

**MINUTES OF THE SESSION MEETING OF THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
Monday, January 5, 2015**

1. The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven, Michigan assembled in God's name on Monday, January 5, 2014 at 7:05 p.m. in the church lounge at First Presbyterian Church located at 508 Franklin Ave., Grand Haven, Michigan 49417. After determining a quorum was present, the Moderator, The Rev. Dr. Thomas Cook, called the meeting to order.
2. **Attendance:**
 - 2.1 **Elders Present:** Cal Bosman, Lee Brink, Lisa Luckey, Michelle Potter, Bruce Spoelman, Marge Coffey, Andrew LeFurge, Jack Jansma, Keli Olson, Charlie Parker, Matthew Olds, Eric Snyder, Scott Wagasky, Keli Olson, and Tim Stoepker
 - 2.2 **Elders Absent or Excused:** Ron Mass, Dianna Sahr, Roger Rose, Bill Scott and Craig Seaver.
 - 2.3 **Teaching Elders Present:** The Rev. Dr. Thomas Cook, Rev. Linda Male
 - 2.4 **Others Present:** Elders Elect, Bill Bussell, Megan Hayes, John Heritage, Dr. Nancy Levenburg, John Nametz, Katie Nietring, Sue VandenBosch. Also: Sandie Enders.
3. **Call to Worship:** Rev. Dr. Thomas Cook led devotions opening with prayer, reading from the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 2; vs. 1-12, followed by prayer.
4. **Clerks Report**
 - a. The December 2014 Membership Report was presented.

Membership as of November 30, 2014	1039
Deaths:	0
New Members Received:	0
Restored to Active Roll:	0
Removed from Active Roll:	50
Transferred from Active to Inactive Roll:	43
Transferred by Letter	1
Membership as of December 31, 2014	945

Additional Registers

Notes

Baptisms:			
12/28/2014	Duke Justin Ledet, son of Shawn & Carrie Ledet	Rev. Linda Male	
	Membership Losses: 50	Member #	Member #
12/1/2014	Bassett, Chelsey	5478	Hardy, Dreyton 5467
	Bassett, Deb	4262	Hardy, Heather 5468
	Bassett, Erin	5057	Justema, Nancy 4594
	Bassett, Ken	5502	Justema, Rick 4595
	Bassett, Nancy	5503	Koster, Jennifer 3873
	Berg, Paul	2915	Koster, Joe 4644
	Bodrie, Greg	4276	Lewis, Bret 4579
	Bodrie, Hannah	5607	Lewis, Rebecca 5480
	Bodrie, Harrison	5598	Lockwood, Chris 4279
	Bodrie, Jennifer	4277	Lockwood, Tim 4278
	Boterenbrood, Brenda	5506	Londot, Amy 5271
	Boyer, Brad	5609	Londot, Mark 5270
	Boyer, Robin	5610	Lowther, Don 3748
	Bruhn, Brandy	5463	Lowther, Sue 3749
	Bruhn, Cal	5464	Lukasik, Jacob 5488

Fish, Corynne	5213	Lukasik, Joe	5487
Fish, Lydia	4917	Lund, Jon	4809
Fish, Miles	4918	Lund, Kelli	4810
Fish, Miles Jr.	4915	Marcus, Julie	5146
Fredricks, Amy	5363	Raschke, Charles	4678
Fredricks, Brent	5364	Raschke, Rebecca	4679
Greene, Brian	5321	Warner, Colleen	5308
Greene, Kelly	5322	Warner, Derek	5307
Greer, Jay	4634	Whisenant, Joyce	3767
Greer, Patti	4635	Willbrandt, Diane	4124

