

**MINUTES OF THE SESSION MEETING OF THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017**

1. The session of First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven, Michigan assembled in God's name on Monday, June 5, 2017, at 7 pm in the lounge of the church located at 508 Franklin Ave. in Grand Haven, Michigan. The clerk, Bill Bussell, determined a quorum was present. Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon called the meeting to order.
2. **Attendance:**
 - 2.1. Elders Present: Carroll Bennink, Bill Blessing, Bill Bussell, Marge Coffey, Sandie Enders, Megan Hayes, Keith Konarska, Andrew LeFurge, Paul McNergney, John Nametz, Katie Neitring, Abe Overway, Carrie Rivette, Rick Skodack, Michele Smith, and Sue VandenBosch.
 - 2.2. Elders Absent or Excused: John Heritage, Jack Jansma, Nancy Levenburg, Alishia Terrill, and Tina Vander Wall.
 - 2.3. Teaching Elders Present: Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon and Rev. Jill VanderWal.
 - 2.4. Teaching Elders Absent or Excused: None.
3. **Call to Worship:** Rev. Hauser Brydon read Psalm 146 from The Message and then opened the meeting with prayer.
4. **Clerk's Report:** Bill Bussell reporting:
 - 4.1. Bill advised that the session and congregational minutes for 2016 were reviewed and approved by the Presbytery. He noted some items that need to be included in future minutes.
 - 4.2. Upon motion and support, session approved the June 5, 2017 meeting docket.
 - 4.3. Upon motion and support, session approved the May 1, 2017 session meeting minutes with one correction.
 - 4.4. Upon motion and support, session approved the May 2017 membership report which was distributed prior to tonight's meeting.
 - 4.5. The clerk had no correspondence to share.

First Presbyterian Church Membership Report
May 2017

Membership as of April 30, 2016		784
Deaths:		0
New Members Received:		0
Restored to Active Roll:		0
Removed from Active Roll:		0
Transferred from Active to Inactive Roll:		0
Transferred by Letter		0
Membership as of May 31, 2016		784
Additional Registers	Member #	Notes
Baptisms:	1	
5/21/2017 Marlowe Ann Meyer, daughter of Ethan & Alyssa (Mendels)		Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon
Communion Served: 8:45 & 11 a.m. Service	5/7/2017	
Home Communion: 5/7/2017		
Harvey Beute	Don Edward	Flo Sluiter
Sandy Beute	Ruth Edward	Conne Van Gelderen
Barb Casemier	Laurel Hendrick	Norma Vyn
Charlie Davis	Sue Roper	Carol Winton

5. **Faith Biography** – Abe Overway shared his faith journey/biography.

6. **Visioning** – Prior to this meeting, Rev. Hauser Brydon sent an email to session asking two innocuous questions which were metaphors for the questions of:
 - 6.1. What/who are we now?
 - 6.2. What/who do we want to be in the future?
 - 6.3. We shall continue this visioning in future meetings so that we can intentionally help guide our direction.
7. **Treasurer’s Report:** Andrew LeFurge reporting:
 - 7.1. Andrew stated that April’s revenue was on budget but reminded us that \$12,000 came from designated funds.
 - 7.2. Year to date financial income and expenses continue to look encouraging.
 - 7.3. Joyful Noise’s financial performance continues to be favorable.

Financial Recap as of April 2017:

	<u>Apr. Actual</u>	<u>Apr. Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
General Fund Revenues	\$76,684	\$76,000	\$318,639	\$312,000
General Fund Expenses	\$66,416	\$70,951	\$287,916	\$300,174
Joyful Noise Revenues	\$56,826	\$61,465	\$244,573	\$239,055
Joyful Noise Expenses	\$46,901	\$57,476	\$202,294	\$223,183

- 7.4. Upon motion and support, the Treasurer’s Report was accepted.
8. **Omnibus Motion:** Upon motion and support, the following written committee reports were accepted by omnibus motion:
 - 8.1. Adult Education minutes of May 9, 2017
 - 8.2. Board of Deacons minutes of May 22, 2017
 - 8.3. Children’s minutes of May 9, 2017
 - 8.4. Generosity minutes of May 9, 2017.
 - 8.5. Hospitality minutes of May 16, 2017.
 - 8.6. Nominations minutes of May 23, 2017.
 - 8.7. Worship minutes of May 16, 2017.
 - 8.8. Youth minutes of May 9, 2017 distributed at the meeting.
9. **Committee Reports withheld from the Omnibus Motion:**
 - 9.1. Children’s Committee: Abe Overway shared that his committee will be reconfiguring its Sunday morning offerings for children affecting both Shine and Children in Worship.
 - 9.2. Trustees Committee: John Nametz reporting:
 - 9.2.1. Upon motion, session authorized up to \$2,000 from the Omega Fund for the purchase of a lawn tractor.
 - 9.2.2. John advised that the Worship Committee will develop a Standard Practice for the new Carol and Winfield Hall Fund held at Grand Haven Area Community Foundation.
 - 9.2.3. Trustees asked Worship Committee to include the Iona trip costs in its 2018 budget.
 - 9.2.4. John also advised that an ad hoc committee will develop the church’s 2018 budget. Individual Trustees will be assigned as budget liaisons for each committee.
 - 9.3. Personnel: Bill Blessing reporting:
 - 9.3.1. Rev. VanderWal was excused from the meeting.
 - 9.3.2. Bill advised that because the PNC has completed its work, it is appropriate to revise Rev. VanderWal’s job description. The revised document has additional dimensions of community connectivity. Upon motion, session approved the revised job description. It is noted that the Personnel Committee, Rev. VanderWal, and Rev. Hauser Brydon collaborated on the revised job description.

