

The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

An inclusive Church Family: Loving, Sharing and Serving Christ

Minutes for the Stated Meeting of the Session

December 19, 2017

Elders Attendees: Bubba Davis, Cinda Hitchcock, Gordy Lentz, Jen Conner, Nancy Castro, Bruce Lee, Todd Duncan, Sheree Fleming, Megan Hansen, Sara Martin, Betsy Whitehead, and Chris Liddell. Ria DuBruyn was excused.

Deacon Attendee: Debra Martinez.

Pastor Attendees: Moderator Rev. Dr. David Jones,. Rev. Laura Grice excused.

Visitors: Bill Bray

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with an opening prayer by the Moderator.

Gordy Lentz was approved to act as the Clerk for this meeting.

Pastor's Report:

The Sunday Music Program and Dinner was excellent. Had about 150 attending.

Spoke about the upcoming Christmas Eve Services.

Encouraged the Session to be involved in the Sunday Communion Services.

Review Minutes from November 28 Stated Joint Meeting of the Session and Deacons. The minutes were approved with the membership transfer name revision of Susan Duncan to Elizabeth Duncan.

Board of Deacons: Debbie Martinez reported that Laura's surgery went well. She is recovering. Will be in ICU for 3 to 5 days. Her Mom & Dad are with her.

Clerk's Report:

Reported on a Thank You letter for prayers from Robert C. Thomas.

Transfer of membership for Jason and Kevin Hughes to John's Island Presbyterian Church of Charleston, South Carolina was granted.

Ministry Team Reports:

Building and Grounds: Bruce Lee- Reported that Dec 26 power washing of building and painting will begin. The new signs are being installed.

Several members attended the Church Security Information Class offered by the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department. Ideas and suggestions were picked up.

Christian Enrichment (Adults): Ria Du Bruyn - Their Study material was approved. submitted report

Christian Enrichment (Children/Tweens): Jen Conner - no Meeting; no report

Creation Care: Bill Bray spoke of the Overture addressing Climate Change through a Carbon Pricing Plan. A motion was made for this Overture to be presented to the New Covenant Presbytery for their consideration. Motion was passed.
Cinda Hitchcock- Spoke about picking up the sidewalks and sharing this effort with other Teams.

Evangelism: Sheree Fleming- working on signs and maps. Team would like feedback and comments.

Fellowship: Cinda Hitchcock- encourage using the 'Welcome Center'. Talk and spend 15 minutes there.

Finance: Bubba Davis- Pledging is running slightly ahead of last year. We still have a 2017 deficit but it's becoming smaller.
In 2018 it's thought to make the budget about 6% below revenue as for the past several years revenue falls behind pledged budget by about this amount. May possibly end year end deficits.
Get your 2018 budget requests in.

Mission/Outreach: Gordy Lentz- The Alternate Market two Sunday's ago was very successful. Sold over \$ 11,000. That is the most ever.
We are hosting Elijah Mwandali a graduate attending from Zambia attending Austin Seminary. He's on semester break.
The Boy Scouts Blood Drive last Sunday had 10 donors who contributed 13 pints.

Personnel: Todd Duncan- no report.

Worship: Nancy Castro- reported on this team.

Youth: Megan Hansen- Reported that Dec 30 the Youth will be hosting a Coffee House and Open Mic Night at 6:30 pm - please come! Made reservations for the Heifer Ranch for a June Mission Trip.

Calendar review: Christmas Eve - no Sunday School.

Youth Lock-In - Jan 4 & 5 School resumes - Jan 9

Next Wednesday Dinner - Jan 10

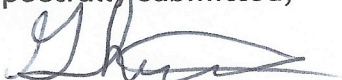
Love Your Neighbor Day - Jan 27 Officer Training - Feb 10

Next Session Meeting: Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Closing Prayer: Pastor David Jones

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Gordy Lentz