Grace Presbyterian Church Stated Session Meeting

January 23rd, 2020

Moderator Cathy Hoop called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the Grace Conference Room. A quorum was established with the following members present: Susan Donovan, Madeleine Hill, Gary Minder, Gillie Presley, Jane Shipley, Bill Shoemaker, Sandy Wolfe, and Denise Yanaura. Susan Benke, Erik Peterson, Patrick Sprunger and Anedra Avery were excused. The meeting was opened with prayer.

Susan Donovan provided a devotional.

The Session welcomed Patricia Ann Curry to Grace Presbyterian Church and each of the session members introduced themselves to Patricia. The session suggested various committees that she might be interested in joining.

The session voted to approve a list of sixtynine members of the congregation to be moved to the inactive member list or be removed from the membership roll.

The session discussed entering into a relationship with another church that desires to be closer to town and could use space in the fellowship hall for their Sunday morning gathering. Session discussed sharing child care and administrative facilities with this church. Session voted to continue discussions on this matter.

 **Committee Reports**

Building and Grounds reported that the new Sexton, Lance Tucker, is working well in fulfilling his duties. Bill Shoemaker suggested the former Sexton, Wendel Edwards, be hired to train Lance in the used of floor care equipment.

Finance Committee chair Madeline Hill presented the budget for 2020. Session discussed budget and voted to approve it.

Mission, Peace & Justice Committee special offerings of One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peace and Global Witness, and Christmas Joy were approved by Session. Session approved Souper Bowl of Caring offering to be received on Super Bowl Sunday.

Communication committee reported the new Grace website will launch the last week of January. Session expressed thanks and appreciation for Matt Smith’s work in providing new signs.

 Congregational Care and Fellowship Committee reported good attendance for adult Sunday School Program

Christian Formation Committee requested additional help with Sunday morning child care duties.

Personnel Committed reported that April Trussell-Smith requested a pay increase and a reduction in the number of hours of her work as Office Administrator. Pastor noted April’s success in organizing the administrative office. Session discussed reduced office hours and having a food pantry volunteer answer the office telephone on food pantry days. Session voted to approve pay increase and new work schedule for April Trussell Smith.

Pastor reported that a letter has been sent out to several architectural firms to solicit ideas and budgets for enacting the Visions of Grace program.

Jane Shipley volunteered to provide the devotional for the next Session meeting.

Minutes of Stated Session Minutes of November 21st, were approved as presented. The next Stated Meeting of Session will be February 27th, 2020.

Cathy closed the meeting with prayer.

Robert Spencer, Secretary Cathy Hoop, Moderator