9.3.3. Bill discussed the proposed "Covenant with an Interim Associate Pastor". One sentence was stricken from the text. Bill explained that the terms for this agreement/covenant are unchanged from the one currently in effect. Upon motion, session approved this agreement/covenant.

9.3.4. Rev. VanderWal rejoined the meeting and was advised of session's affirmation of her ministry.

9.3.5. Rev. Hauser Brydon shared his decision to close the church office on Monday, July 3.

9.4. Upon motion and support, session accepted the reports of Trustees and Personnel.

10. Unfinished Business:

10.1. Presbytery Meeting Delegates:

10.1.1. Upon motion and support, session approved Katie Neitring, Carrie Rivette, and Michele Smith to be its delegates at the September 9, 2017 Presbytery meeting in Jackson, Michigan.

10.1.2. Upon motion and support, session approved Carroll Bennink, Bill Bussell, and Michele Smith to be its delegates at the December 5, 2017 Presbytery meeting in Mason, Michigan.

10.2. 120 S. Fifth Street:

10.2.1. Rev. Hauser Brydon discussed his plan to create an ad hoc committee to recommend the future of 120 S. Fifth Street (the building once occupied by Tri Cities Ministries). He anticipates recommending committee members at sessions August 7 meeting.

11. New Business:

11.1. Upon motion and support, session voted to dissolve the Pastor Nominating Committee with gratitude.

11.2. Upon motion and support, session approved the following new members: Catherine Day, Robert Day, Cindy Lohrke, Tim Paintin, Christie Rademacher, Jasen Rademacher, Kelly Schoonveld, Jackie VanderWall, Ann White, David Jones, Chris Berry, Emily Berry, Emma VerDuin, Grant Young, and Sharon Chickey.

11.3. Upon motion and support, session approved the following baptisms:

11.3.1. (Retroactive) Marlow Meyer, child of Ethan and Alyssa (Mendels) Meyer, baptized on May 21, 2017.

11.3.2. Lauren Ransford and Easton Ransford, children of Gregory and Courtney Ransford, scheduled for June 11, 2017.

11.3.3. Tim Paintin, adult baptism, scheduled for July 5, 2017.

12. **Moderator's Comments** – Rev. Hauser Brydon reporting:

12.1. Rev. Hauser Brydon referred session to his written report and stated that June will be a busy month for him and his family as he pursues his doctorate and his family moves to West Michigan.

13. **Associate Pastor's Comments** – Rev. Jill VanderWal reporting:

13.1. Rev. VanderWal referred session to her written report and shared how her focus has shifted with the completion of the PNC.

14. **Elder Installation:** Session relocated to the sanctuary. Rev. Hauser Brydon and Rev. VanderWal led a service of elder installation for Michele Smith. At the conclusion of this service, Rev. Hauser Brydon closed the service and this session meeting with a benediction.

15. Action Items Recap:

15.1. Approved the June 5, 2017 meeting docket.

15.2. Approved the May 1, 2017 session meeting minutes with one correction.

15.3. Approved the May, 2017 membership report with one correction.

15.4. Accepted the Treasurer's report.

15.5. Under omnibus motion, accepted the following written reports: Adult Education, Deacons, Children's, Generosity, Hospitality, Nominations, Worship, and Youth.

15.6. Approved up to \$2,000 from the Omega fund to purchase a lawn tractor.

15.7. Approved the revised associate pastor's job description.

15.8. Approved the "Covenant with an Interim Associate Pastor".

15.9. Approved Presbytery meeting delegates for Presbytery's September 9 and December 5 meetings.

- 15.10. Dissolved the Pastor Nominating Committee with gratitude.
 - 15.11. Approved new members: Catherine Day, Robert Day, Cindy Lohrke, Tim Paintin, Christie Rademacher, Jasen Rademacher, Kelly Schoonveld, Jackie VanderWall, Ann White, David Jones, Chris Berry, Emily Berry, Emma VerDuin, Grant Young, and Sharon Chickey.
 - 15.12. Approved baptism of Marlow Meyer, Lauren Ransford, Easton Ransford, and Tim Paintin.
 - 15.13. Adjourned the meeting.
16. **Adjournment:** The session adjourned at 8:25 pm with a closing prayer by Rev. Hauser Brydon. The next scheduled meeting is August 7, 2017 at 7 pm in the church lounge.

William Bussell
Clerk of Session