

BONHOMME PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
14820 Conway Rd., Chesterfield, MO
Stated Meeting of the Session
August 21, 2018

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

Place: Chapel
Time: 7:05 p.m.

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

Teaching Elders Present: Pam Douthit, Jeff Erkert, DeAnn Feltz, Lisa Hartshorn, Cris Heffernan, Jim Kilby, Paul Schroeder, John Steffen, Keith Whittmore, Cliff Van Ittersam and Jenny Brown.

Also present were Lynn Packwood, John Green, Jeanne Luther, Jenny Stecker, and Dave and Jeanette Peevers.

We Gather & Greet

The Session shared dinner and fellowship time.

We Pray & Connect

The meeting was opened with prayer.

We Assemble & Discuss

Rev. Hargrove handed out blank cards to those present and asked them to describe Bonhomme's vision and the cards were discussed.

The meeting was called to order and a quorum was declared.

The Session acknowledged and thanked the elders who were leaving the Session to join the RiverTree church plant, DeAnn Feltz, Cris Heffernan and Paul Schroeder.

Rev. Hargrove invited Jeanette Peevers to raise her concerns regarding communions during the September 9 Unite service, and the Session discussed those concerns with the sense of the Session to allow children to be paired with ordained covenant partners in the serving of communion. Cris Heffernan moved to move communion from September 2 to September 9 for the Unite service. The motion was seconded, discussed and passed.

An analysis of weekly attendance at Sunday worship services prepared by John Steffan, previously distributed, was discussed.

Rev. Hargrove discussed his vision for Bonhomme and Sunday worship, including robust worship, strong liturgy, a relational service, and an opportunity for the lifting up of stories of the community, all in a reform theological tradition, accompanied by prayer and centered on scripture. The Session prayed for God's presence and help in the Session's discussion of worship.

We Hear & Respond

The Session approved the minutes of the July 17, 2018 meeting of Session.

Rev. Hargrove reported that the Worship ministry requested that the following changes be made for 2018 Christmas Eve services: times will be 3:00 and 5:00 Contemporary; 7:00 and 9:00 Traditional – with communion at 9:00 only. The 11:00 service will be eliminated. The proposal was discussed and passed.

The Session approved the request of covenant partner, Beth Farmer, for transfer to GreenTree Community Church, Kirkwood, Missouri.

Rev. Hargrove moved to increase the fee for wedding ceremonies to \$400. The motion was discussed and passed.

The Session received a report that on July 1, 2018, communion was served to 266 persons at the Traditional service and 190 persons at the Contemporary service.

Reports were offered by elder representatives of the various ministries as follows:

- Stewardship – Jeff Erkert reported that Rev. Capps had provided ideas for the stewardship campaign, and Jeff provided information regarding the upcoming campaign that would wrap up by Thanksgiving.
- Personnel – Jim Kilby reported that search teams had been formed for Children's Ministry and Associate Pastor positions. He also reported that a charter for the commission would be presented at the next meeting.
- Budget & Finance – Jim Kilby provided a budget report and noted that the budgeting process for next year would begin with inquiries to the ministries.
- Nominations and Lay Leadership – Cliff Van Ittersam stated that NLL was working to fill eight vacancies with a congregational meeting to vote on candidates expected in September. He also reported that the Growing Young program had been presented to the Deacons at their

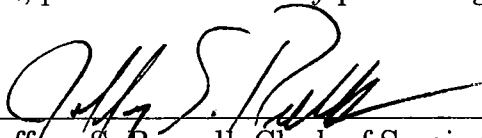
August meeting and that the September meeting would focus on Adult ministry and congregational care.

- Adult Ministry – Lisa Hartshorn reported that a Young Adult Ministry would be forming under the Discipleship ministry and noted that no funds were allocated to the new ministry under the current budget. She moved for Session to approve \$1500 to be allocated for the new ministry for 2018. The motion was seconded, discussed and passed.

We Go & Bless

The meeting was closed with prayer and the singing of the Doxology followed by a benediction, and adjourned at 10:06 p.m., peace and harmony prevailing.

Approved by Session: Sept 18, 2018


Jeffrey S. Russell, Clerk of Session