

Stone Oak Presbyterian Church Session Meeting

San Antonio, TX

April 10, 2018

On April 10, 2018, the Session meeting was held with the following Elders present: Lori Grimes, LaRee Lyons, Dell Sheftall, Jane Hasty, Margaret Swartz and Judy Wallace. Pastor J.P. Kessie was Moderator for the meeting. A motion was made and approved and passed to excuse Andrew Rodriguez.

The meeting was called to order by Pastor J.P. Kessie at 7PM and then gave the opening prayer.

The devotional was given by Lori Grimes. It was titled "It is later than you think".

Approval of the minutes: The draft minutes from the March 13, 2018 meetings were read. A motion to accept the minutes as recorded was made by Dell Sheftall and seconded by Jane Hasty, and the minutes were adopted.

Session Clerk Report:

There were no updates on Membership. Margaret Swartz did have the Elders of the month Assignments for the calendar year and the Elder on Call Responsibilities...

There was a request from Laura McCroskey to be able to utilize the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall on May 19 from 3 to 7PM. All setup and cleanup will be done by her. Dell Sheftall made a motion to approve the request and seconded by Jane Hasty. The motion was approved...

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Worship Committee liaison gave the report. It was accepted as information with no recommendations for the Session.

The Finance Committee had Cathy Wilkerson give a detailed finance report. Then, Bruce Richter gave a detailed recommendation list of different ways that the Session can address the financial situation. The Session then went into discussion, and a motion was made by Dell Sheftall and seconded by Lori Grimes to address each recommendation separately. The Enclosed attachment represents each recommendation and the actions taken by the Session.

There was no Youth report.

There was no Property report.

There was an oral report from the representative of the Vision Task Force(Dell Sheftall) and the Pastoral Search Committee. It was taken as information.

There was a Church Community Service report, that was accepted as information, with no recommendations.

There was a report from Margaret Swartz from MDO. It was accepted as information.

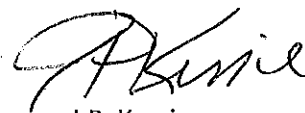
There was also an update on research into an ACTIVE SHOOTER assessment. Lori Grimes has been in communication with Lee Powers, who is free, and will come to the church, and do an assessment and discuss with those interested. The total time would be a few hours. It was agreed that this should continue to be pursued.

Closing prayer was done and the meeting adjourned at 8:32PM....



Joe Cesmirosky

Session Clerk



J.P. Kessie

Moderator

05/08/2018

## APPENDIX A

Recommendations: The Finance Committee submits the following recommendations to Session:

- a. Enforce a strict adherence to the approved budget month by month.
- b. Do not grant any more salary increases.
- c. Reduce the Presbytery apportionment to \$1,000 per month from the current \$1200 per month.
- d. Return MDO's annual rental from \$500 per month to the 2015 rental of \$820 per month (for 9 months). During the past 15 months, MDO maintained an average monthly bank balance of \$9181.88.
- e. Defer hiring a permanent Pastor to January 2019. This will reduce our expenses by \$43,000, allow us to finish in the black and rebuild our bank balance by \$30,000.00. Advise the Congregation.
- f. Ensure that the 2018 mission trip pays its own way and pays back the deposit already made.
- g. Take the following actions with the Congregation:
  - I. Advise congregation from session and by letter the necessity of providing regular offerings.
  - II. Recruit the new, regular worshipers into membership and emphasize the need for planned, regular offerings

The Session took the following actions:

- a. Not approved.
- b. Judy Wallace made the motion and seconded by LaRee Lyons to table the request.
- c. Margaret Swartz made the motion and seconded by Judy Wallace to accept the request.
- d. Margaret Swartz made the motion and seconded by Jane Hasty to postpone the motion.
- e. Not approved.
- f. Judy Wallace made the motion and seconded by Lori Grimes to postpone the motion.
- g. I. Lori Grimes made the motion and seconded by Judy Wallace to accept the request.
- h. II. Judy Wallace made the motion and seconded by Margaret Swartz to table the request.