

Place: Board Room
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Ruling Elders Present: Mike Boland, Bob Buchanan, Steve Ecker, Jeff Erkert, Lisa Hartshorn, Cris Heffernan, Helen Hume, Scott Martin

Teaching Elders Present: Rev. Phil Hargrove, Rev. Don Everts, Rev. Tom Hobson, Rev. Chris Macky

Staff and Others Present: John Green

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., and a quorum was declared. Rev. Hargrove, moderating his first Session meeting, asked all present for prayer requests and opened the meeting with prayer in response to those requests.

SPECIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

John Green introduced Nancy Kopsky and thanked her for her service in conducting the church's financial review. Mrs. Kopsky provided written reviews for calendar years 2015 and 2016. She described the work she performed and reported on her findings, including issues identified and recommendations. For both years, Mrs. Kopsky concluded that the Church's financial reporting was a fair representation of its financial position, with no material discrepancies being identified. Mr. Green will follow up on the issues and recommendations identified in the reviews and will report to the Session in January. The Session also discussed the use of grocery cards as an opportunity for additional revenues. Steve Ecker agreed to investigate the use of grocery cards and to report back to the Session on his findings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The approval of minutes for the October 17, 2017 meeting of the Session was deferred.

RECORDING OF ELECTRONIC VOTES

Prior to the Session meeting, the Session had voted electronically on the following motions:

A. Chris Mackey moved that Session approve the baptism of Effie Marie Rose, infant daughter of Neil and Erica Rose, with the baptism to take place on November 12, 2017, in the Contemporary Worship, and the motion was duly seconded; and

B. With the approval of the Moderator, Fiona Grimshaw requested the transfer of her membership to her church in Scotland.

Pursuant to the Session’s electronic voting procedures and following discussion, both motions passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Rev. Hobson reported communion served to 384 at Traditional Service and 245 at Contemporary Service, as well as 14 shut-ins at Chesterfield Villa.

The Session voted to approve that the following baptism be recorded:

Effie Marie Rose	November 12, 2017
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BUDGET UPDATE

John Green presented the financial statements for the month-ending October 31, 2017. The session also discussed the status of pledges for 2018.

PERSONNEL COMMISSION

Mike Boland provided a status report on the search for a leader of student ministry. Rev. Hargrove continued the report by describing his discussion with a candidate. Following these reports, Steve Ecker moved that the Session authorize the Youth Pastor Nomination Committee to, if necessary, spend up to \$17,900 to retain the search firm Ministry Architects to expedite the selection of Bonhomme’s youth leader. The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Rev. Hargrove summarized recent meetings among staff and Session to discuss Bonhomme's church planting initiative. Rev. Macky expressed his views on the Session's recent discussions on church planting, including the scope of the plans. Following the discussion, Cris Heffernan moved on behalf of the Mission Ministry that Chris Macky (Associate Pastor for Church

Planting, Mission) and Phil Hargrove (Senior Pastor) draft a charter for Church Planting that: (A) Prioritizes a "Pioneer Church Plant" out of Bonhomme, and paves the way for potentially becoming an Incubator Church in the future; and (B) Establishes a Leadership Structure, Reporting Structure, Funding Structure, and Annual Budgeting Process; and (C) Uses Bonhommes' Preschool/KDO as a model for these structures and budget process. This charter will be brought to Session for final discussion and approval in December 2017. The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed.

NEW BUSINESS

EVANGELISM AND NEW COVENANT PARTNER APPROACH

Rev. Everts presented and explained a proposed new process for becoming a covenant partner at Bonhomme. He compared the current and proposed processes and the rationale for the proposal.

Rev. Everts moved to accept Marcia and Ronald Kellums as covenant partners. The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING


Scott Martin noted the two open elder positions on Session. He reported that the Church Nominating Committee had met and considered potential candidates. NLL put forward John Steffan and Jim Kilby to fill the two vacant positions until 2019. Rev. Hargrove reported also that Kim Luther tendered his resignation as an elder on Session. Mr. Martin moved to call a congregational meeting for December 31, 2017 to elect elders for the vacated positions. The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed.

TIPPING POINT

Cris Heffernan moved for the Session to approve tipping point grants pursuant to recommendations from the Board of Trustees of the Bonhomme Foundation as follows: (A) The Freedom School, \$12,500 to update the Literacy program to address a whole school strategy of language and reading and to use current technology to differentiate the needs of individual students; (B) El Centro Integral, \$7,500, to assist in paying college expenses for six of the girls while remaining as caretakers at El Centro; and (C) Global Outreach International, \$5,000, to expand the impact of the Bible Center, which provides accessible biblical resources to under-trained and under-resourced leaders of the Costa Rican church. The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed.

CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting was adjourned, on motion, at 9:35 p.m. and was closed with prayer, peace and harmony prevailing.


Jeffrey S. Russell, Clerk of Session