

**MINUTES OF THE SESSION MEETING OF THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2014**

1. The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven assembled in God's name on Monday, February 3, 2014 at 7:00 PM, in the lounge of the church located at 508 Franklin Avenue in Grand Haven, Michigan. The Moderator, The Rev. Dr. Thomas Cook called the meeting to order. Clerk of Session, Cal Bosman, determined that a quorum was present.
2. **ELDERS PRESENT:** Cal Bosman, Lee Brink, Marge Coffey, Jack Jansma, Andrew LeFurge, John Lepard, Lisa Luckey, Sue Ochs, Keli Olson, Charlie Parker, Michelle Potter, Bill Scott, Craig Seaver, Eric Snyder, Bruce Spoelman, Tom Stoepker and Scott Wagasky.
 - 2.1 **ELDERS ABSENT OR EXCUSED:** Ron Mass, Matt Olds, Roger Rose, Dianna Sahr.
 - 2.2 **MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT PRESENT:** The Rev. Dr. Thomas Cook, The Rev. Patricia Locke, and The Rev. Scott Robertson.
 - 2.3 **ALSO PRESENT:** Guy Terrill
3. Call to Worship – Rev. Tom Cook led devotions and prayer.
4. Clerk's Report :
 - 4.1 Membership Report:

First Presbyterian Church Membership Report				
January 2014				
Membership as of December 31, 2013			1113	
Deaths:				2
New Members Received:				1
Restored to Active Roll:				0
Removed from Active Roll:				0
Transferred from Active to Inactive Roll:				0
Transferred by Letter				0
Membership as of January 31, 2014			1112	
Additional Registers		Member #		Notes
<i>Deaths:</i>		2		Service Date
1/6/2014	Edna McArthur	1761	8/8/2014	
1/19/2014	Mariann Lampe	5403	1/24/2014	
Membership Gains:		0		
1/13/2014	Cyndy Buening	1	transfer from FPC Glen Ellyn, IL	
Communion Served:	8:45 & 11 a.m. Service	1/5//2014		
Home Communion:	1/5/2014			
Martha Anderson	Jack Krueger	Blanche Olson		
Millie Enders	Jean Lautenschlaeger	Marie Pfeiffer		
Bernie Fridsma	Helen LaVercombe	Sue Roper		
Carol Fridsma	Sue McClellan	Steve VanderWall		
Betty Hansen	Fern Mastenbrook	LaMar VanHaften		
Action Item: Approved by Session on February 3, 2014				
Proposed Move to Active from InActive				
	Rob Andersen	Per his request		
	Connie VanSchelven	Per her request (Deacon)		

- 4.2 On Motion and support, the transfer of Rob Andersen and Connie Van Schelven from the inactive list to the active list was approved.
- 4.3 On motion and support, the 2013 Church Report was approved.
- 4.4 On motion and support, the Session minutes from the January 6, 2014 meeting were approved with the following corrections: 5.1 correct spelling of Kelli Jullie's name; (8) The surveillance camera vendor has not been selected; (8) the word "trainees" should be "trainers"
- 4.5 The Special Session Meeting minutes of January 27, 2014 were approved following motion and support, with correction of the 3rd sentence of paragraph 7 to read: It was determined that the increase was due primarily to the fact that the Children's Ministry and Middle School Director positions are now the full year for 2014.
- 4.6 On motion and support, the Clerk's report was approved.

5. Election of Officers:

On motion and support, the following officers were elected: President, Lee Brink; Treasurer, Charlie Parker; Secretary, John Leopard; Clerk, Cal Bosman.

6. Faith Biography: Guy Terrill presented his faith biography.

7. Joys and Concerns: Each elder expressed their Joys and Concerns

8. Treasurer's Report – Charlie Parker reporting.

8.1	Revenues December:	Actual	Budget	YTD actual	YTD Budget
		110,020.27	130,630.00	891,718.51	980,686.00
8.2	Expenses December:	Actual	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
		77,470.76	75,516.65	932,176.64	980,000.00
8.3	Joyful Noise:				
	Revenues December:	Actual	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
		55,175.63	49,936.40	680,931.34	683,732.80
	Expenses December:	Actual	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
		51,507.06	55,726.38	698,150.62	674,459.98

8.4 The final budget adopted at the January 27, 2014 Special Session meeting is:

	2014	
Revenues	955,000	
Committee Expenditures		
Children's Ministries		10,900
Mission		90,000
Personnel		650,658
Hospitality		7,000
Trustees		129,131
Stewardship		4,500
Worship		15,000
Youth		13,950
Adult Education		2,500
Session		28,225
Total Expenditures		951,864
Net Revenue	3,136	

On motion and support, the Treasurer's report was approved.