Moved to Participant (Inactive): 43

12/1/2014	Alexander, Eric	5332	Kollewehr, Doug	3377
	Alexander, Jeff	4204	Kollewehr, Jan	2785
	Alexander, Jessica	5194	Koopman, Norma	2406
	Alexander, Kelsey	5195	LaNoue, Amy	5347
	Alexander, Martha	4205	LaNoue, Andrew	4826
	Alman, Cheryl	3093	LaNoue, Eric	5074
	Brummans, Aaltje	3491	LaNoue, Sharon	4249
	Butcher, Debi	4630	LaNoue, Tom	4248
	Butcher, John	4631	Mulder, Howard	4476
	Dalman, Amy	5507	Mulder, Lynn	4477
	Dalman, Ryan	5508	Parker, Carol	4412
	Draper, Amy	5000	Schroeder, Dave	4492
	Erkes, Klint	4732	Schoeder, Mary	4493
	Greydanus, Stephanie	5207	Sluiter, Bethany	5354
	Kelley, Jeff	4900	Sluiter, Mark	5457
	Kelley, Laurie	4904	Steggles, Deb	4372
	Kiel, Alex	4968	Steggles, Jeff	4373
	Kiel, Bryan	5414	Stephenson, Campbell	4549
	Kiel, Gregg	4307	Stephenson, James	5157
	Kiel, Kate	4818	Stephenson, Joseph	5229
	Kiel, Molly	4308	Thomas, Carrie	4947
			Visser, Amy	5004

Communion Served:

12/7/2014 8:45 & 11 a.m. Service

Home Communion: 12/7/2014

Martha Anderson	Betty Hansen	Sue Roper
Millie Enders	Fern Mastenbrook	Ethel Slover
Don Edward	Sue McClellan	Meryl Slover
Ruth Edward	Roger Rose	Esther Smith
Les Ennenga	Muriel Mersereau	Evelyn Wood
Jo Ennenga		

Action Items: Approved at 01-05-2015 Session

1/5/2015	Proposed move to Participant:	
	Steggles, Allison	Parents moved to participant in December
	Steggles, Jacob	Parents moved to participant in December
	Visser, Lauren	Parents moved to participant in December
	Berube, Mackenzie	Teaching out of country
1/5/2015	Proposed Remove from the Rolls:	
	Ben Lewis	Parents removed in December

- 4.1 On motion and support approval was given to move the following to the Participant Rolls: Allison Steggles, Jacob Steggles, Lauren Visser, Mackenzie Berube.
- 4.2 On motion and support approval was given to remove Ben Lewis from the rolls.
- 4.3 On motion and support the minutes of the December 1, 2014 Session meeting were approved with the notation that item 15a, approval of Rev. Cook's vacation, was omitted from item 16, the list of Action Items. *(Corrected 3/18/2015)*
- 4.4 On motion and support the minutes of the Special Congregation Meeting of December 14, 2014 were approved.
- 4.5 On motion and support the resignation request of Elder Roger Rose was approved with regrets.
- 4.6 On motion and support the resignation request of Elder Sue Ochs effective January 1, 2015 was approved with regrets.
- 4.7 On motion and support the Clerk's report was approved.

5. **Special Report of Committee:** Andrew LeFurge explained the responsibilities and functions of the Hospitality and Outreach Committee.

6. **Treasurer's Report:** Charlie Parker reporting.
All numbers are through November, 2014.

Revenues:

MTD Actual	MTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
\$ 67,454.63	\$ 79,282.70	\$834,930.73	\$851,384.35

Expenses:

MTD Actual	MTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
\$ 64,381.31	\$ 73,626.96	\$872,853.38	\$878,158.59

Joyful Noise Revenues through November 2014:

MTD Actual	MTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
\$ 50,070.75	\$ 57,605.00	\$603,624.27	\$631,655.00

Expenses September 2014:

MTD Actual	MTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
\$ 50,391.56	\$ 54,648.38	\$612,639.13	\$633,904.18

- a. On motion and support the Treasurer's report was accepted.

7. **Special Session Meeting:** A special Session meeting is called for the purpose of establishing a budget for 2015. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2015 at 7:00 pm. All newly elected elders plus those whose term will have expired are expected to be present.

8. **Joys and Concerns:** All present were given an opportunity to express their joys and concerns.

9. **Trustee Report:** Lee Brink reporting.

