

**MINUTES OF THE SESSION MEETING OF THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
MONDAY, July 14, 2014**

1. The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven assembled in God's name on Monday July 14, 2014 at 7:00 PM, in the lounge of the church located at 508 Franklin Avenue in Grand Haven, Michigan. The Rev. Dr. Thomas Cook called the meeting to order. Clerk of Session, Cal Bosman, determined that a quorum was present
2. **Attendance:**
 - 2.1 **Elders Present:** Cal Bosman, Marge Coffey, Andrew LeFurge, Jack Jansma, Ron Mass, Sue Ochs, Keli Olson, Charlie Parker, Roger Rose, Dianna Sahr, Craig Seaver, Bill Scott, Eric Snyder, Tim Stoecker and Scott Wagasky.
 - 2.2 **Elders Absent or Excused:** Lee Brink, Lisa Luckey, Matt Olds, Michelle Potter and Bruce Spoelman.
 - 2.3 **Teaching Elders Present:** The Rev. Dr. Thomas Cook and the Rev. Patricia Locke.
 - 2.4 **Teaching Elders Absent or Excused:** The Rev. Scott Robertson.
 - 2.5 **Also Present:** Diane Jones, Karen Nienhouse, Katie Neitring, Rev. David Weber
 - 2.6 On motion and support, Rev. David Weber, Presbytery Ministry Committee member was welcomed and seated.
3. **Call to Worship:** Rev. Cook opened the meeting with prayer and reading from the Book of Ephesians
4. **Action Learning Team:** Diane Jones, Karen Nienhouse and Katie Neitring, members of the Action Learning team were in attendance prepared to discuss with session the recommendation of the team, however, session members had not reviewed the proposal given to them at the June 2, 2014 meeting as requested and no discussion occurred.
 - On motion and support, approval was given to the following schedule. Beginning September 14, 2014 the first worship service shall begin at 8:45 am, the second service at 11:00 am and the Growing in Faith schedule shall begin at 10:00 am.
 - On motion and support, each committee shall review the Action Learning Team recommendations and report back to session in September if and how the recommendations should be implemented.
5. **Clerk's Report:**
 - On motion and support, the membership report was approved.

**First Presbyterian Church Membership Report
June 2014**

Membership as of May 31, 2014	1113
Deaths:	1
New Members Received:	7
Restored to Active Roll:	0
Removed from Active Roll:	24
Transferred from Active to Inactive Roll:	9
Transferred by Letter	0
Membership as of June 30, 2014	1086

Additional Registers	Member #	Notes
<i>Marriages:</i>		
6/7/2014	Danielle E. Reenders and Dalton T. Madsen #M2014-00366	Rev. Tom Cook
6/14/2014	Alissa A. Jullie and Wayne D. Enzenberger #2014-0555	Rev. Tom Cook

	Baptism:			4	
6/9/2013	Henry Reece Heritage, son of John & Meghan (Reece) Heritage				Rev. Tom Cook
6/30/2013	Zachary Ryan Grove, son of Brad & Cheryl Grove				Rev. Scott Robertson
6/16/2013	Sam Moblo				Rev. Scott Robertson
6/16/2013	Makenna Elise Hurley, daughter of Jeff & Lisa (Bellman) Hurley				Rev. Scott Robertson
6/16/2013	Tristan Tongue				Rev. Scott Robertson
	Deaths:			1	
6/30/2014	Eleanor Babcock	651			
	Membership Gains:			7	
5/25/2014	Patricia Austin	5715			
	Bryan Bosch	5716			
	Lynne Bosch	5717			
	Cort Corwin	5718			
	Jessica Corwin	5719			
6/2/2014	Chris VanTubergen	5721			
	Mara VanTubergen	5720			
	Membership Losses:				
6/2/2014	Remove from Rolls			24	
	Bruce Bultman	Sarah Essenbaggers	Pat Lipinski		Kevin Phillips
	Kristen Bultman	Trevor Dirheimer	Tammy Klaassen		Derrick Schabbel
	Laura Buitenhuis	Matt Fisher	Kim Lokers		Tristen Schabbel
	Rich Buitenhuis	Mark Hass	Steve Lokers		Jane Snyder
	Brian Cryst	Michelle Hass	Cheryl Mendoza		Abbey Styck
	Jen Cryst	Donald Lipinski	Abbey Moore		Denise Zant
6/2/2014	Move to Inactive			9	
	JoAnne Clickner	Harold Fellows	Mike Roberson		
	John Clickner	Brad Heinritz	David Swenson		
	Charlotte Fellows	Ron Redick	Wendy Swenson		
Communion Served:	6/1/2014		8:45 & 10:30 a.m. Service		
Home Communion:	6/1/201			4	
	Martha Anderson	Esther Struck	Sue McClellan		Don Edward
	Jack Krueger	Charlie Davis	Marie Pfeiffer		Ruth Edward
	Cathleen Pranger	Jean Lautenschlager	Sue Roper		Louise Edwards
	Les Ennenga	Helen LaVercombe	Meryl Slover		Betty Hansen
	Jo Ennenga	Fern Mastenbrook	Ethel Slover		Esther Smith

