

SESSION MINUTES
COLLEGE HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OCTOBER 1, 2007

The stated meeting of Session was called to order with prayer at 7:00 pm by Moderator Drew Smith in Barnabas Center Room 201. The moderator declared a quorum present.

ELDERS PRESENT: Bill Bentley, Dave Chalmers, Chris Dumford, Norma Gehner, Barbara Huston, Jacky Kalubi, Heather Lethander, Leo Rader, Allen Rainey, Ron Shryock, Paul Strasinger, Ric Towner, Sue Wade, Carl Wiers

ELDERS EXCUSED: Lisa Lyall

MINISTERIAL STAFF PRESENT: Harold "Chappie" Chapman, Drew Smith

LEADERSHIP TEAM PRESENT: Marybelle Chapman, Karen Lane, Janis McLemore, Mitch Teemley, Bill Watson

CLERK OF SESSION: Barry Stare

APPROVAL OF DOCKET:

Motion approved unanimously: to approve the docket as amended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION passed unanimously: to approve the minutes of the stated meeting of Session of 9/19/07 as corrected.

MOTION passed unanimously: to approve the minutes of the called meeting of Session of 9/30/07 as submitted.

BAPTISMS/DEDICATIONS

The following baptisms/dedications took place:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Bapt/Ded</u>	<u>Pastor</u>
9/16/2007	Elise Anna Schellingerhout	6/27/2005	Roxane Elizabeth (Wagner) & Jasper Dirk Schellingerhout	Baptism	Drew Smith & Jasper Schellingerhout Sr
9/16/2007	Gradon "Grady" Matthew Laird	4/24/2004	Maggie Therese (Lackner) & Phillip Stephen Laird	Baptism	Drew Smith

WEDDINGS:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Bride</u>	<u>Groom</u>	<u>Clergy</u>	<u>Location</u>
7/17/2007	Helen Terry	Joseph Brooks*	??	Tennessee

REPORT OF CLERK: The following guests were welcomed: Ron Cowgill – Congregational meeting; Sharlyn Stare – membership changes

The Clerk reported on the PC(USA)'s Mission Challenge '07. The denomination is trying to get all congregations into the kinds of relationships with individual missionaries that we are accustomed to. From 10/5 – 10/12 the Presbytery of Cincinnati will be hosting two missionaries, and one of them will be staying in mission house #2. The visiting missionaries will be doing mission interpretation for the denomination, talking about what God is doing through the PC(USA) and telling about their own work and the work of several other selected workers.

MODERATOR'S REPORT: Drew Smith

The moderator distributed a written report via email.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 10/14/07: Drew Smith, Ron Cowgill

Intended Outcomes: Clear understanding

Ron Cowgill reviewed the plan for the meal and asked the elders to be available to serve tables.

MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS: Sharlyn Stare

MOTION passed unanimously (Allen Rainey moved, Chris Dumford seconded): to approve the following membership changes.

The following persons were removed from the active roll in accordance with the Book of Order G-10. 0302b:

1770 A1 — Mrs Janet [Fore] Andrews (joined 7/1/53) 78 years old. Widow of Jack Andrews. After her second husband, Wally Trautman, died she moved to the east side of town. She is actively involved in Hope Evangelical Free church in Mason. She has so many good memories of CHPC, but feels it's time to 'grow where she's planted.'

37750 A1 — Mr Bradley P. Overholt (joined 11/12/1989) 43 years old.

37750 A2 — Mrs Marla [Arns] Overholt (joined 3/1/1986) 50 years old. They moved to Montgomery and now attend Faith Bible Church which is closer to their home. They told Jan they "miss their family at CHPC," but Faith is better for their family now.

5360 A1 — Mr Brandon B. Booth (joined 5/1/1983) 39 years old. Brandon married 2/18/2006 and moved near Montgomery Community Baptist Church. He and his wife, Joan, are very active there. He loves CHPC, but does not plan to return. He is the son of Jane & Gary.

40860 A1 — Dr Thomas D. Reed (joined 3/14/93) 41 years old. Tom is a geneticist and moved out of the city nearly 5 years ago to develop his business. He is permanently out of town...no forwarding address from his Northside residence or phone. No record of giving after 2005. His wife, Jacquelyn is currently on the Inactive Roll, see below, and should be removed as well.

40880 A1 — Ms Kendra Reese (joined 11/11/2001) 44 years old. We lost all contact with her as of April 2007. We have no forwarding address or phone. No record of giving after 2005.

