

**MINUTES OF THE SESSION MEETING OF THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016**

1. The session of First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven, Michigan assembled in God's name on Monday, March 7, 2016, at 7:05 pm in the lounge of the church located at 508 Franklin Street in Grand Haven, Michigan. The Clerk, Bill Bussell, determined a quorum was present. Rev. Linda Male called the meeting to order.

2. **Attendance:**
 - 2.1. Elders Present: Bill Blessing, Lee Brink, Bill Bussell, Megan Hayes, John Heritage, Jack Jansma, Brigette Kemink, Keith Konarska, Andrew LeFurge, John Nametz, Katie Neitring, Keli Olson, Abe Overway, Carrie Rivette, and Sue VandenBosch.
 - 2.2. Elders Absent or Excused: Marge Coffey, Sandie Enders, Nancy Levenburg, Craig Seaver, Tim Stoepker, and Alishia Terrill
 - 2.3. Teaching Elders Present: Rev. Linda Male and Rev. Jill VanderWal.
 - 2.4. Teaching Elder Absent or Excused: None.

3. **Call to Worship:** Rev. Male read excerpts for N.T. Wright's book Following Jesus: Biblical Reflections of Discipleship Following. The excerpts centered on those called be servant leaders such as elders. Rev. Male then opened the meeting with prayer.

4. **Clerk's Report:** Bill Bussell reporting:
 - 4.1. Upon motion and support, session approved the March 7, 2016 meeting docket.
 - 4.2. Upon motion and support, session approved the January 31, 2016 annual congregation meeting minutes with two corrections.
 - 4.3. Upon motion and support, session approved its February 1, 2016 session meeting minutes with two corrections.
 - 4.4. Upon motion and support, session approved the transfer of Dee Mastenbrook to First Presbyterian Church, Petoskey, MI.
 - 4.5. Upon motion and support, session approved the February 2016 membership report as presented.
 - 4.6. The clerk had no correspondence.

**First Presbyterian Church Membership Report
February 2016**

Membership as of January 31, 2016	934
Deaths:	2
New Members Received:	0
Restored to Active Roll:	0
Removed from Active Roll:	0
Transferred from Active to Inactive Roll:	0
Transferred by Letter	0
Membership as of February 29, 2016	932

Additional Registers	Member #	Notes
Deaths:	2	
2/3/2016 Les Ennenga	1848	Rev. Linda Male
2/10/2016 Jo Ennenga	1847	Rev. Linda Male

Communion Served: 8:45 & 11 a.m. Service 2/7/2016

Home Communion:

Charlie Davis	Jo Ennenga	Sue Roper	Evelyn Wood
Don Edward	Fern Mastenbrook	Flo Sluiter	
Ruth Edward	Ruth Mastenbrook	Gerry Van Stratt	
Louise Edwards	Sue McClellan	LaMar VanHaaften	
Millie Enders	Muriel Mersereau	Carol Winton	

Approved by 3/7/2016 Session

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- 5. **Faith Biography/Committee of Focus:** Megan Hayes shared her faith biography.
- 6. **Shared Joys and Concerns –** The elders reported on their joys and concerns.
- 7. **Treasurer’s Report:** Andrew LeFurge reporting:
 - 7.1. Andrew reviewed January 2016’s financial reports and responded to various questions. Andrew’s primary focus is on year-to-date results as individual months can be skewed by uneven expenditures.
 - 7.2. He also discussed the page titled “Summary of Restricted Accounts Year to Date”.

Data are for January 2016:

	<u>MTD Actual</u>	<u>MTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
General Fund Revenues	\$76,005	\$75,975	\$76,005	\$75,975
General Fund Expenses	\$87,185	\$95,820	\$87,185	\$95,820
Joyful Noise Revenues	\$59,678	\$60,700	\$59,678	\$60,700
Joyful Noise Expenses	\$51,092	\$65,068	\$51,092	\$65,068

- 7.3. Upon motion with support, session accepted the Treasurer’s Report.
- 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 16, 2016.
 - 8.2. Hospitality Committee minutes of February 21, 2016.
 - 8.3. Mission Committee minutes of February 20, 2016.
 - 8.4. Worship Committee minutes of February 16, 2016.
 - 8.5. Youth Committee minutes of February 9, 2016.
- 9. **Committee Reports Withheld from the Omnibus Motion:**
 - 9.1. Adult Education Committee: Keith Konarska reporting:
 - 9.1.1. Upon motion, session approved the following non-elder members to serve on the Adult Education: Warren Trimble, Jeff Terrill, Betty Jo Enell, and Deb Sorensen.
 - 9.2. Children’s Ministries Committee: Megan Hayes reporting:
 - 9.2.1. Upon motion, session approved the following non-elder members to serve on the Children’s Ministries Committee: Melisa Overway, Rachel Whiting-Womack, Kim Beber, Dianna Sahr, Carrie Ledet, and Lynn Bosch.
 - 9.2.2. Rev. Male shared that she had discussed the use of the Children’s Designated Fund with the donor. The donor stated that his intent is not to use these funds for General Fund support. He will prepare a written donor intent document. It may be desirable for select individuals to meet with the donor to insure that they understand and the church can honor his intent.

