

**MINUTES OF THE SESSION MEETING OF THE  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN  
MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2017**

1. The session of First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven, Michigan assembled in God's name on Monday, March 6, 2017, at 7:00 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. Jill VanderWal called the meeting to order.
2. **Attendance:**
  - 2.1. Elders Present: Bill Blessing, Bill Bussell, Sandie Enders, Megan Hayes, John Heritage, Jack Jansma, Keith Konarska, Andrew LeFurge, Paul McNergney, John Nametz, Abe Overway, Carrie Rivette, Rick Skodack, Alishia Terrill, Tina VanderWall, and Sue VandenBosch.
  - 2.2. Elders Absent or Excused: Carroll Bennink, Marge Coffey, Nancy Levenburg, Katie Neitring, and Michele Smith.
  - 2.3. Teaching Elder Present: Rev. Jill VanderWal.
  - 2.4. Teaching Elders Absent or Excused: None.
3. **Call to Worship:** Rev. VanderWal distributed ten quotes from various historical leaders and asked the elders to share their reflections on the various quotations as well as their perspectives and visions for leadership at FPC. Rev. VanderWal then opened the meeting with prayer.
4. **Clerk's Report:** Bill Bussell reporting:
  - 4.1. Upon motion and support, session approved the March 6, 2017 meeting docket with one deletion.
  - 4.2. Upon motion and support, session approved the February 6, 2017 session meeting minutes with one correction.
  - 4.3. Upon motion and support, session approved the minutes of the annual congregational meeting held on February 5, 2017.
  - 4.4. Upon motion and support, session approved the minutes of the special congregational meeting held on February 12, 2017.
  - 4.5. Upon motion and support, session approved the February 2017 membership report.
  - 4.6. The clerk had no correspondence to share.

**First Presbyterian Church Membership Report  
February 2017**

<b>Membership as of January 31, 2017</b>	791
Deaths:	1
New Members Received:	0
Restored to Active Roll:	0
Removed from Active Roll:	0
Transferred from Active to Inactive Roll:	0
Transferred by Letter	2
<b>Membership as of February 28, 2017</b>	<b>788</b>

<b>Additional Registers</b>		<b>Member #</b>	<b>Notes</b>
	<b>Baptisms:</b>	<b>1</b>	
2/5/2017	Quinn Louise Suhecki, daughter of Adam & Jacklyn (Boyce) Suhecki		Rev. Dale C. Swihart
	<b>Deaths:</b>	<b>1</b>	
2/27/2017	Mart Johnson	2739	Rev. Laird Stuart
	<b>Membership Losses:</b>	<b>2</b>	
2/6/2017	Dreyton Hardy	5467	Transfer to Hope Reformed, GH
2/6/2017	Heather Hardy	5468	Transfer to Hope Reformed, GH

**Communion Served:** 8:45 & 11 a.m. Service  
2/5/2017

**Home Communion:**

2/5/2017	Harvey Beute	Laurel Hendrick	Jim Swart	Norma Vyn
	Sandy Beute	Fern Mastenbrook	Edie Swart	Carol Winton
	Charlie Davis	Sue McClellan	Jim Teunis	Evelyn Wood
	Don Edward	Marie Pfeiffer	Sandy Teunis	
	Ruth Edward	Sue Roper	Connie Van Gelderen	

- 5. **Committee of Focus** – Keith Konarska reviewed Adult Education’s 2016 accomplishments as well as the programs and classes it has in place for 2017.
- 6. **Joys and Concerns** – Session members shared their joys and concerns.
- 7. **Treasurer’s Report:** Andrew LeFurge reporting:
  - 7.1. Andrew stated that January’s general fund revenues were very close to budget.

Financial Recap as of January 2017:

	<u>Jan. Actual</u>	<u>Jan. Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
General Fund Revenues	\$102,338	\$102,000	\$102,338	\$102,000
General Fund Expenses	\$85,515	\$94,550	\$85,515	\$94,550
Joyful Noise Revenues	\$56,626	\$56,538	\$56,626	\$56,538
Joyful Noise Expenses	\$50,618	\$56,221	\$50,618	\$56,221

- 7.2. 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. Board of Deacons minutes of February 23, 2017.
  - 8.2. Children’s minutes of February 7, 2017.
  - 8.3. Hospitality minutes of February 21, 2017.
  - 8.4. Personnel minutes of February 14, 2017.
  - 8.5. Trustees minutes of February 7, 2017.
  - 8.6. Worship Minutes of February 21, 2017.
  - 8.7. Youth minutes of February 7, 2017.
- 9. **Committee Reports withheld from the Omnibus Motion:**
  - 9.1. Adult Education: Keith Konarska reporting:
    - 9.1.1. Upon motion, session approved Betty Jo Enell and Jeff Terrill to serve on this committee as as non-elders.
  - 9.2. Pastor Nominating Committee: Bill Blessing reporting:
    - 9.2.1. Bill reminded session that Rev. Troy Hauser-Brydon’s 2018 and 2019 terms of call will likely include approximately \$6,200 annually for DMin educational expenses. Rev. Hauser-Brydon is pursuing a doctorate at Louisville Theological Seminary.
  - 9.3. Upon motion and support, Adult Education’s written report was accepted.
- 10. **Unfinished Business:** Upon motion and support, session amended its 2017 Declaration of Intent from \$17,000 to \$18,000.
- 11. **New Business:**
  - 11.1. Upon motion and support, session approved adding John Nametz, Andrew LeFurge, and Rick Skodack as authorized signers to all bank accounts.
  - 11.2. Upon motion and support, session approved adding Rev. Troy Hauser-Brydon as an authorized signer on the Pastor’s Discretionary Account.
- 12. **Moderator’s Comments** – Rev. VanderWal reporting:
  - 12.1. Elders were asked to advise Rev. VanderWal of potential rental homes for Rev. Hauser-Brydon.
  - 12.2. Rev. VanderWal will be working with Rev. Hauser-Brydon to schedule his installation service.
  - 12.3. She stressed session’s important role in facilitating the integration of Rev. Hauser-Brydon and his family into our church and community.

12.4. Rev. VanderWal will be attending a seminar in Seattle the last week of April. The seminar's foci are on management structure and practices in large churches.

**13. Action Items Recap:**

13.1. Approved the March 6, 2017 meeting docket as presented with one deletion.

13.2. Approved the February 6, 2017 session meeting minutes with one correction.

13.3. Approved the February 5, 2017 annual congregational meeting minutes.

13.4. Approved the February 12, 2017 special congregational meeting minutes.

13.5. Approved the February 2017 membership report.

13.6. Accepted the Treasurer's report.

13.7. Under omnibus motion, accepted the following written reports: Board of Deacons, Children, Hospitality, Personnel, Trustees, Worship, and Youth.

13.8. Approved Betty Jo Enell and Jeff Terrill to serve on Adult Education as non-elders.

13.9. Accepted Adult Education's written report.

13.10. Approved amending the 2017 Declaration of Intent to \$18,000.

13.11. Approved adding John Nametz, Andrew LeFurge, and Rick Skodack as authorized signers to all bank accounts.

13.12. Approved adding Rev. Troy Hauser-Brydon as an authorized signer on the Pastor's Discretionary Account.

13.13. Adjourned the meeting.

14. **Adjournment:** On motion and support, the session adjourned at 8:05 pm with the Lord's Prayer. The next scheduled meeting is April 10, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the church lounge.

William Bussell  
Clerk of Session