

## **Bonhomme Presbyterian Church Regularly Scheduled Session Meeting**

**October 22, 2019**

### **Those Attending:**

Mike Boland, Jenny Brown, Robby Cella, Pam Douthit, Jeff Erkert, John Green, Phil Hargrove, Deb Hawley, Steve Lucas, Jeanne Luther, Rita Peterson, Jenni Stecher, Don Everts, Keith Whittlemore

### **Opening the Meeting:**

Following dinner, fellowship, passing of the peace, and prayer, a quorum was declared, and the meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Pastor Phil Hargrove.

### **Ministry and Committee Reports:**

- Adult Ministry – Pam Douthit – Ministry groups are very active and looking forward to fall activities.
- Budget & Finances – Rita Peterson – In September, Bonhomme recognized \$195,923 of operating revenue and \$232,515 of expenses, generating a deficit of (\$36,592) for the month. This reduces our year-to-date surplus to \$9,091.
- Building and Grounds – Keith Whittlemore – A review of recent roof repairs was discussed, and potential future repairs were identified. At some point, in the near future, funding for major replacements will need to be considered. Currently the ministry has been working on the 2020 budget and reviewing potential issues for longer term budgeting.
- Children’s Ministry – Jeanne Luther - Kid’s Church is off to a good start, and the kids are really enjoying it. Sunday School is going well – more kids with more consistency so far. We have some awesome HS students helping and Jeanne wants to get them to start teaching the lesson some Sundays.
- Community Care – Jenni Stecher –Activities are continuing.
- Guest Ministry – Deb Hawley - Guest Ministry has moved from John Green to Robby Cella. Our first “guest dinner” will be at the Hargrove home on 11/14. A small group of new young families have been invited.
- Human Resources Commission – Cliff VanIttersum – HRC is working on a number of policy initiatives which will be presented at the Session meeting.

- Nominations and Lay Leadership - Cliff VanIttersum – Matt Brandenburg (Mission) and Jennifer Kroll (Community Care) were approved by congregational vote on 09/29/19 to serve as deacons. They were ordained and installed on 10/20/2019. NLL will hold a training class for them and any other officers who would like to attend during the deacon cabinet meeting on 11/05/19 6:30pm Room 3205.
- Missions – Keith Whittemore – Mission Ministry will provide Communications Director materials each month for a spotlight in the Pioneer Press. Each program would contribute once per year. Funds originally designated for Ethiopia but not dispersed, will be donated to Samaritan’s Purse for the South Sudan Project which is a similar purpose as originally intended.
- Student Ministry – Fred Breitenwischer – September SM Leadership meeting key topics discussed: Breakfast at Bonhomme preparation, Bingo/Trivia communication, Lou Connect sign ups and confirmation report out by Drew.
- Worship – Jenny Brown and Chad Schrieber – Coordination is proceeding with both services.
- Pastor’s Report – Phil Hargrove –Church Transformation Consultation will be November 6-11. Dr. Paul Borden will lead us in a time of resetting our focus on the Great Commission and making disciples. Dr. Borden will meet with Session specifically on November 6 and 9 and will preach at a joint service in Steffen Hall on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Town Hall meeting will be November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the Sanctuary.
- John Green and Mike Boland updated Session on the status of various policies and procedures presently being updated.
- Attendance at Worship Services October 6, 2019: Traditional Services 261, Contemporary Service 178.

### **Motions and Decisions:**

- Pastor Phil Hargrove asked that at least three Elders attend the 7:30 AM prayer time each Sunday morning. Each elder is asked to attend at least one prayer time each month. Clerk was asked to send out a schedule for the Elder’s attendance.
- Robby Cella committed that the Policy and Procedure for Baptism will be completed and available for Session review and approval by the end of December 2019.
- Following a September 27, 2019 e-mail vote approved by 9 Elders, Keith Whittemore was presented a Commendation from the Session for designing and building two tables and other objects to be used in and for the worship of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
- Jenni Stecker moved that the Report titled “Research and Rationale for Background Checks at Bonhomme” presented by Mike Boland be accepted and that the Background

Check process begin January 1, 2020. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

- Deb Hawley moved that, based on their application, Ronald and Cheryl McCoy be accepted as Covenant Partners in BPC. The motion was seconded by Mike Boland and approved by voice vote.
- Keith Whittemore moved that Don Everts' functional title be changed to Teaching Pastor. The motion was seconded by Mike Boland. The motion was approved by voice vote.
- Robby Cella has completed all requirements for ordination as such Jeff Erkert moved that a Congregational Meeting be called and held on November 17, 2019 for the purpose of calling Robby Cella as Associate Pastor of BPC. The motion was seconded by Jeanne Luther. The motion was approved by voice vote.
- Jeanne Luther moved that the minutes for the September 17, 2019 Session Meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Jenni Stecher. The motion was approved by voice vote.

**Next Session Meeting:**

The next Session meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2019 beginning at 6:00 PM.

**Closing the Meeting:**

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

Submitted Respectfully:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen H. Lucas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "L".

Stephen H. Lucas  
Clerk of the Session  
October 22, 2019