- 9.2.3. Children's Ministries prepared a proposal for the future phase out of these designated funds from the General Fund budget. It was decided to not entertain their proposal until the donor provides his "donor intent" document. No formal motion was presented at this meeting.
 - 9.3. Personnel Committee: No elders were present to share their report/recommendation:
 - 9.3.1. Personnel Committee moved to recommend to session that committee members (who serve one-year renewable terms) serve a maximum of six consecutive years on a committee. Considerable discussion followed. Upon motion and support, session voted to table this motion.
 - 9.4. Stewardship Committee: Sue VandenBosch reporting:
 - 9.4.1. Upon motion, session approved the following non-elder members to serve on the Stewardship committee: Jeanne VanGelderren, Lisa Luckey, Steve Groters, and Katie Neitring (Katie is an elder serving on Youth Committee and will serve as a non-elder on Stewardship).
 - 9.4.2. Sue reported that there will be quarterly Tidings testimonial articles starting in April.
 - 9.5. Trustees Committee: Lee Brink reporting:
 - 9.5.1. Upon motion, session approved the following non-elder members to serve on Trustees Committee: Cal Bosman, Chris Bussell, Paul Lampe, Tom Lentz, Lisa Luckey, Ray Nelson, Sue Ochs, and Brad Sahr.
 - 9.5.2. Megan Hayes asked Trustees to amend their February 29 minutes to more accurately reflect their recommended use of the Children's Designated Fund.
 - 9.5.3. John Nametz briefly reviewed a two page document titled "TCM, General Timeline". This document provides the timeline and the discussion summary regarding TCM's desire to either own the building or enter into a long term lease. This topic will be revisited at a future session meeting.
 - 9.6. Upon motion and support, session accepted the reports of the Adult Education, Children's Ministries, Personnel, Stewardship, and Trustees Committees.
10. **Unfinished Business:** There is no unfinished business.
11. **New Business**
- 11.1. Upon motion and support, session approved the addition of thirteen new member's in Rev. Male's Inquirer's Class: George Barfield, Suzanne Cooper, Tabatha Duell, Patrick Duell, Stan Johnson, Bev Klecka, Richard Klecka, Amy Miller, Tim Meyer, Kari Paintin, Sara Shambarger, Chad Weigle, and Chelsie Weigle.
12. **Moderator's Comments** – Rev. Male reporting:
- 12.1. Rev. Male requested vacation for July 3-9. Upon motion and support, session approved Rev. Male's vacation request.
 - 12.2. Rev. Male reported that elder Sandie Enders is hospitalized and will have surgery.
13. **Associate Pastor's Comments** – Rev. VanderWal reporting:
- 13.1. Rev. VanderWal updated session on various upcoming events which include an April 24 gathering at which relationships will be discussed. She also reported that Children's Ministries is contemplating an all family retreat.
 - 13.2. The PNC will have it initial meeting on March 13. Over two hundred members have participated in the survey. The survey results will be "unpacked" with the consultant (via a conference call) on March 29 at 7 pm. Rev. VanderWal stressed the importance of not focusing upon any one comment, but to absorb the survey in its totality.

14. Action Items Recap:

- 14.1. Approved the March 7, 2016 meeting docket.
- 14.2. Approved the January 31, 2016 annual congregation meeting minutes with two corrections.
- 14.3. Approved the February 1, 2016 session meeting minutes with two corrections.
- 14.4. Approved the transfer of Dee Mastenbrook to First Presbyterian Church, Petoskey, MI.
- 14.5. Approved the February 2016 membership report.
- 14.6. Accepted the Treasurer's report.
- 14.7. Under an omnibus motion, accepted the following committees' written reports: Board of Deacons, Hospitality, Mission, Worship, and Youth.
- 14.8. Approved the following individuals to serve as non-elders on the Adult Education Committee: Warren Trimble, Jeff Terrill, Betty Jo Enell, and Deb Sorensen.
- 14.9. Approved the following individuals to serve as non-elders on Children's Ministries Committee: Melisa Overway, Rachel Whiting-Womack, Kim Beber, Dianna Sahr, Carrie Ledet, and Lynn Bosch.
- 14.10. Approved the following individuals to serve as non-elders on the Stewardship Committee: Jeanne VanGelderen, Lisa Luckey, Steve Groters, and Katie Neitring.
- 14.11. Approved the following individuals to serve as non-elders on Trustees Committee: Cal Bosman, Chris Bussell, Paul Lampe, Tom Lentz, Lisa Luckey, Ray Nelson, Sue Ochs, and Brad Sahr.
- 14.12. Approved new members: George Barfield, Suzanne Cooper, Tabatha Duell, Patrick Duell, Stan Johnson, Bev Klecka, Richard Klecka, Amy Miller, Tim Meyer, Kari Paintin, Sara Shambarger, Chad Weigle, and Chelsie Weigle.
- 14.13. Adjourned the meeting.

15. **Adjournment:** On motion and support, the session adjourned at 9:20 pm with a prayer by Brigette Kemink followed by the Lord's Prayer. The next scheduled meeting is April 11, 2016 at 6 pm in the church lounge. This meeting will be the joint session/Deacon's meeting and dinner will be served.

William Bussell
Clerk of Session