

BONHOMME PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
14820 Conway Rd., Chesterfield, MO
Stated Meeting of the Session
November 20, 2018

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

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

Ruling Elders Present: Phil Hargrove and Don Everts.

Teaching Elders Present: Mike Boland, Fred Breitenwischer, Jenny Brown, Jeff Erkert, Lisa Hartshorn, Jim Kilby, Jeanne Luther, John Steffen, Keith Whittemore, Cliff Van Ittersum and Jenni Stecher.

We Gather & Greet

The Session shared a meal, and the Stated Meeting followed dinner.

We Pray & Connect

The meeting was opened with prayer.

We Assemble & Discuss

Human Resources – Mike Boland reported on HR matters. He noted the resignation of John Benda and initial steps for a replacement. He also reported on Rev. Tom Hobson's status. After discussion, it was agreed that in order to clarify the current relationship, Pastor Hargrove would call Rev. Hobson to inform him that Session recommended the church cancel its Agreement with him and change his affiliation to one of covenant partnership and volunteer teacher, if needed.

Nominations and Lay Leadership – Cliff Van Ittersum provided an update on progress at the RiverTree church plant and Chris Macky's employment opportunity while continuing to serve at RiverTree. He reminded the Session that the possibility of dual employment had been previously discussed with and encouraged by the Session. Mr. Van Ittersum also noted that RiverTree would be providing a year-end report and would continue reporting throughout the next year.

Stewardship – Jeff Erkert provided an update on the on-going stewardship campaign. He reported that average pledges are up over last year and that the number of pledges is lower than at the same time last year.

Budget and Finance – Jim Kilby reported that expenses year-to-date are under budget and offset the shortfall in contributions against budget.

ECO Membership Agreement – Jeff Russell reported on the status of and continuing work on the ECO membership agreement.

Tipping Point Grants – Keith Whittemore provided a summary of recommended Tipping Point grants. Mr. Boland moved to adopt the recommended grants. The motion was seconded and passed.

Worship – John Steffan reported on a 32% drop in attendance at Contemporary Worship. The Session discussed the current plan to continue a commitment to Traditional and Contemporary services at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays.

Motions for Approval & Discussion

The Session approved the minutes of the October Stated Meeting.

The prior approval of the baptism of Logan Michael Porter by electronic vote was recorded and performed on Sunday, November 11, 2018. It was moved to approve the baptisms of Matthew Gerke, son of Kelly and Carren Gerke, and Olivia Grace Franke, daughter of Nicole and Aaron Franke. The motion was voted upon and passed.

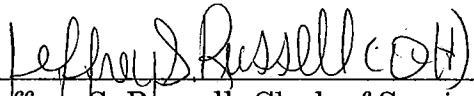
It was moved to approve the following new covenant partners: Carianne Bricker, Susan Stafford, Cary Hargrove, Mia Hargrove and Lincoln Hargrove. The motion was voted upon and passed.

It was reported that communion was served on Sunday, November 4, 2018 at Traditional and Contemporary services. In addition, it was reported that communion had been served to seven shut-ins during November.

We Go

The meeting was closed with prayer, the singing of the Doxology and a benediction. The meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Approved by Session: 12/18/18


Jeffrey S. Russell, Clerk of Session