Action Items:			
7/14/2014	Proposed Moved to Participant Roll:		2
	Daphne Weber	Per her request	
	Walt Weber	Per his request	
7/14/2014	Proposed Removed from Active Roll:		11
	Geb Bassett	Asked to be removed, session did not act last month	
	Lisa Styck	Asked to be removed, session only removed daughter	
	Norm Styck	Asked to be removed, session only removed daughter	
	Jack Mendoza		
	Fred Hohman	Asked to be removed per letter	
	Susan Hohman	Asked to be removed per letter	
	Bob Johnson	Asked to be removed because of PCUSA decision on gay marriage	
	Lauren Johnson	Asked to be removed because of PCUSA decision on gay marriage	
	Bud Star	Now living in Florida and have joined a church	
	Arlene Star	Now living in Florida and have joined a church	
	John Wyhowski	Asked to be removed per letter	
7/14/2014	Proposed Transfer Out		3
	Sue Borta	Transfer to Spring Lake Presbyterian	
	Tom Engelsman	Transfer to Hope Reformed Church	
	Marcy Engelsman	Transfer to Hope Reformed Church	

- On motion and support, approval was given to move the following from the Active to the Participant Rolls. (formerly Inactive Roll):
 - Daphne Weber
 - Walt Weber
- On motion and support, approval was given to remove the following from the Active Rolls:

Geb Bassett	Fred Hohman	Bud Star
Lisa Styck	Susan Hohman	Arlene Star
Norm Styck	Bob Johnson	John Wyhowski
Jack Mendoza	Lauren Johnson	
- On motion and support, approval was given to the following membership transfers:
 - Sue Borta to Spring Lake Presbyterian Church
 - Tom Engelsman to Hope Reformed Church
 - Marcy Englesman to Hope Reformed Church
- On motion and support, approval the minutes of the June 2, 2014 Session Meeting were approved with following corrections:
 - Item 13 should read Children’s Committee Report rather than Worship Committee
 - Item 15 bullet point 3 should read Camp Greenwood rather than Camp Henry.
 - *(Corrections make 9-23-2014)*
- On motion and support, the minutes of the Special Session Meeting on June 16, 2014 were approved with the following corrections.
 - The document heading change to: “Minutes of the “Special Session Meeting”.
 - The minutes should state: “The purpose of the Special Session Meeting is to meet with attorney Keith Brodie to discuss the various scenarios which might arise in Rev. Scott Robertson’s situation and ways Session could respond”.
- On motion and support, Rev. Tom Cook’s request for personal leave with pay from July 27 through August 24 was granted. Voting was done by a show of hands.
- On motion and support, the minutes of the Special Congregational Meeting of July 13, 2014 were approved.
- On motion and support, the Clerk’s report was approved

6. **Treasurer’s Report:** Charlie Parker reporting

Revenues May, 2014 were:

MTD Actual	MTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
\$75,396.86	79,282.05	403,317.67	402,779.54

Expenses May, 2014:

MTD Actual	MTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
\$63,831.17	73,561.96	407,565.91	417,195.54

Joyful Noise revenues May, 2014:

MTD Actual	MTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
\$62,333.53	56,605.00	286,643.36	278,825.00

Expenses May, 2014:

MTD Actual	MTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
\$52,115.62	52,438.88	279,477.51	285,562.90

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

7. **Trustees Report:** Charlie Parker reporting.

