

SESSION MINUTES
COLLEGE HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 20, 2006

The stated meeting of Session was called to order at 6:10 pm. by Moderator “Chappie” Chapman in Barnabas Center Room 201. The moderator opened with prayer and declared a quorum present.

ELDERS PRESENT: Bill Bentley, Gary Booth, Wes Bren, Dave Chalmers, Anne Clippard, Chris Dumford, Norma Gehner, Barbara Huston, Steve McLemore, Leo Rader, Allen Rainey, Ric Towner

ELDERS EXCUSED: Heather Lethander, Sue Wade, Carl Wiers

MINISTERIAL STAFF PRESENT: Harold “Chappie” Chapman

LEADERSHIP TEAM PRESENT: Doreen Hendley, Janis McLemore, Bill Watson

CLERK OF SESSION: Barry Stare

APPROVAL OF DOCKET:

Motion approved unanimously: to approve the docket as amended.

REPORT OF CLERK: The following guests were welcomed: Sharlyn Stare

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:

Motion approved unanimously: to restore Wendell and Diane True to the active member roll and expunge from the minutes of 9/11/06 the action deleting them.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Deferred to next meeting

MODERATOR’S REPORT: Chappie Chapman

- God stories
 - Chappie – **There have been deaths and severe injuries among the congregation** – these folks have been the stuff that our church is made of
 - Steve – shared miracle stories from his class at Fuller
- Family prayer : Strategies for Moms & Janet Dumford; Pearson, Miller families, Dick Coates, Doris Marsh; Kalubi family while Jackie is out of the country

RELEASE FOR SEASON OF PRAYER IN PRAYER ROOM

Session adjourned to the Fireside Room from 7:00 –7:30 to join others in a season of prayer for the church, especially as it is seeking God’s best future and seeking a new installed pastor.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Bill Bentley

Intended Outcomes: Agree on timing, content and approach

The moderator will call a Congregational Meeting on 10/22/06 following each service for the purpose of electing officers.

PC(USA) AFFILIATION: Wes Bren

Intended Outcome: Discussion on motions intended for 10/2

Wes did not have a motion prepared and asked about the interest in inviting the new General Presbyter, the Moderator and Stated Clerk of Presbytery to a Session meeting. There was interest but we need to define what we want to accomplish.

Norma asked about what, if anything, Session needs to communicate to the congregation about this topic.

Sharlyn Stare raised the question about individuals who have asked to be members of CHPC but not of the PC(USA). She was asked to bring something back in a motion for Session to act upon.

MINISTRY PRIORITIES: Ric Towner

Intended Outcomes:

- Understanding of current level of Fall ministry priorities
- Consensus on next steps to engage staff in clarifying broader ministry priorities

Ric expressed concern about the lack of overt disciple building at CHPC in recent years. He asked each person to answer the question, "How would you express our ministry focus for the Fall?" Discussion about how do we lead to get the results we want. We don't have a strategic plan.

SESSION STRATEGIC INPUT TO 2007 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT: Chris Dumford & Stewardship Task Force
The task force will bring a motion to the 10/2 meeting for discussion and action at the mid-month meeting.

BRIEF TASK FORCE UPDATES:

Intended Outcome: Common understanding of priorities and challenges

- The task forces are to email Session the results of their meetings.

FUTURE MEETINGS: Dave Chalmers

Intended Outcome: Discussion on motions intended for 10/2

- Welcome new W&A personnel
- 2007 budget development
- Ministry priorities discussion including Leadership Team
- Inviting Presbytery folks maybe mid-November meeting.
- Discuss 10/28

The e-mail distribution list Session@CHPC.org is working for fuse.net folks.

Wes, Leo offered to help with organizing PresbyMADE day. Also ask the Deacons & Fellowship of the Ordained.

The meeting was closed with prayer at 9:50 pm. The next stated meeting of Session will be on 10/2/06 at 7:00 pm.

Barry Stare, Clerk of Session