

Bonhomme Presbyterian Church Regularly Scheduled Session Meeting

August 20, 2019

Those Attending:

Mike Boland, Jenny Brown, Robby Cella, Pam Douthit, Jeff Erkert, John Green, Deb Hawley, Steve Lucas, Chad Schrieber, Jenni Stecher Cliff VanIttersum, Keith Whittemore,.

Opening the Meeting:

Following dinner, fellowship, passing of the peace, and prayer, a quorum was declared, and the meeting was called to order by Steve Lucas who moderated in Pastor Hargrove's absence.

Ministry and Committee Reports:

- Adult Ministry – Pam Douthit – This was a Quarterly Adult Ministry meeting. The majority of the different ministries were in attendance. Everyone was introduced to Robbie Cella, the new Executive Director.
- Budget & Finances – Rita Peterson – In July, Bonhomme recognized \$158,784 of operating revenue and \$119,892 of expenses, generating a deficit of (\$33,108) for the month. This reduces our year to date surplus to \$59,983 putting us in a good position as we are more than half way through the summer. We continue to run ahead of last year, although the gap has been reduced to \$35,508.
- Building and Grounds – Keith Whittemore – Currently the ministry has been working on the 2020 budget and reviewing potential issues for longer term budgeting.
- Community Care – Jenni Stecher – The Ministry continues with Card Ministry, Funeral and Memorial Services support, Grief Share, Heart and soul, Homebound Communion, Meal Ministry, Prayer Chain, and Floral Ministry
- Guest Ministry – Deb Hawley - Guest Ministry held Host Orientation on August 18 and about a dozen people attended. A handful of volunteers were not able to attend orientation but will serve at least one Sunday a month beginning with Fall Kick-Off.
- Human Resources Commission – Cliff VanIttersum – Leaders from Agora, the search company, will be in to meet with key staff and the search committee on August 24th. Phil updated the HRC regarding the COHORT program with ECO and their fall visit (11/6-11). Cheryl Holland is currently forwarding relevant church data to Paul Borden of ECO.

- Nominations and Lay Leadership - Cliff VanIttersum – NLL is getting ready for the Class of 2023 Elders & Deacons. We start in the fall recruiting for members to fill 4 elder positions and 12 deacon positions
- Missions – Keith Whittemore – The submission of the 2020 the annual budget for Mission was discussed and agreed that a request to hold the 10% church budget for Mission would be made.
- Stewardship – Jeff Erkert - The Stewardship theme for 2020 is "Gather, Give & Grow." A Gathering will be held on September 19, 2019, and a Consecration Luncheon on October 27, 2019
- Student Ministry – Fred Breitenwischer – Student Ministry has added many relationship building events to the summer and fall calendar. Cam and Janelle’s primary focus for the fall will be “God’s Glory” and building leader/student relationships.
- Worship – Jenny Brown & Chad Schrieber - There are also multiple fundraisers about to occur which need approval. Communications issues were discussed.
- Pastor’s Report – Phil Hargrove
 - Attendance at Worship Services August 2, 2019: Traditional Services 252, Contemporary Service 198.
 - Death – Beverly Mackie – 7/28/2019
 - Remove from rolls – Jane DuMont – per her request
Cindy Lewin – per her request

Motions and Decisions:

- The discussion of polity as it pertains to Session’s approval of Baptism was tabled until the next Session Meeting. In the meantime, Jeanne Luther will form a committee to review and update the established processes for interviewing and approving candidates for Baptism and report during the next Session Meeting.
- The discussion of the role of Ruling Elders, Deacons and Staff Members was tabled. Pastor Hargrove is to present ECO and Biblical explanations of these roles. Job descriptions for both offices are to be reviewed and the current version made available to Session.
- Chad Schrieber moved that Bonhomme support the Forte Chamber Orchestra Fund Raiser. After discussion the motion was withdrawn and tabled.
- Chad Schrieber moved that the Worship Ministry be given permission to begin soliciting donations for new hymnals. The motion was seconded by Jenni Stecher. The motion was approved by voice vote.

- Cliff Van Ittersum moved to allow Jane Dumont to be removed from the Church rolls as she requested. The motion was seconded by Jenny Brown. The motion was approved by voice vote.
- After discussion, the request from Cindy Lewin to be removed from the roles was tabled. Pam Douthit will reach out to Cindy and confirm her intent to leave Bonhomme. Pam will let her know that she is loved and would be missed by many.
- Cliff Van Ittersum moved that the minutes for the July 17, 2019 Session Meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Jeff Erkert. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Next Session Meeting:

The next Session meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2019 beginning at 6:00 PM.

Closing the Meeting:

The meeting was closed in prayer and adjourned by the Moderator.

Submitted Respectfully:



Stephen H. Lucas
Clerk of the Session
August 21, 2019