

BONHOMME PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
14820 Conway Rd., Chesterfield, Missouri
Stated Meeting of the Session
May 15, 2007

Moderator: Dr. Tom Pfizenmaier
Clerk of Session: Marion Mitchell

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

Elders Present: Cindy Brussee, June Davis, Cindy Deffenbaugh, Brad Fabbri, Dave Giffin, Bill Hemberger, Kurt Johnson, Dan Kraus, Mary Lewis, Laura Logsdon, John Steffen, and Jerry Wilson

Elders Excused: None

Elders Absent: Elizabeth Belew,

Ministers Present: Dr. Gary Ferbet and Dr. Tom Pfizenmaier

Ministers Excused: Rev. Art Woolverton

Staff and Others Present: Laura Staufenbiel, Paris Disper, Terry Grogan, Laura Lucas, John Vann

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m., and the moderator opened the meeting with prayer. A quorum was declared (12 present + 0 excused + 1 absent = 13).

DEVOTIONAL TIME:

Tom reflected that as he walked by the portraits of the pastors in the Narthex he was reminded of the history of Bonhomme and of its heritage. Tom then read from John 15:1-8 where Jesus says, "I am the true vine....". Not just personally, but also as a church and as leaders of the church we are to help people be in the vine. We are to remember why we are here, to shepherd the flock and to share the Good News. That is our call to share.

Brad Tubbesing expressed his thanks for the opportunity to serve and the blessings he received while here. He also indicated his future plans.

OFFICER EXAMINATION:

The Elders elect (Paris Disper, Terry Grogan, Laura Lucas, and John Vann) having completed their required elder training classes, were examined by the Session. Bill Hemberger moved, and it was voted to arrest the examination. Bill Hemberger moved, and it was voted to approve: That the examination of the above Elders, Class of 2010 be sustained. Bill Hemberger moved, and it was voted to approve their ordination and installation on Sunday,

May 20, 2007 at the 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service:

1. Terry Grogan 2. Laura Lucas 3. John Vann

and

June 3, 2007 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service: Paris Disper

The Deacons elect (Steve Alley, Kent Ansoerge, Peter Brown, Mary Bruning, Casey Campbell, Mike Dunphy, Cathleen Gotsch, Norman Haines, Ann Reese, and Marcia Walter of the Class of 2010 and Ed Ready of the Class of 2008) having completed their required deacon training classes, were examined by the Session. Bill Hemberger moved, and it was voted to arrest the examination. Bill Hemberger moved, and it was voted to approve: That the examination of the above Deacons, Class of 2010, and one Deacon, Class of 2008, be sustained. Bill Hemberger moved, and it was voted to approve their ordination and/or installation on Sunday,

May 20, 2007 at the 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service:

The Deacons to be Ordained and Installed are:

1. Steve Alley 2. Pete Brown 3. Mary Bruning 4. Casey Campbell
5. Mike Dunphy 6. Norman Haines 7. Ann Reese

and

Sunday, June 3, 2007 at the 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service.

The Deacons to be Ordained and Installed are:

1. Cathleen Gotsch 2. Ed Ready 3. Marcia Walter

The Deacons to be Installed are: 1. Kent Ansonge 2. Susan Reed

STUDY REFLECTION

Chapter 9, "What makes these leaders tick?", in *Surprising Insights from the Unchurched* by Thom Raines was not discussed, but will be studied for next month.

SPECIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES

A. ARCHITECTURAL TASK FORCE

Cindy Brussee said they are meeting every week. They are focusing on space planning. They will have the Master Plan at the end of May for approval. Then the model will be started. She called for a special meeting of Session on May 29 at 7:00 p.m. to approve the Master Plan.

B. CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Tom Pfizenmaier said the orientation meeting by Joel Mikell from RSI with the church leadership (elders, including the new ones, and deacons) to go over the campaign is on May 16 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. From 8:00—9:00 there will be orientation for the fourteen teams with fifty-four persons. There will be a special edition of the newsletter in a May 23 mailing to the congregation: How we got here (our journey so far), Questions and Answers, and Campaign Overview. The theme, logo, and scriptural verses will also be included.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was voted to approve: the Minutes of the April 17, 2007 called meeting of the Session, as submitted, the Minutes of the April 17, 2007 stated meeting of the Session, as amended, the Minutes of the April 29, 2007 called meeting of the Congregation, as submitted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A. BOOK OF ORDER PROCEDURAL ITEMS:

- a. It was voted to approve: That the following name be deleted from the rolls of the church, due to his death, per G-10.0302 b. (8):

Name	Status	Member #	Date of Death
John Lane	Active	2142	4-16-2007

- b. It was voted to approve: That the following name be transferred from the Active to the Inactive roll of the church, per G-10.0302 a. (3) (a):

Name	Transfer To	Member #	Reason
Deborah Harrison	Inactive	8004	At Member's request

- c. It was voted to approve: That the following names be deleted from the rolls of the church, at the request of the member and a certificate of transfer be issued, per G-10.0302, b (1) and G-4.0404:

Name	Status	Membership #	Transfer To
John Renth	Active	1375	Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, Naples, Fla.
Marjorie Renth	Active	1376	Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, Naples, Fla.

