

Stone Oak Presbyterian Church Session Meeting

San Antonio, Texas

March 13, 2018

**APPROVED MINUTES**

The scheduled March 13, , 2018 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. There was a motion and second and passed to excuse Andrew Rodriguez.

The meeting was called to order by Pastor Kessie at 7:03 pm. J.P. gave the opening prayer.

**Devotional** – A devotional was provided by Jane Hasty from Pastor Rick Warren on forgiving and forgetting.

**Agenda Approval:** There was a written agenda for the meeting.

**Approval of the Minutes** – The draft minutes were read from the February 13, 2018 Session meeting were available for review at this meeting. A motion was made by Dell Sheftall to accept the minutes as written, second provided by Lori Grimes. The motion passed.

**Session Clerk's Report**

- Communications

No Communications

- Membership

**Youth Report -- Kyle Bowden**

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A Youth report was given by Kyle Bowden. He is currently teaching out of the book of Matthew, and has decided to start giving the Youth assignments a week before to be prepared to discuss. He also requested that the youth attend Ascend Outdoor Ministries in Taos NM for their Mission Trip June 24-30. It is held at Loma Verde Presbyterian camp and the cost is \$350/person. Registration was by 4/1, and he asked the church to pay for 1/3 of each kid, which is expected to be \$1240 for approx. six youth. Dell made a motion to accept the request and Lori seconded it and passed.

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*COMMITTEE REPORTS*

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## Vision Task Force Reports/Dell

An oral report was given as information. There were no recommendations

## Administration Committee/

A written report was given. There were two recommendations. A recommendation was made to increase the pay of the church secretary. A motion was made by Judy Wallace to approve the recommendation and seconded by Jane Hasty and the motion carried. There was also a second recommendation which, after discussion, was tabled. That was recommended by Dell Sheftall and seconded by Jane Hasty to not address the second recommendation until a new pastor is approved.

## Finance Committee/

A finance committee report was given. The initial approval of the report was suggested by Margaret Swarzt, with a second by Lori Grimes. The motion to accept the report carried.

## Worship Committee/

The Worship Committee provided a written report. The report was reviewed and recommendations were made by the committee. The first request was discussed. It was regarding the potential confusion for visitors as to what kind of affiliation or denomination we are. The session confirmed that the church IS a Cumberland Presbyterian Church, but the marketing/branding of the church name may be different, as Stone Oak Church. The second recommendation was requesting that either the alter call or prayer ministry be made available immediately after worship with the Elders on Call or someone from the Prayer Group be at the front of the church and available, for people seeking immediate prayer, to be approved. The motion carried. The third recommendation of the discussion of the graduating seniors and their presentation was considered as information.

## Church and Community Committee

It was noted that the Pot Luck we had was fantastic, with a lot of participation before, during and after for cleanup. It was also noted that the March 30 service for Moss Green and the serving of the family had to be done to the best of the church ability to honor both Moss, AnnaBelle and the family. Sandwiches, salads, drinks were expected for the reception right after the service.

## MDO/

A report was made by MDO liaison. In it was a recommendation/request to be able to honor the teachers for teacher appreciation week. It was recommended by Judy Wallace and seconded by Margaret Swarzt that the bonuses were paid out of the MDO funds.


NEW BUSINESS/

There was no business discussed. It was regarding reinstating a prayer chain. The chain, similar to the old phone chain, to be responsible for calling one person when a request for prayer came in. The motion to execute was made by Lori Grimes and seconded by Dell Sheftall to start the prayer chain.

Discussion also incurred on what is the protocol if the church has an active shooter. It was recommended and approved that an Exploratory Committee be approved to look into having someone assess our church readiness should it happen. The motion was made and carried.

Chaplain Ray led in the closing prayer,

The meeting ended at 9PM.



Joe Cesmirosky  
Session Clerk



JP Kessie  
Moderator