17300 A1 — Mrs Earl Gadd (Ruth C) (joined 10/12/96) 84 years old. Prayer & Care have not been able to reach her for over a year. No phone; mail returned as of 11/06. We have check obituaries and other sources. Steve & Ronda Gadd are related to her but don't know how to reach her. They do know that she lives in a retirement home on the other side of town since her husband died in 2005 and has not attended CHPC since.

56620 A1 — Miss Mariann Yevin (joined 11/18/1990) 51 years old. Has requested to be removed from membership as she is now attending another church that better suits her needs. Thanks for the many good years at CHPC. Elder.

The following persons were removed from the inactive roll in accordance with the Book of Order G-10. 0302b:

11360 A2 — Mrs Mark Czarnecki (Rebecca – Becky) (joined 11/10/91, inactive 6/5/2005) 48 years old. She and her husband Mark have been 'floating' for about 7 years. Upon her husband's sudden death, she returned to her family's church, LifeSpring (Clovernook Christian) where her parents and children attend. She spoke very positively about the roll that CHPC played in her Christian growth.

21600 01 — Jeffrey Heck, Jr (joined 12/13/1998; inactive 3/6/06) 27 yrs old. His parents moved to Ashville NC 6/5/05. He lives in Atlanta GA. He was recently married to Carolyn Patterson (Mark & Jan's daughter) elsewhere.

21600 02 — Stephen Heck (joined 12/13/1998; inactive 3/6/06) 24 yrs old. His parents moved to Ashville NC 6/5/05. No longer in college; does not plan to return to Cincinnati/CHPC.

39300 — A2 Mrs Victor R Piper, Jr (Eunice Kirby) (joined 11/1/1977; inactive 6/5/05) 63 years old. She has joined another church and asked to be removed from the CHPC rolls. Husband Vic died 8/1/07 was a former CHPC staff person.

40860 A2 — Mrs Thomas D Reed (Jacquelyn) (joined 3/1/86, inactive) 54 years old. Tom is a geneticist and moved out of the city nearly 5 years ago to develop his business. They are now permanently out of town.

The following persons were removed from the inactive elderly-infirm roll in accordance with the Book of Order G-10. 0302b:

55060 A1 — Mr Clarence Williams (joined 10/1/1971, inactive-elderly 6/5/2005) 78 yrs old. His wife, Millie, was active at CHPC. When his inactivity was recognized, Session transferred him to the Inactive-Elderly

roll. Millie died 3/29/07; her service was held at CHPC. However, he has been active in another church for many years and should now be removed.

54380 A1 — Mrs LaRue White – Mrs Andrew (joined 4/1/1976, inactive-elderly 1/17/07) 94 yrs old. She lived at Llanfair-Bellwood until she moved to be near her daughter in Des Moines, Iowa. She does not plan to return to CHPC.

The following persons have requested transfer from the active roll to other churches in accordance with the Book of Order G-10. 0302:

10790 A1 — Mrs Linda Crank (Rev James) (joined 3/14/1993) 57 years old. Linda and her husband Jim served as CHPC global workers in Pakistan for many years. Upon returning from overseas, Jim sought to be ordained in the PCUSA. He was installed as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Dayton KY in April 2007. Linda is transferring to that church. She continues as Director of Communications of CHPC.

28010 A1 — Mr Edward G Klems (joined 11/13/1994) 77 years old. Has been active in CHPC's Prayer & Care Connection Ministry. He is blind and the changes in worship services in the past two years has created a problem for him. The 10:45 am service is his preferred time, but not the heavy emphasis on visuals and the music style at that service. He and Margie Schierloh, who transports him, have requested a transfer to Northminster Presbyterian in Finneytown.

36080 A1 — Mrs Betty Murphy (husband Ray deceased) (joined 4/1/1973) 84 years old. She is living with her sister in Crescent Springs KY and has become active in a church they both attend. She has requested transfer to The Community of Faith Presbyterian of Covington KY.

44040 A1 — Mrs Marjorie J Schierloh (joined 4/14/1996) 74 years old. Has been active in CHPC's Prayer & Care Connection Ministry. Prefers the worship at Northminster Presbyterian. She provides transportation for Ed Klems. Requested a transfer to Northminster Presbyterian in Finneytown.