9. Trustees Report: Lee Brink reporting
 - The handicap doors are now working.
 - Access card entry system is installed.
 - The brick cleaning, tuck pointing and surveillance cameras are not completed but are active projects.
 - On motion and support, approval was given to pay for the Automatic Equipment with funds from donations and the Memorial fund.
 - On motion and support, the Trustees report was approved.

10. Omnibus Motion: The following written committee reports were approved by omnibus motion, made and supported.
 - 10.1 **Adult Education:** Tim Stoepker will be the committee's chair.
 - 10.2 **Children's Ministries:** Reviewed and were pleased with the 5:00pm and 7:00pm Christmas Eve services. VBS will use the same family event format as 2013, doing two in June, one in July, and two in August, all in the evenings, using Jungle Safari themed curriculum.
 - 10.3 **Hospitality and Outreach:** Divine Dining has 3 groups scheduled and one in the process of scheduling. Church Picnic for 2014 remains an uncertainty, but a \$365 deposit was made to reserve the park for September 7.
 - 10.4 **Mission:** The Christmas Joy offering of \$2021.00 will be divided between the Board of Pensions, and Presbyterian Colleges, to support racial/ethnic education; the Hands to Serve program will be under the control of the Mission Committee; Paul McNergney is leading a prison ministry in Muskegon and would like to receive 30 copies of each Upper Room publication, at anticipated cost of \$189 per year.
 - 10.5 **Nominating:** A brochure describing each committee needs updating.
 - 10.6 **Small Group Ministries:** Seven couples attended the first meeting. All are interested in continuing on a monthly basis.

11. Youth Committee: Eric Snyder and Rev. Scott Robertson reporting.
 - Thanks for the success of the Hoagie sale fund raiser. A special shout out to Becky Sanchez and Michelle Smith for their help. The net was \$1250.
 - The Vine mission trip to Chicago is scheduled for June 22 – June 28.
 - The Roots mission trip is to St. Louis. It is scheduled for July 12 – 19.
 - Youth attendance will be tracked using a similar method as Session with church members, with youth leaders communicating with youth and parents.

On motion and support, the Youth Committee report was approved.

12. Pastor's Report:
 - 12.1 Rev Cook:
 - Ash Wednesday is March 5, and the beginning of Lent.
 - There will be an evening service each Wednesday during Lent, followed by a soup and bread supper. The soup and bread will be provided by the Men's Group, the choir, P.W., and Session, each responsible for one Wednesday. On March 19 the culinary skills of Elders Eric Snyder, Keli Olson, Lisa Lucky and Michelle Potter will be on display, each volunteering a soup. Tim Stoepker and Bruce Spoelman will supply the bread.

- On motion and support, approval was given to decommissioning the WIN committees, with thanks for their service, to be published in the Tidings.

12.2 Rev. Scott Robertson:

- Ten 8 through 10th graders are signed up for the Confirmation class.
- The 11:00 Worship service which he is planning, will have some new twists unique to First Presbyterian Church.
- 40 kids attend worship and Growing in Faith hour.
- Scott would like to see more Elders attend the Growing in Faith Classes.

12.3 Rev. Pat Locke

- Small Group Ministry is off to a good start.
- A Special Session meeting is called for 8:15 am, Feb. 23, for the purpose of receiving new members being received into the church on February 23.

13. New Business:

- The question of whether choir member Elders should serve communion was discussed, without action taken. The conclusion reached – training was needed.
- Andrew LeFurge will talk to Kelli Jullie about the budget and how to help Committee members understand it.

14. Action Items: The following items were approved, following proper motions and support, by voice vote.

- The 2013 Membership report.
- The transfer of inactive status of Rob Anderson and Connie Van Schelven to active status.
- The Session meeting minutes of January 6, 2014, with corrections
- The Special Session minutes of January 27, 2014 with correction.
- The Clerk's report
- The election of Church Officers.
- The Treasurer's report.
- Payment for the Automatic Equipment from donations and the Memorial Fund.
- The Trustee's report.
- By omnibus motion the reports of the Adult Education, Children's Ministries, Hospitality and Outreach, Mission, Nominating, and Small Group Ministry reports.
- The Youth Committee Report.
- Decommissioning the WIN teams.

15. On motion and support the meeting was adjourned at 8.56pm with closing prayer led by Rev. Pat Locke

Respectfully submitted,

Cal Bosman
Clerk of Session