**Grace Presbyterian Church**

**Stated Session Meeting**

**April 22nd 2021**

Moderator Cathy Hoop called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM via ZOOM. A quorum was established with the following members present: Emily Altman, Adam Brooks, Susan Donovan, Sherry Kimbro, Madeleine Hill, April Lane, Erik Peterson, Gillie Presley, Bill Shoemaker and Ann Weeden. Anedra Avery and Brad Fisher were excused.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

Session approved the agenda with note to forward Investment Committee notes to Session

Cathy Hoop provided a devotional.

**Pastor’s Concerns**

Cathy Hoop requested a Commissioner volunteer for the May 20th Presbytery meeting. April Lane volunteered and was unanimously approved by Session.

Adam Brooks, Susan Donovan, Sherry Kimbro, Madeleine Hill, April Lane, Erik Peterson, Gillie Presley and Rob Spencer volunteered to be ushers and Communion servers for the May 2nd outdoor service at Grace.

Session members were invited to attend the Sheppards and Lapsley Presbytery main event in virtual mode.

Committee chairs were encouraged to make personal contact with potential committee members.

Request was made for a Grace congregation member to be a liaison for Avery Smith.

Cathy Hoop spoke to the importance of the Food Pantry in relation to the Visions Task Force.

Committee Updates:

1. Finance

Madeleine Hill spoke to the importance of congregational pledging to cover Grace’s annual operating budget

1. Worship

April Lane spoke on the topic of First People Acknowledgement.

The Session voted unanimously to approve the celebration of Communion at all Worship Services.

1. Congregational Care

Sherry Kimbro

1. Building & Grounds (No Meeting in January)
2. Mission Peace & Justice

Gillie Presley moved that the Session approve five offerings this year; Food Pantry, Joy Offering, Peace Making, Pentecost, and One Great Hour of Sharing. The motion was passed unanimously.

1. Christian Formation (No Meeting in January)
2. Personnel

Cathy revealed that April Trussel-Smith will be leaving at the end of the school year as her husband will be taking an out of town calling.

1. Communications (No Meeting in January)

We Remember Our Past

* Approval of stated session meeting minutes of March 25th, 2021

We Look to the Future

* Date for the next Session meeting will be May 27th at 6 PM.
* Cathy Hoop will lead us in a devotional at our next meeting.
* Cathy Hoop closed with a prayer

 We receive God’s benediction and are adjourned.

Robert Spencer, Clerk Cathy Hoop, Moderator