

Bonhomme Presbyterian Church
Minutes of Regularly Scheduled Session Meeting
November 17, 2020
6:00 PM via Zoom

Minutes of the Meetings

Those Attending:

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.

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 upcoming changes and recommendations concerning the structure of the church. He highlighted the large percentage of the active congregation presently serving on various boards, Session and Diaconate. Following the general Sense of the Session, Pastor Moore, the Staff and the Refresh Team will continue to assess the various ministries and the leadership requirements with the aim of transferring much of the responsibility and accountability of leadership from volunteers to the Church staff. Pastor Moore will present the team's preliminary conclusions during the January 2021 Session Meeting.
- Continued conversation about the series of sermons on Repentance in January, and specifically conversation about the draft letter.
- Pastor Robby Cella presented the Baptism of Carson Verseman, son of Tom and Vallory Verseman born May 12, 2020. The Baptism is requested for December 27, 2020 Pastor Cella officiating.
- Discussed the Worship Ministries request that the Session affirm its request to change the name of the "Contemporary" Service to the "Modern" Service.
- Pastor Moore reminded interested Session Members to sign up for the ECO National Gathering, January 29-31, 2021.
- Created a Committee to determine potential uses of the Walsh Property.

- Executive Director John Green presented an Update on the Old Stone Church Erosion mitigation project.
- Discussed how to develop spending priorities considering:
 - Old Stone Church
 - Walsh Property
- Discussion of spending for infrastructure modifications related to Steffen Hall and the Children’s Ministry were tabled until a future meeting.
- A Stewardship update was presented.
- Elder Cliff Van Ittersum presented a Financial Report
- Elder Steve Ecker presented the Mission Ministry Team’s request that roughly \$50,000 (23%) of the mission budget for 2020 remain unspent During 2020 and that Session used its best efforts to budget the same amount again in 2021 if financial resources are available.
- Elder Steve Cox presented HRC’s recently completed manual for Child Protection Policy.
- Considered an invitation to Caitlin O’ Connor Kasberg, candidate for ECO ordination to attend Session meetings, Ministry meetings, staff meeting etc.
- Elder Fred Breitenwischer asked Session to schedule the following conformation dates:
 1. Confirmation Sunday – May 16, 2021
 2. Confirmation dinner with Session – April 27, 2021
Second Choice Thursday April 29, 2021

Motions Decisions and Votes

- Pastor Robby Cella moved, and Elder Cliff Van Ittersum seconded a motion that Session approve the Baptism of Carson Verseman, son of Tom and Vallory Verseman born May 12, 2020. The Baptism is requested for December 27, 2020 Pastor Cella officiating. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.
- Elder Jenny Brown moved, and Elder Andy Seers seconded a motion to change the name of the “Contemporary” Service to the “Modern” Service. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.
- Elder Andy Seers moved, and Elder Jim Keim seconded a motion that John Green, Fred Breitenwischer, Jim Keim, Mary Bruning, Steve Cox and Randy Johnson form a

Committee, reporting to Session, to assess the potential uses of the Walsh Property. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

- Elder Steve Ecker moved, and Elder Jenny Brown seconded a motion to accept the Mission Ministry's proposal to suspend further payments to a number of Mission Partners in order to reduce the Church's anticipated 2020 deficit. The anticipated savings would be approximately \$50,000 for Fiscal year 2020. In formulating the 2021 budget and spending plan, Session will use its best efforts, depending on pledges and estimated revenue, to resume funding to the ministry partners that lost funding during 2020 at a level appropriate to their 2021 needs and Bonhomme's ability to provide those needs. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.
- HRC moved that the recently completed manual for Child Protection Policy be approved. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.
- Elder Chad Schrieber moved, and Elder Mary Oldfield seconded a motion to invite Caitlin O' Connor Kasberg, candidate for ECO ordination to attend Session meetings, Ministry meetings, staff meeting etc. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.
- Elder Jenni Stecher moved and Elder Steve Ecker seconded a motion that Session schedule the following conformation dates:
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- Elder Steve Cox moved, and Elder Jim Keim seconded a motion to approve: Minutes of Regularly Scheduled Session Meeting 10-20-20
- Elder Steve Cox moved, and Elder Jim Keim seconded a motion to authorize Executive Director John Green \$280,000 to finalize Terms and Conditions and contract for permitting services as well as final design and construction services for the proposed Old Stone Church soil erosion mitigation project as described by Executive Director John Green.

Next Session Meeting:

The next Regularly Scheduled Session meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2021 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 written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "S".

Stephen H. Lucas
Clerk of the Session
December 15, 2020