

BONHOMME PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
14820 Conway Rd., Chesterfield, MO
Stated Meeting of the Session
January 16, 2018

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, Pam Douthit, 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: AmyRuth Barlett

Visitors: Jim Kilby, John Green and John Steffen

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., and a quorum was declared. Rev. Hargrove lead a devotion on Psalm 46, and the Session observed a period of silence.

SPECIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES

Rev. Hargrove reported on last Sunday's stakeholders' meeting that was coordinated by the Student Ministry search firm. The Session discussed Student Ministry plans and needs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The October 2017 and December 2017 minutes were approved as corrected.

CORRESPONDENCE

Rev. Hobson reported that between December 19, 2017 and January 16, 2018, communion was served to 798 people at Traditional Service and 767 at Contemporary Service, as well as 7 shut-ins.

The Session voted to remove the following covenant partners from the church rolls:

Diane Rosen	Active	Moved out of area	7243
Nancy Gass	Active	Death – January 1, 2018	7327

Mr. Russell read the letter of thanks sent on behalf of the Session to Nancy Kopsky for her work on annual financial reviews of the Church.

BUDGET AND STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Mike Boland reported that 2017 ended as a "break-even" year and that this result was attributable to unfilled personnel positions. The stewardship campaign resulted in an increased the number of pledges but the amounts pledged were comparable to the prior year. Mr Boland reported that a budget deficient of approximately \$200,000 is projected for 2018. Rev. Everts provided additional information on the stewardship campaign, including the request for church leaders to pledge in advance of the campaign, the distribution of pledge cards at services, the references to the campaign from the pulpit, the use of videos and the placing of follow-up phone calls.

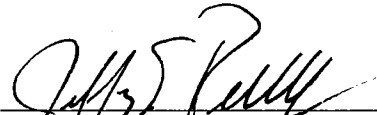
The Session discussed the projected budget deficit and ways to address it. Bob Buchanan then made a motion, which was amended by friendly amendment, as follows: The Session (1) requests the Senior Pastor to appeal to the congregation for additional giving, (2) tasks the Budget and Finance and Personnel Commissions with developing expense reduction options for meeting the 2018 budget, (3) tasks the Stewardship Ministry with developing revenue enhancement options to meet the 2018 budget and (4) communicates a request to staff to defer expenditures where possible; all to be accomplished by the February 2018 Session meeting. The motion was seconded and, following discussion, the motion was voted upon and passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Rev. Macky provided an overview on the church planting initiative. He reminded the Session of the charter that was adopted at the last meeting and reported that members for the oversight and church plant advisory boards were being recruited. Rev. Macky explained that he would be bringing to each Session meeting over the next year items related to church planting for the Session's consideration. He then led the Session through a discussion of an excerpt from Timothy Keller's *Serving a Movement*. Rev. Hargrove asked for the sense of the Session regarding a long-term allocation of funds for church planting and suggested further consideration of the issue.

CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting was adjourned, on motion, and was closed with prayer, peace and harmony prevailing.



Jeffrey S. Russell, Clerk of Session