- The annual financial review was completed by the review team of Bill Bussell, Chris Bussell, Andre LaFurge and Paul McNergney. The team made several suggestions which, if

- implemented, will require Standard Practice Bulletin changes. The report was approved by the committee with a vote to thank the team.
- An offer from an anonymous donor was accepted for the purpose of purchasing and installing an electric wall mounted sanctuary lamp to be located on the left arch at a height of about 8 feet. It will be known as the Christ Candle
 - Standard Practice Bulletin proposed updates were distributed for later review.
 - On motion and support, the Trustees Committee's report was approved.
8. **Omnibus Motion:**
- On motion and support, the following written committee reports were approved by omnibus motion.
- **Adult Education:** Discussed possible future class offerings and reviewed classes in progress.
 - **Children's' Ministries:** Discussed the Hand to Hand project, Camp Pathway grants, 2014-15 Shine, offering more training for Young Children and Worship, and next year's budget.
 - **Hospitality and Outreach:** Discussed Greeter and Information Desk assignments, the Church Picnic and membership retention and loss.
 - **Nomination:** Discussed a schedule for selecting Elder and Deacon Nominees, Minute for Mission asking volunteers to serve on committees and the nomination committee responsibilities.
 - **Small Group:** Discussed small group areas of interest and training facilitators
9. **Worship Committee:** Ron Mass reporting
- On motion and support, communion will be served at both the 8:45 and 11:00 services on September 14 and not on September 7. Motion approved.
 - On motion and support, a policy is adopted that baptisms will not be performed on the same Sunday on which communion is celebrated.
10. **Youth Committee Report:** Eric Snyder reporting
- Caleb Zokoe is working more than 40 hours per week and should be compensated for time spent beyond his compensated hours. Jack Jansma, Personnel Committee Chair, announced his committee is already working on this.
 - On motion and support, approval was given to both the Worship and Youth Committee reports.
11. **Pastor's Report:** Rev. Cook reporting
- A list of seldom or never seen church members was passed out and each Elder was assigned to call 3 or 4 members and report whether the member wished to have his/her membership retained on the Active Roll, Inactive Roll, transferred or taken off the list.
 - Tom met with the anonymous donor regarding the challenge match gift.
 - Committees should begin working on their hopes and dreams budget for 2015.
 - September 7 is the church kick-off.
12. **Action Items:** The following items were supported and approved
- Rev. David Weber of Presbytery was welcomed and seated.
 - Beginning September 14 the first worship service begins at 8:45 am and the second at 11:00 am. Faith in Action begins at 10:00 am.
 - The June membership report.
 - Daphne Weber and Walt Weber were move to the Participants Roll.
 - Geb Bassett, Lisa Styck, Norm Styck, Jack Mendoza, Fred Hohman, Susan Hohman, Bud Star, Arlene Star and John Wyhowski were removed from the rolls as requested.
 - Transfer membership of Sue Borta to Spring Lake Presbyterian Church, Tom and Marcy Engelsman to Hope Reformed Church.

- Minutes of June 2, 2014 Session Meeting with corrections.
 - June 16, 2014 Special Session Meeting with corrections.
 - The Special Congregational Meeting minutes of July 13, 2014.
 - The Clerk's Report.
 - The Treasurer's Report.
 - The Trustees Report.
 - By Omnibus Motion the following Committee Reports: Adult Education, Children's Ministries, Hospitality and Outreach, Nomination, Small Group.
 - Communion to be served September 14 rather than September 7.
 - A policy adopted of having no baptisms on the same Sunday as communion.
 - The Worship and Youth Committee Reports.
 - Approved personal leave for Rev. Tom Cook beginning July 27 through August 25, 2014.
13. **Adjournment:** On motion and support, the Session was adjourned at 8:59 pm. Rev. Pat Locke closed with prayer.
- Next meeting August 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cal Bosman
Clerk of Session