- a. 2015 budget requests are up \$30,000 from 2014. Committee Chairs will be asked to prioritize their requests.
- b. Agreed to take GHACF mission distribution of \$11,677 and contribute \$15,000 to Habitat for Humanity.
- c. Trustees decided to pay one of two invoices from Quality Air, i.e. the bearing assembly replacement on the circulation pump, in the amount of \$2,257. The boilers were not operating on Sunday, December 7, and Dan could only get 2 of 3 running after the recent November 10 service call.

- d. On Motion and support the proposed Standard Practice Bulletins were approved with the following additions. Under Section 1.1 Procedure A.1 will have language added which provided for an emergency exception and the SPB shall include a sexual misconduct policy as required by Book of Order, section G-3.0106.

9.1 On motion and support the Trustees report was approved.

10. **Omnibus Motion:** On motion and support all committee reports were approved as submitted except Adult Ed, Worship and Nominating Committees.

10.1 **ADULT EDUCATION:** Tim Stoecker reporting. Two new classes are being offered during the "Growing in Faith" hour plus Tim Stoecker is continuing "The Wired Word" class. Jeff Terrill led a class showing the movie "Jesus of Nazareth" for 12 weeks during the "Growing in Faith" hour. A Children and Worship class will be offered for 4 weeks. Alternative picnic in the church is being considered.

10.2 **WORSHIP COMMITTEE:** Rev. Cook reporting. On motion and support the Communion schedule for 2015 was approved as follows: The first Sunday of each month, except April, when communion will be served on Maunday Thursday, April 2 instead of Easter Sunday, April 5.

10.3 **NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Matt Olds reporting. A sheet containing the proposed Session Committee nominations for the one year term beginning in February, 2015 was passed out. Session will vote at its February regular Session Organizational Meeting.

10.4 On motion and support the Adult Education, Worship and Nominating Committee reports were approved.

11. **PASTORS REPORT:** Rev. Cook

- a. Elder training took place on December 14 and 21 and January 4 to be concluded January 11 for Elders elect.
- b. January 25, 2015 is the date for ordination and installation of Elders and Deacons.
- c. The annual Congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 1, 2015 following the 8:45 am worship service.
- d. The next regularly scheduled Session meeting is February 2, 2015 at 7:00 pm.
- e. A special meeting is called for January 26, 2015 at 7:00 for the purpose of adopting a budget for 2015
- f. On motion and support approval was given to Rev. Tom Cook's request for vacation from February 21 through March 9.
- g. Rev. Linda Male. Bud Wynne-Parry had died earlier on the morning of January 5, 2015.

12. **ACTION ITEMS:** On motion and support each of the following motions were approved.

11.1 The Membership report

11.2 Moving from Active to Participants rolls Allison Steggles, Jacob Steggles, Lauren Visser, Mackenzie Berube.

11.3 Removing Ben Lewis from the rolls.

11.4 The December 1, 2014 Session Meeting minutes with notation.

11.5 The minutes of the Special Congregational meeting of December 14, 2014.

11.6 Resignation of Elder Roger Rose with regrets.

11.7 Resignation of Elder Sue Ochs with regrets.

11.8 The Clerk's Report.

- 11.9 The Treasurer's Report.
 - 11.10 The Standard Practice Bulletin with 2 modifications.
 - 11.11 The Trustee's Report
 - 11.12 By omnibus motion the Mission, Personnel, and Youth Committee reports.
 - 11.13 The Communion schedule for 2015.
 - 11.14 The Adult Education, Worship and Nominating Committee reports.
 - 11.15 Rev. Cook's request for vacation beginning February 21 through March 9.
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- 13. **ADJOURNMENT:** On motion and support the Session Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm. Rev. Linda Male closed the meeting with prayer.
 - 14. **Special Session meeting Monday January 26, 2015 at 7:00 pm.**
 - 15. Next Regular Session meeting is Monday, February 2, 2015 at 7 pm.
Elder Dianna Sahr is scheduled to give her faith biography.

Respectfully submitted,

Cal Bosman
Clerk of Session