

Bonhomme Presbyterian Church
Minutes of Regularly Scheduled Session Meeting
September 15, 2020
6:00 PM in the Commons

Minutes of the Meetings

Those Attending:

Fred Breitenwischer Jenny Brown, Robby Cella, John Green, Steve Lucas, Chad Schrieber, Jenni Stecher, Cliff VanIttersum, Mary Bruning, Mary Oldfield, Steve Cox, Steve Ecker, Andy Seers, Dave Moore, Jim Keim.

Guests:

Bill Hemberger, President of the Corporation, John Hillhouse, Treasure of the Corporation.

Opening the Meeting:

Following prayer, a quorum was declared, and the meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Pastor Dave Moore.

- Pastor Dave Moore offered a devotional.
- Pastor Dave Moore – discussed activities he will be pursuing over the next few weeks and his opinion about the challenges facing the Church.
- Executive Director John Green presented the opportunity to acquire the Walsh house including the financial approach and possible uses of the property. He also presented likely alternate use of the property if Bonhomme does not acquire the property.
- John Hillhouse, Treasure presented the Financial Report which stressed tested the Church's reserves and cash flow assuming the acquisition of the Walsh property went forward.
- Elder Cliff Van Ittersum – discussed preparations for the Dr. Sean M. Lucas Workshop.
- Elder Fred Breitenwischer – Proposal to illuminate the East oak tree.
- Elder Cliff Van Ittersum explained the need to elect a Seated Elder to membership on the Corporation Board of Directors. Elder Van Ittersum nominated Elder Steve Ecker to fill this position.
- Executive Director John Green discussed the need for Camera replacements in for the Traditional Worship and Contemporary Worship services.

- Refreshing our Focus Team – Presentation of the Team’s overall approach and request Called Session Meeting for September 29, 2020

Motions Decisions and Votes

- Elder Cliff Van Ittersum moved and Elder Chad Schrieber seconded a motion to proceed with the acquisition for the Walsh House as follows:

Session authorizes the Bonhomme Presbyterian Church Corporation to complete all legal activities necessary for the acquisition of property known as the Walsh Property, 14850 Conway Road, Chesterfield MO. This acquisition is based on a negotiated sales price of \$335,000.00 and financing by Lindell Bank. The loan is based on a 15-year amortized loan with a guaranteed fixed rate of 4.5% for 5 years with a loan amount of \$268,000.00. The down payment will be \$67,000.00.

Upon acquisition of the property, Session will appoint a task force to study the highest and best use of the Walsh property, both short term and long term. The task force would include 2 ruling elders along with 5 Covenant Partners active in ministry. This task force would report back to Session with their recommendations.

Following discussion, the motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

- Andy Seers moved and Jenni Stecher seconded a motion to illuminate the East oak tree. The cost is expected to be up to \$6,600 for 2 years. Following discussion, the motion was approved unanimously by voice vote
- Elder Cliff Van Ittersum moved and Elder Mary Bruning seconded a motion for Seated Elder Steve Ecker to serve as a Director on the Corporation Board of Directors for a period of September 15, 2020 to May 30, 2021. Following discussion, the motion was approved unanimously by voice vote
- Elder Steve Cox moved and a second was heard for a motion to authorize approximately \$14,627 to fund the replacement of the Cameras in for the Traditional Worship and Contemporary Worship services. Following discussion, the motion was approved by voice vote.
- Elder Steve Cox moved and Elder Jenni Stecher seconded a motion to have a Called Session Meeting for September 29, 2020 to discuss next steps in “Refreshing our Focus.” . Following discussion, the motion was approved unanimously by voice vote
- A motion and a second accompanied a motion to approve: Minutes of Regularly Scheduled Session Meeting August 18, 2020. Following discussion, the motion was approved unanimously by voice vote
- A motion and a second accompanied a motion to approve: Minutes of Called Session Meeting August 25, 2020. Following discussion, the motion was approved unanimously by voice vote

Next Session Meeting:

There will be a called Session meeting on September 29, 2020 at 6:00 PM in the Commons. The next Session meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2020 beginning at 6:00 PM in the Commons.

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 written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "S".

Stephen H. Lucas
Clerk of the Session
October 5, 2020