

Bonhomme Presbyterian Church
Minutes of Regularly Scheduled Session Meeting
December 15, 2020
6:00 PM via Zoom

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.

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 lead a continued discussion and recommendations concerning:
 - Continuing conversation about repentance.
 - The Flourishing Church.
 - The work of the Refreshing the Focus Team. Pastor Dave Moore has asked the focus team to meet at least once per month to see that the effort moves forward quickly.
 - The Executive Team will meet weekly to drive the focus on the “Wildly Important Goal.” The Executive Team is asking Session to embrace and approve a goal of more than 100 Baptisms by December 31, 2021. Each ministry will assess what they must do to support and further this goal.
 - Each ministry will be asked to develop one or two goals to support the “Wildly Important Goal.”
 - Elder Mary Bruning suggested each of the Ministry Heads be involved in the formulation and planning of the overall Church goals.
- Pastor Dave Moore lead a continued conversation about Repentance, and specifically the draft letter. Every Session member was asked to read it carefully, and provide comments, additions, and deletions and indicate their affirmation. These comments and affirmations should be submitted to Clerk by 12-23-20. Pending this final review by Session, the letter can be distributed to the leaders of the Church, outside the Session, as Pastor Dave deems fit.
- Elder Mary Bruning presented Earl and Donita Kidd and Wayne and Carol McCollum for membership.

- Elder Cliff Van Ittersum – initiated a discussion of a New Member’s Class. Mary Bruning offered to plan a New Member’s class.
- Elder Cliff Van Ittersum gave a Stewardship Update. Elder Steve Ecker’s proposed that a future Session appoint a person or committee to work with Covenant Partners on estate planning to further the bequests to BPC.
- Elder Cliff Van Ittersum gave a Financial Report
- Elder Cliff Van Ittersum presented the 2021 Budget for approval.
- Elder Steve Ecker, elder liaison for Mission Ministries, on behalf of the BPC foundation’s recommendation submitted the following for session approval.

The BPC Foundation Board has reviewed the applications for the 2020 Tipping Point Grants and has aligned on the following recommendations for the awards (total amount of \$25,000):

Organization: Isaiah 58 Ministries

Amount: \$17,000

Use of Funds: Purchase of cargo van for transport of food donations.

Organization: Bridge Bread Bakery

Amount: \$7,000

Use of Funds: Equipment (and associated facilities/infrastructure) for doughnut production.

Organization: Haven of Grace

Amount: \$1,000

Use of Funds: Hardware and software upgrades to enhance IT system/connectivity.

- Elder Cliff Van Ittersum reminded all about the ECO National Gathering, January 29-31, 2021. He guided all to information on sign ups, and ways in which our congregation might take advantage of this opportunity.

Motions Decisions and Votes

- Elder Andy Seers moved, and Elder Jenni Stecher seconded a motion resolving that Session will support the “Wildly Important Goal” of new making disciples for Christ by committing to a goal of more than 100 Baptisms by December 31, 2021. Each ministry will assess what they must do to support and further this goal. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.
- Elder Steve Ecker moved, and Elder Andy Seers seconded a motion to approve Earl and Donita Kidd for Membership. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

- Elder Andy Seers moved, and Elder Jenny Brown seconded a motion to approve Wayne and Carol McCollum for membership. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.
- Elder Cliff Van Ittersum moved and Elder Steve Cox seconded a motion to approve the 2021 Budget as presented. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Elder Steve Ecker moved, and Pastor Robby Cella seconded a motion to approve the Tipping Point Foundation Board's awards recommendations as follows (total amount of \$25,000):

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The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

- Elder Steve Cox moved, and Elder Steve Ecker seconded a motion to approve Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Session Meeting 11-17-20

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:



Stephen H. Lucas
Clerk of the Session
January 19, 2021

