

BONHOMME PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
14820 Conway Rd., Chesterfield, Missouri
Stated Meeting of the Session
June 19, 2007

Moderator: Dr. Tom Pfizenmaier
Clerk of Session: Jane Kostelc

Place: Chapel
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Elders Present: Cindy Brussee, Cindy Deffenbaugh, Paris Disper, Brad Fabbri, Dave Giffin, Terry Grogan, Bill Hemberger, Kurt Johnson, Mary Lewis, Laura Lucas, John Vann, and Jerry Wilson

Elders Excused: None

Elders Absent: None

Ministers Present: Rev. Kyle Erickson, Dr. Gary Ferbet, Dr. Barry Gaeddert, Dr. Tom Pfizenmaier, and Rev. Art Wolverton

Ministers Excused: None

Staff and Others Present: Suzy Gaeddert, Mary Oldfield, Laura Staufenbiel, Nancy Armstrong, Roger Hardy, Sydney Hiatt, Lisa Mann

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m., and the moderator opened the meeting with prayer. A quorum was declared (13 present + 0 excused + 0 absent = 13).

DEVOTIONAL TIME:

Tom offered a devotional inspired by the twelfth chapter of Romans. He reflected that Paul calls us to let God transform us by changing the way we think. Then we can know how good and pleasing God's will is. We live as sacrificial beings according to the grace of God. As the Session faces the decisions before us, Tom challenged us to soar and remember it's about what God wants, not what we want. We work together for God's glory.

SPECIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES

- A. **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT:** Christian Education Master Curriculum Project
Elder Mary Lewis introduced Deacon Sydney Hiatt and members of the Master Curriculum Project Committee, who presented a report, *Dimensions of Faith: Growing Discipleship One Block at a Time*. The Master Curriculum defines the components of Bonhomme's teaching and learning resource for the purpose of developing maximum spiritual formation in the lives of participants. It outlines the foundation for growth, establishes building blocks to assess growth, and defines learning priorities for different ages and stages of the faith journey for children and adults. It was noted that the report involved the efforts of many people, some of whom were in attendance, over a series of months.
Motion: It was moved (Mary Lewis) and seconded to accept the Christian Education Master Curriculum Project report. The motion was approved.
- B. **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE**
Tom Pfizenmaier reported that Joel Mikell had been at Bonhomme last week and assessed that the campaign was on track. The print campaign is underway. After discussion, Tom said he would contact Joel before the called meeting of the Session on June 21, 2007 to get his input regarding the presentation of phasing options for the Master Facilities Plan.
- C. **BUILDING AND GROUNDS ROOF COMMITTEE**
Brad Fabbri reported on the committee's receipt of reports from two consultants, both of whom said the roof on the Christian Education building was at the end of its life cycle. The committee requests permission to hire a consultant. Elder Fabbri made the following motion.
Motion: The B&G Roof Committee is authorized and directed to select a consultant for the CE/Great Hall re-roofing project. The consultant will prepare the design specifications and details, prepare the Request for Quotation bid package, assist in bid selection, and perform in-process inspections of the

contractor installation. Total consultant cost (including preparation of 'stamped, sealed drawings' if required for the county permit) not to exceed \$15,000. The motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was voted to approve:

- a. the Minutes of the May 15, 2007 stated meeting of the Session, as amended,
- b. the Minutes of the May 20, 2007 called meeting of the Session, as submitted.
- c. the Minutes of the June 13 called meeting of the Session, as amended.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A. BOOK OF ORDER PROCEDURAL ITEMS:

- a. **It was voted to approve:** That the composition of the Session, in relation to the membership of the congregation be recorded per G-4.0403 & G-10.0301:

Composition at June 1, 2007

	Total	Male Caucasian	Female Caucasian	Male Racial/Ethnic	Female Racial/Ethnic
Ministers	5	5	0	0	0
Elders	12	7	5	0	0
Total Session	17	12	5	0	0
Congregation	1642	706	930	2	4

Percentages by Age, Gender, Racial/Ethnic and Handicap

	Under 25	25 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	Over 65	Male	Female	R/E	Handicap
Session	0	24%	29%	41%	6%	71%	29%	0	0
Congregation	16%	22%	16%	18%	28%	43%	57%	.3%	5%

- b. The Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy met in a stated meeting on May 19, 2007 at Mound Ridge Camp and Conference Center near St. James, Mo. Representing Bonhomme were Minister Commissioner Dr. Tom Pfizenmaier, and Elder Commissioners Dave Giffin, Kurt Johnson, Marion Mitchell and Sarah Mitchell per G-10.0102 p. (1). Highlights of the meeting were a presentation on Stewardship Among Changing Generations by Paul Reiter, commissioning of summer staff at Mound Ridge, the conference services at Mound Ridge, the approval of the call for a minister at the new church development in O'Fallon, Illinois, the approval of the call for Associate Pastor, Next Generation at Bonhomme, and the elevation of the Kenyan Worshipping Community to a Fellowship.

B. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL COMMISSION:

- A. Barry and Suzy Gaeddert addressed the Session to announce that Barry has accepted a call to the International Church in Surrey, England as Senior Pastor. They expressed the joy of God's call to a church with a desire to strengthen its commitment to mission, but also expressed sadness at leaving Bonhomme. They plan to end their work at Bonhomme the end of July and move mid to late August. Tom expressed the sentiments of the Session by telling the Gaedderts they are loved and will be missed. He requested that a called meeting of the Congregation planned for July 22, 2007 include the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Bonhomme Church and the Rev. Barry Gaeddert.

- B. **Moved to accept:** Jerry Wilson moved the acceptance of the Minutes of the Administration and Personnel Commission as presented. Motion passed.

MINISTRY UPDATES: (Minutes from Deacon Ministries should be submitted to Cheryl Holland by the second Monday of each month. They are in the Session Stated Meeting packet for information.)

Budget & Finance:

The various financial statements for Bonhomme Presbyterian Church organizations for the period January 1 through May 31, 2007 were received by the Session and filed for audit. In summary:

CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF May 31, 2007

DATE: June 12, 2007

OPERATING INCOME

- A. Actual monthly collections total \$168,417 compared to \$173,540 budgeted.
- B. Year to date income is \$28,674 under budget.

OPERATING EXPENSES

- A. Actual monthly expenditures total \$143,317 compared to \$150,693 budgeted.
- B. Year to date operating expenditures are \$23,552 under budget.

ACTUAL INCOME VERSUS ACTUAL EXPENSE THROUGH MAY 31, 2007

Year to date total income	\$827,191
Year to date total expense	<u>\$806,561</u>
Surplus/Deficit year to date	\$ 20,630

BALANCE IN RESERVE FUND AS OF May 31, 2007

Balance as of 01/01/07	\$379,170
Year to date surplus/deficit	<u>\$ 20,630</u>
Reserve Fund 05/31/07	\$399,800

TOTAL CHURCH OPERATING FUNDS:

Checking Acct	\$183,346
M/M Account	\$322,586
Cert. of Deposit	\$118,591
Dedicated Invstmts.	<u>\$193,274</u>
Total Church Funds	<u>\$817,797</u>

OPERATING FUNDS ATTRIBUTED TO:

Operating Cash	\$ 91,120
Amt. Due Dedicated	\$326,877
Reserve Fund	<u>\$399,800</u>
Total	<u>\$817,797</u>

OTHER FUNDS NOT BUDGETED BY SESSION:

Nursery School	\$130,727
Kids Day Out	\$ 80,312
Old Stone Church	<u>\$187,182</u>
Total	<u>\$398,221</u>

The Treasurer's report of May Operating Results and Updated Analysis of 2007 Operating Pledges was attached to the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Brad Fabbri reported that the Counseling Center Task Force would report at the July Session meeting.
- B. **Motion:** Bill Hemberger moved the appointment of Cindy Brusee and Bill Hemberger to the Church Nominating Committee. Motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Terry Grogan proposed conducting a survey of the congregation to gain input concerning the Facilities Master Plan. Since the Fall 2005 Congregational Informational Survey contained only one question directly regarding Facilities—that being merely to rat "Facility Priorities" from a given list, Terry felt that detailed input from the Congregation covering all aspects of the facilities issue should be sought prior to developing detailed plans which could potentially involve knocking down substantial portions of our exiting church complex. Brad Fabbri countered that much input had already been given by the various Ministry Committees, staff and other church groups.

Motion: It was moved (Terry Grogan) and seconded that that the Session conduct a comprehensive survey of the congregation with regard to facility needs. Motion was defeated.

B. Kurt Johnson presented a report from the Budget and Finance Committee and a spread sheet providing data on a number of variables that describe the church. Kurt asked that members read the report by the meeting next July 21. It is important to monitor metrics, perhaps on a quarterly basis, in order to assess progress and make adjustments.

Motion: Kurt moved to accept the report. Motion was approved.

C. Kurt Johnson requested permission to publicize a fund raiser by Guys for Life. The group is providing a private showing of the movie *Bella* on August 15th. Tom noted that there are guidelines being developed for publicizing events by groups outside the congregation.

Motion: It was moved to allow publicity for the Guys for Live event on August 15, 2007. Motion was accepted.

D. **Motion:** That the Session call a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, July 22, 2007 for the following purposes:

- to recommend to the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy that the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Art Woolverton and Bonhomme Presbyterian Church be dissolved, effective August 1, 2007
- to recommend to the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy that the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Barry Gaedert and Bonhomme Presbyterian Church be dissolved, effective August 1, 2007.

Tom asked that the Nominating Committee prepare a slate of candidates for an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for presentation to the congregation on July 22nd. He also indicated the importance of working with the Presbytery Committee on Ministry as soon as possible. Gary Ferbet offered to contact the Presbytery and arrange for a representative to meet with the Session.

Tom discussed plans to announce Barry and Suzy's new call and provide for a smooth transition. He also presented a concern that the remaining pastoral staff would be able to cover the preaching schedule for four services. Tom advocates reducing the services to two, a traditional service held at 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary, and a contemporary service held at 11:00 a.m. in the Great Hall. As Pastor he would preach at both services on most Sundays. He asked the Session to pray about this plan and be ready to make a decision about the worship schedule next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned, on motion, and was closed with prayer, peace and harmony prevailing.

Approved by Session: _____

Jane Kostelc, Clerk of Session

End of June 19, 2007 Minutes