

**MINUTES OF THE SESSION MEETING OF THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015**

1. The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven, Michigan assembled in God's name on Monday, March 2, 2015, at 7 pm in the lounge of the church located at 508 Franklin Street in Grand Haven, Michigan. After determining a quorum was present, the Rev. Linda Male called the meeting to order.
2. **Attendance:**
 - 2.1 Elders Present: Marge Coffey, Andrew LeFurge, Matthew Olds, Dianna Sahr, Bill Scott, Scott Wagasky, Lee Brink, Sandie Enders, Jack Jansma, Brigette Kemink, Keli Olson, Bill Bussell, Megan Hayes, John Heritage, Nancy Levenburg, John Nametz, Katie Neitring, and Sue VandenBosch.
 - 2.2 Elders Absent or Excused: Eric Snyder, Craig Seaver, and Tim Stoeper.
 - 2.3 Teaching Elders Present: Rev. Linda Male.
 - 2.4 Teaching Elders Absent or Excused: The Rev. Dr. Thomas Cook.
 - 2.5 Others Present: Rev. Nancy Clodfelder.
 - 2.6 Others Temporarily Present (new member candidates): Calvin Clark, Jacob Cook, Sarah Cook, Helen Richard, Jerry Richard, and Barb Swihart.
3. **Faith Biography:** Dianna Sahr reporting.
4. **New Members:** Rev. Male introduced the six new member candidates: Calvin Clark, Jacob Cook, Sarah Cook, Helen Richard, Jerry Richard, and Barb Swihart. Each of these individuals gave a brief faith biography. Rev. Male shared the responsibilities of membership, using excerpts from the Book of Order. On motion and support, these individuals were approved for membership of First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven. The new members met informally with the Session for a few moments and then excused themselves from the meeting.
5. **Call to Worship:** Rev. Male opened the meeting with a prayer.
6. **Clerk's Report:**
 - 6.1 Clerk Bill Bussell presented the following for Session action:
 - 6.1.1 On motion with support, authorized the baptisms of Cruze and Colton Corwin, children of Jessica and Cort Corwin.
 - 6.1.2 On motion with support, authorized Rev. Scott Stanley to officiate at the baptism of Brent Bairbeau's child
 - 6.1.3 On motion with support, authorized moving the following from "inactive" status to "active" and authorized their transfer to Covenant Life Church in Grand Haven: Randy Poel, Lisa Poel, Joshua Poel, Adam Poel, and Jacob Poel.
 - 6.1.4 On motion with support, authorized removing Chris and Carolyn VanWieren from the rolls at their written request.
 - 6.2 On motion with support, the Session meeting minutes of February 9, 2015 were approved with two spelling corrections.
 - 6.3 On motion with support, the February 2015 Membership Report was approved.

First Presbyterian Church Membership Report			
February 2015			
Membership as of January 31, 2015		937	
	Deaths:	4	
	New Members Received:	0	
	Restored to Active Roll:	2	
	Removed from Active Roll:	0	
	Transferred from Active to Inactive Roll:	0	
	Transferred by Letter	2	
Membership as of February 28, 2015		933	

Additional Registers		Member #	Notes
Deaths:		4	
1/31/2015	Roger Rose	7341	Rev. Tom Cook, service 2/12/15
1/31/2015	Monica Goettman	1483	
2/9/2015	Esther Smith	3865	Rev. Linda Male, service 2/14/2015
2/17/2015	Martha Anderson	1126	Rev. Tom Cook, service 2/20/15
Membership Gains:		2	
2/9/2015	Jennifer Klaassen	5387	Move from inactive to active
	Kurt Klaassen	5388	Move from inactive to active
Membership Losses:		2	
2/9/2015	Jennifer Klaassen	5387	Transfer to Hope Reformed Church
	Kurt Klaassen	5388	Transfer to Hope Reformed Church
Communion Served:		8:45 & 11 am Service	2/1/2015
Home Communion:			
Martha Anderson	Millie Enders	Muriel Mersereau	Gerry VanStratt
Chick Borta	Betty Hansen	Sue Roper	
Louise Borta	Helen LaVercombe	Steve VanderWall	
Charlie Davis	Fern Mastenbrook	LaMar VanHaften	
Louise Edwards	Sue McClellan	Evelyn Wood	
Action Item: 1			
Approved by Session on March 2, 2015			
Proposed Removed from Rolls		2	
3/2/2015	Chris VanWieren	5288	Remove per his written request
	Carolyn VanWieren	5289	Remove per her written request
Action Item 2: New Members			
Approved by Session on March 2, 2015			
Names of Those Wishing to Join the Church			
The following people have successfully completed the Inquirer's Class on			
Calvin Clark	Helen Richard		
Jacob Cook	Jerry Richard		
Sarah Cook	Barbara Swihart		

7 Other Session Actions:

- 7.1 On motion, Session approved the following non-Session individuals to serve on the Hospitality Committee: Karen Neinhouse, Penny Morse, Martha Cook, Cheryl Nametz, Mary Heyer, Lisa Luckey, Andrew LeFurge, Greg Ransford, Nancy Holmes, Kay McCrea, Kitty Blessing, Alyssa Steury, and Diane Jones.
- 7.2 On motion, Session approved putting forth the following individuals before the congregation to serve as members-at-large on the Nominating Committee: Sally Kenrick, Ruth Suchecki, and Mark Sanchez.

