

Bonhomme Presbyterian Church  
14820 Conway Road, Chesterfield, MO  
Stated Meeting of the Session  
February 19, 2019

Moderator: Rev. Phil Hargrove  
Acting Clerk of Session: Cheryl Holland

Place: Chapel  
Time: 7:35 pm

Ruling Elders Present: Mike Boland, Fred Breitenwischer, Jenny Brown, Pam Douthit, Lisa Hartshorn, Jeanne Luther, Jenni Stecher, John Steffen, Cliff Van Ittersum

Teaching Elders Present: Rev. Phil Hargrove, moderator, Rev. Don Everts

Staff and Others: John Green, Jeanette Peevers

CALL TO ORDER:

Following a shared dinner, fellowship at 6:00 pm, and then followed by a time of worship which began at 6:35 pm, the meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm and a quorum was declared. The meeting was opened with prayer by Phil Hargrove.

SPECIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES:

The moderator, Phil Hargrove, began by stating that Jeanette Peevers had been invited to Session to answer charges from the session that she had violated her vows as an ordained Deacon in the church. As, Jeanette had invited several people of support during this time of the meeting, Phil reminded that the guest that while Session meetings are open for anyone to attend, they will not be allowed to speak.

Cliff Van Ittersum took over leading this portion of the meeting. Cliff began by reading I Peter 5:1-11. Cliff then addressed Jeanette and stated that it was session's hope and prayer to reach a reconciliation. He then asked Jeanette if she would like to address the session. Jeanette agreed to speak to session and read a prepared written letter.

Session listened quietly and with respect. After Jeanette finished reading, she asked if the session would like to respond to her letter. Don Everts suggested at this point that since the letter was so long, that session might need some time to think about what was said before they could respond. Jeanette was then asked to submit her statement to the session by email.

Cliff then asked if Jeanette would be willing to meet with himself, Pam Douthit, and Jeanne Luther. Jeanette responded that she might be willing to do so. With nothing more left to be said at this point, Phil dismissed Jeanette from the meeting, along with all the guests who were present.

Session then discussed the situation after all of the guests had left the meeting. It was at this point that the Session were reminded that Jeanette did talk about being reconciled with the session, in her

statement. Session asked that Cliff, Pam, and Jeanne, perhaps discuss with Jeanette what reconciliation might look like to her, when they have their meeting with her.

The Session then went into a time of prayer.

Church Transformation Cohort and Consultation – Phil explained to the session what the cohort and consultation was. The Cohort and Consultation are programs that ECO has developed to help about revitalization of churches and pastors. Mike Boland stated that he thought this was a very good idea for Bonhomme and Phil at this time. Don Everts stated that he like the cohort approach and also thought it was a good idea. Motion was made to approve the Church Transformation Cohort and Consultation. Motion seconded. Motion approved.

Human Resources – Mike Boland

Worship Ministry – John Steffen

No other ministry reports were given as reports had already been sent in and included in the session packet for elders to read.

Pastor's Report – Phil Hargrove

PROCEDURAL ITEMS:

The Session approved that 269 people at the Traditional Services and 207 at the Contemporary Worship service were served communion on February 3, 2019.

The session approved the removal of Shirley Plegge and Madeleine Tufts from our rolls due to their deaths.

The session approved the removal of Beth and Lee Klepper and family from our rolls due to their own request.

Session approved serving of Communion at the Night of Worship Service on March 10, 2019.

Session approved the baptism of Emily Mueller, the daughter of Vanessa & Jacob Mueller.

Session commissioned Mike Boland and Steve Cox to serve homebound communions.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 with Pam Douthit closing in prayer. Peace and harmony prevailing.

Approved by Session: March 19, 2019

Cheryl H. Holland  
Cheryl Holland, Acting Clerk of Session