

Bonhomme Presbyterian Church
Minutes of Regularly Scheduled Session Meeting
October 20, 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:

Elder Rita Peterson (not presently seated) - HRC

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 returning to the celebration of the Lord's Supper in both the Contemporary and Traditional worship services. He proposed the 1st Sunday of each Month.
- Pastor Robby Cella presented the Baptism of Olivia Clogston, daughter of Beth and Creg Clogston on November 8, 2020. Pastor Cella to officiate.
- Continued discussion about a letter of repentance from the Session and an invitation to all leaders, staff, and members to join.
- Discussed re-opening the Church for groups, such as Bible Studies, Sunday School, nursery etc. in a way that is safe yet accommodating.

A Re-opening Committee, authorized in the August 18, 2020 Session Meeting, composed of Pastor Dave Moore, Elder Mary Oldfield, Pastor Robby Cella, Pastor Lynn Packwood, Sharon Rinklin (added during this Session meeting replacing Fred a Breitenwischer) and Executive Director John Green are to continue as an operating committee to manage all reopening and facility utilization issues that may arise. The committee will establish policy to guide Executive Director John Green relating to routine approvals for use of the facility. In the absene of a governing policy, Executive Director Green is the take action subject to the following:

For the more routine approvals for facility utilization, Executive Director John Green should be the focal point and approval authority for these requests. In the event of differing viewpoints, Pastor Dave Moore, Chief of Staff will resolve any disagreements.

Regarding major re-opening decisions such as nursery, Sunday School, and other large or sensitive gatherings, the action will be proposed by the Staff and will be reviewed with the re-opening committee. In the event the Committee cannot reach a decision on a re-opening issue, the question will be referred to the entire Session.

- Elder Chad Schreiber presented his findings from studying the path to a search team for BPC's next Senior Pastor.
- Elder Steve Cox and Elder Rita Peterson presented HRC's recently completed revisions to the manual for Policy and Employee Handbook.
- Elder Cliff Van Ittersum – presented the Financial Report

Motions Decisions and Votes

- Elder Jenni Stecher moved and Elder Cliff Van Ittersum seconded a motion to resume in-person celebration of the Lord's Supper in the Contemporary and Traditional worship services on the 1st Sunday of each Month beginning November 1, 2020. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Pastor Robby Cella moved and Elder Cliff Van Ittersum seconded a motion to approve the Baptism of Olivia Clogston, daughter of Beth and Creg Clogston on November 8, 2020. Pastor Cella to officiate. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Elder Jim Keim moved and Elder Jenni Stecher seconded the following motion. A Re-opening Committee, authorized in the August 18, 2020 Session Meeting, composed of Pastor Dave Moore, Elder Mary Oldfield, Pastor Robby Cella, Pastor Lynn Packwood, Sharon Rinklin (added during this Session meeting replacing Fred a Breitenwischer) and Executive Director John Green are to continue as an operating committee to manage all reopening and facility utilization issues that may arise. The committee will establish policy to guide Executive Director John Green relating to routine approvals for use of the facility. In the absene of a governing policy, Executive Director Green is the take action subject to the following:

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The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

- HRC's recently completed revisions to the HRC Commission Charter was approved unanimously by voice vote.
- HRC's recently completed revisions to the manual for Policy and Employee Handbook were approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Pastor Robby Cella moved and Elder Jim Keim seconded a motion to approve: Minutes of Regularly Scheduled Session Meeting 09-15-20
- Elder Steve Cox moved, and Elder Cliff Ittersum seconded a motion to approve: Minutes of Called Session Meeting 09-29-20 as amended by deleting the word "subsequent" from the second motion in the penultimate sentence so that it reads, "The team further recommends these goals be measured at the Session level and all ministries be aligned toward their achievement." The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Elder Steve Cox moved, and Elder Mary Oldfield seconded a motion to approve: Minutes of Corporation Meeting 09-27-20

Next Session Meeting:

The next Regularly Scheduled Session meeting is scheduled for November 17, 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:



Stephen H. Lucas
Clerk of the Session
November 17, 2020