

SESSION MINUTES
Grace Presbyterian Church
Stated Meeting, August 27, 2017
12:15 p.m. –MB4

Opening Prayer: Bill Harrison and Prayer Team Members

- Members Present: Shirley Gunn, Debbie Miller, Chuck Langenhop, Mike Shaw, Teri Waite, Nicci Walker, Deann Collins, Andrea Bailey, Bob Chatley
- Moderator: Rev. Russell Jonas, Associate Pastor: Rev. Wendy Kolakowski
- Staff Members Present: Michael King: Director of Music Ministries; Kelly Raaum: Family Ministries Director

Clerk's Report: Andrea Bailey

- APPROVED: Minutes of Stated Session Meeting—July 23, 2017
- APPROVED: July Statistical Report and August Omnibus Motion which included a special request for Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the Women's Retreat on October 7

Committee Reports:

- **Music Ministry Update (Michael King):**
 - APPROVED: Replacing wall lighting controller in Sanctuary (\$1,149) and replacing the speakers in the Narthex (\$3,763)
 - NOTED: Replacement of sanctuary lights moved to early Fall
 - NOTED: Other electrical work is in progress to address surges. Electronic approval for funds may be needed
- **H.R. Committee: (Bob Chatley)**
 - NOTED: Trish Thompson to be added to H.R. Committee—timing TBD
 - APPROVED: Full time position for Youth Ministry director
 - APPROVED: Christina Martinez to be Children's Ministry Resident during the time that Pastor Cara will be on maternity leave
- **Stewardship/Finance Update (Chuck Langenhop)**
 - APPROVED: Stewardship Program: "Fishes and Loaves"; Kickoff Sunday- Sept. 10; Commitment Sunday—Nov. 12; seeking commitments of time, talent and treasure, now called "estimate of giving rather than "pledge"; seeking 5% increase of "treasure"

- NOTED: July financial report reflects income is close to forecast, with better than budget surplus as a result of expenses being less than budgeted. Overall, we are doing fine financially

Open Business Updates: (Pastor Russell)

- NOTED: IT systems are interrelated-electrical, surveillance, door locking and telephone); electrical issues being addressed; payroll is outsourced, changes being made in posting, expense reports; search for most cost-efficient way to make needed changes
- NOTED: 40 Days of Prayer (Mike Shaw) Oct. 3 will be first day, prayer writers will write a daily devotion for each day to be sent out by email-end Nov. 12

Moderator's Report— (Pastor Russell)

- NOTED: Pastor Russell will set date for session retreat after checking dates that elders are available. May ask liaisons to attend (Jan DeVries, John Starkel, or possibly Kathy Jones)
- NOTED: Mission Study may take three months to update. Data will come from congregational survey; time frame: early winter
- NOTED: Electing PNC in January is goal and then begin receiving PIF's with another goal of moving ahead with interviews by end of school year

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Discussion and discernment by session

Closing Prayer and Adjournment—Pastor Russell closed with prayer and adjourned the meeting at 4:05 pm.

Upcoming Meetings

- **Next Stated Session Meeting: September 24, 2017 at 12:15 p.m., MB2**
- **Grace Presbytery Stated Meeting – Sept. 30.2017, First Pres. Tyler**
- **Confirmand exam by Elders – Dec. 17, 2017**
- **Confirmation Sunday – Jan. 7, 2018**

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Bailey

Clerk of Session