8 Joys and Concerns: Elders shared their joys and concerns.

9 Treasurer's Report: Andrew LeFurge reporting

- 9.1 Andrew explained the various sheets of the financial reports, their significance, and their interrelationship.
- 9.2 All data are through January 2015:

	<u>MTD Actual</u>	<u>MTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
General Fund Revenues	\$60,411.82	\$64,203.70	\$60,411.82	\$64,203.70
General Fund Expenses	\$110,046.52	\$121,395.40	\$110,046.52	\$121,395.40
Joyful Noise Revenues	\$59,782.49	\$66,826.00	\$59,782.49	\$66,826.00
Joyful Noise Expenses	\$70,046.14	\$76,279.83	\$70,046.14	\$76,279.83

- 9.3 On motion and support, the Treasurer's report was approved.
- 10 **Trustees' Report:** Lee Brink reporting
- 10.1 A vertical lift will be rented so that the sanctuary chandeliers can be cleaned and bulbs replaced where necessary.
 - 10.2 This committee's meeting date has been shifted to the fourth Monday at 7:15 pm.
 - 10.3 On motion, Session approved the following non-Session individuals to serve on the Trustees' Committee: Len Anderson, Chris Bussell, Paul Lampe, and Lisa Luckey.
 - 10.4 On motion, Session accepted the Trustees' report.
- 11 **Omnibus Motion:** On motion and support, the following written committee reports were approved by omnibus motion:
- 11.1 Adult Education Committee minutes of February 10, 2015
 - 11.2 Children's Ministries Committee minutes of February 10, 2015
 - 11.3 Deacons' minutes of February 23, 2015
 - 11.4 Hospitality Committee minutes of February 16, 2015
 - 11.5 Personnel Committee minutes of February 13, 2015
 - 11.6 Stewardship Committee minutes of February 24, 2015
 - 11.7 Worship Committee minutes of February 10, 2015
 - 11.8 Community Artist Committee minutes of February 5, 2015
 - 11.9 Youth Committee minutes of February 10, 2015
 - 11.10 Mission Committee minutes of February 16, 2015
- 12 **Associate Pastor Nominating Committee:** Andrew LeFurge reporting
- 12.1 On motion and support, Session approved adding two individuals to the APNC: Greg Ransford representing young families and Connie VanSchelven representing the Deacons.
 - 12.2 On motion and support, Session considered adding one youth representative to serve on the APNC. This motion was amended to add one or two youth to this committee. The amendment was passed as was the amended motion: Session authorizes one to two youth to serve on the APNC.
 - 12.3 On motion and support, Session approved the Ministry Information Form as prepared by the APNC, recognizing that that the document will be updated as more current information is available or as other corrections are necessary.
- 13 **Moderator's/Pastor's Report:** Rev. Linda Male reporting
- 13.1 Rev. Male reminded the Elders that its next meeting will be held on Monday, April 13, 2015, at 6 pm and be a joint meeting with the Deacons.
 - 13.2 Rev. Male also reminded the Elders that Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 8.
- 14 **Report from Presbytery:** Rev. Nancy Clodfelder reporting
- 14.1 After calling the meeting to order, Rev. Male welcomed Rev. Nancy Clodfelder who serves as our primary liaison with the Presbytery of Lake Michigan including the Committee on Ministry and the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.
 - 14.2 Rev. Clodfelder reported on a meeting with Rev. Scott Robertson in which the Covenant of Closure document was discussed. This document establishes boundaries for a clergy person who no longer serves a given church.
- 15 **Thank You Notes:** Marge Coffey prepared thank you notes for those members who assist with Hand2Hand. These notes were circulated among the Elders for their signatures.

16 Action Items Recap:

- 16.1 Approved the following for membership: Calvin Clark, Jacob Cook, Sarah Cook, Helen Richard, Jerry Richard, and Barb Swihart
 - 16.2 Authorized baptisms of Cruze and Colton Corwin
 - 16.3 Authorized Rev. Scott Stanley to officiate at the baptism of Brent Baribeau's child
 - 16.4 Authorized moving the following from "inactive" to "active" and then to transfer their membership to Covenant Life Church: Randy Poel, Lisa Poel, Joshua Poel, Adam Poel, and Jacob Poel
 - 16.5 Authorized removing Chris and Carolyn VanWieren from the rolls at their written request
 - 16.6 Approved Session meeting minutes of February 9, 2015
 - 16.7 Approved the February 2015 Membership Report
 - 16.8 Approved non-Session individuals to serve on the Hospitality Committee
 - 16.9 Approved submitting three individuals to the congregation to serve as members-at-large on the Nominating Committee
 - 16.10 Approved the Treasurer's report
 - 16.11 Approved non-Session individuals to serve on Trustees' Committee
 - 16.12 Approved the Trustees' report
 - 16.13 Approved omnibus motion to accept committee reports from Adult Education, Children's Ministries, Deacons, Hospitality Committee, Personnel Committee, Worship Committee, Community Artist Committee, Youth Committee, and Mission Committee
 - 16.14 Approved adding two individuals (young families and Deacons) to the APNC
 - 16.15 Approved adding one or two youth to the APNC
 - 16.16 Approved the Ministry Information Form
 - 16.17 Adjournment at 9:25 pm
- 17 **Adjournment:** On motion and support, the Session adjourned at 9:25 pm with a closing prayer by Rev. Male. The next scheduled meeting is April 13, 2015, at 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

William Bussell
Clerk of Session