The following persons were removed from the affiliate roll and from membership in accordance with the Book of Order G-5.0204 and G-10. 0302:

16770 A1 — Mr Brian Frederiksen (joined 4/14/1996) 37 years old and

16770 A2 — Mrs Melissa [Mylin] Frederiksen (joined 4/14/1996) 37 years old. P&C call confirmed that they had returned from Brian's P& G assignment in Belgium. They live on the east side. In a confirming conversation, Melissa said, "We still love CHPC but we wanted a church closer to home for the kids."

The following persons were transferred from the active roll to the inactive roll in accordance with the Book of Order G-10. 0302a(3):

704 A1 — Ms Lauren M Johnson (joined 3/24/2002) 23 yrs old. Her mother, Gail, said that she has graduated and is permanently employed in the D.C. area and living in Arlington VA.

The following persons were transferred from the active roll to the inactive elderly-infirm roll in accordance with the Book of Order G-10. 0302a(3):

4380 A2 — Mrs Irene K Betz (joined 11/10/1991) 74 years old. She attended New Members Class in the Spring 'as a refresher.' She finds it very hard to not go with husband to Northern Hills Bible Church near her home. She requested to be put on the Inactive roll.

3560 A1 — Helen B. Becker - Mrs George (joined 10/1/1946) 91 years old. She recently moved to Assisted Living at Mason Christian Village due to a fall. There is no plan to return to Independent Living. Her mobility is limited.

8220 A1 — Mrs Dorothy L Carr (joined 11/08/87) 77 years old. Prayer & Care have been unable to reach her since May 2007. No phone is available and there is no record of mail delivery. A further search is underway. She should be on the Elderly roll in any event.

25250 A1 — Mrs Ralph James (Irene W) (joined 4/1/1967) 95 years old. has not been very well. Has not been to church. Son stays with her. Had surgery for a ruptured hernia.

Membership Statistics as of 10/01/2007

Active Member Roll — 639 (249 male/ 390 female/ 433 households)

Affiliate Member Roll — 2 (1 male/ 1 female/ 2 households)

Inactive Member Roll – 196 (86 males/ 110 females/ 148 households)

Inactive Elderly/Infirm Member Roll — 39 (7 male/ 32 female/ 35 households)

PERSONNEL TEAM (PT): Heather Lethander

Intended outcome – Information

Heather is meeting with Dave Smith to understand the reasons for his letter. She will then bring that to PT for their information and action if needed.

Search Team for Director of Care and Counseling: Bill Bentley

- Search Team consists of the Care Task Force plus Holly Risch
- Have been meeting since mid-August
- Are pulling together the position description to present to PT
- Plan to post the job description during October
- Plan to start interviewing November
- Expect to have someone in place the first of the year 2008

BUDGET REVIEW: Bill Watson

Intended Outcomes: Awareness

Bill reviewed income and expenses and the status of the reserve accounts.

CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE (CNC): Norma Gehner, Ric Towner

Intended Outcomes – 1) Celebrate; 2) Be prepared to communicate a process to new officers through which they will be prepared to assume their responsibilities beginning in January

- Thankful for the nominees
- Will communicate the process for nominations “from the floor” to the congregation (The CNC has to be notified and have a chance to interview the nominees)
- Onboarding process for new elders will be the responsibility of the senior year member of each triad
- Ric and Norma will do the triad assignments
- Deacons will be assigned to the triads; triads are responsible for the examination of both the elders and deacons and will report to Session.

2007 LEADERSHIP TRAINING: Ron Shryock

Intended outcome – Everyone plan for participation

Ron reviewed the plans for leadership training. It is for all officers, not just new ones.

MOTION passed unanimously (Barbara Huston motion; Leo Rader seconded): to extend the docket to 9:25 p.m.

UPDATE ON HERITAGE/KALEIDOSCOPE WORSHIP SERVICES: Drew Smith

Intended outcome – Common understanding of feedback, perceived issues

Drew posed some questions to help folks think about their experience of worship not just how it fits their preferences. Some asked for more time to process the questions. There was discussion of people’s experiences and about the fit of the services with the MAT vision.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- 10/17 – Personnel Team response to Dave Smith letter - Heather
- PC(USA) happenings – Drew

Other meetings for the rest of the year 11/5, 11/14, 12/10 plus the called meeting 10/7 to receive new members

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was closed with prayer at 9:35 pm. The next stated meeting of Session will be on 10/17/07 at 7:00 pm.

Barry Stare, Clerk of Session