- d. Worship - Communion was served to 457 persons in Traditional Worship on May 6, 2007 at scheduled worship services; "6 shut in" communion services were held during the period April 17, 2007 – May 15, 2007 per W-2.4012 and W-3.6102.

- e. It was voted to approve: That the following admissions to baptism be approved, per W-2.3012 a. & b.:

Name	Birth Day	Parent Membership
Sean Christian McDonald, son of Shari & Ken McDonald	10-19-2006	Both parents are members

- f. It was voted to approve the following baptisms be registered per W-2.3012 a. & b.:

Name	Date of Baptism
Megan Kathleen Delimitros	5-13-2007
Sean Christian McDonald	5-13-2007
Katherine Heather Shoemaker	5-13-2007

- g. It was voted to approve: That Stated Session Meetings for the coming year be held on June 19, July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20, and December 18, 2007 and January 22, February 19, March 18, April 15, and May 20, 2008, per G-10.0201.

- h. It was voted to approve: That the Moderator and/or the Session's Liaison Elder to the Worship Ministry be delegated the authority to authorize observances of communion at any scheduled

- corporate worship service and at all appropriate services for “shut in” members of the congregation; and that this delegated authority expire May 31, 2008, per W-2.4012 & G-9.0403.
- i. It was voted to approve: That the Moderator and/or the Session’s Liaison Elder to the Worship Ministry be delegated the option to authorize admissions to baptism prior to Session approval when there are extraordinary timing circumstances; and that the Session will ratify these baptism admissions at its next stated meeting; and that this delegated authority expire May 31, 2008, per W-2.3011, b & G-9.0403.
 - j. It was voted to approve: That four assigned rotating Session members be elected as the Regular Elder Commissioners from Bonhomme Presbyterian Church to the meetings of the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy; and the Moderator and/or the Clerk be delegated the authority to appoint Substitute Elder Commissioners whenever any of the above Regular Commissioners cannot attend stated or called meetings of the Presbytery; and that these elections and this delegated authority expire May 31, 2008, per G-9.0403 & G-10.0102 p. (1). In the discussion of this motion it was felt that at least one elder should be designated as a governing bodies elder who would attend all meetings of the presbytery.
- B. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:
None.

ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL COMMISSION:

Jerry Wilson moved the Commission minutes, and it was approved as submitted. The minutes indicate highlights of commission membership changes, staff self-evaluations, and senior pastor liaison and evaluation.

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 April 30, 2007 were received by the Session and filed for audit. In summary:

CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF APRIL 30, 2007

DATE: May 8, 2007

OPERATING INCOME

- A. Actual monthly collections total \$244,478 compared to \$182,122 budgeted.
- B. Year to date income is \$1,901 over 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 APRIL 30, 2007

Year to date total income	\$691,697
Year to date total expense	<u>\$638,147</u>
Surplus/Deficit year to date	\$ 53,550

BALANCE IN RESERVE FUND AS OF APRIL 30, 2007

Balance as of 01/01/07	\$379,170
Year to date surplus/deficit	<u>\$ 53,550</u>
Reserve Fund 04-30-07	\$432,720

TOTAL CHURCH OPERATING FUNDS:

Checking Acct	\$240,176
M/M Account	\$321,203
Cert. of Deposit	\$118,591
Dedicated Invstmts.	<u>\$193,274</u>
Total Church Funds	<u><u>\$873,244</u></u>

OPERATING FUNDS ATTRIBUTED TO:

Operating Cash	\$100,830
Amt. Due Dedicated	\$339,694
Reserve Fund	<u>\$432,720</u>
Total	<u><u>\$873,244</u></u>

OTHER FUNDS NOT BUDGETED BY SESSION:

Nursery School	\$123,670
Kids Day Out	\$ 80,312

Old Stone Church

\$183,709

Total

\$387,691

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Gary Ferbet reported that the approved 2007 Budget Planning Process was given to the Deacons the following Monday after the April Stated Session meeting. The Process Timeline is set, but just the budget targets will be developed. Mary Lewis made the following motion:
It was voted to approve the changes.
- B. Dave Giffin said he was pleased that giving was back on budget.
- C. Tom gave an update on events from the recent called special meeting of presbytery.
 - a. Presbytery has submitted its response to the compliant filed by Bonhomme and Dardenne.
 - b. There will be a meeting to have a conversation about the conclusions (ground rules) from the pre-special presbytery meeting that were not conducted in accordance with his understanding. The group will include the Stated Clerk, the Presbytery Moderator, the Executive Presbyter, and Steve Collier, Dardenne Elder, and Tom.
 - c. The Ordination post-PUP task force, chaired by Dieter Heinzl, is developing criteria for ordination in our presbytery. They met yesterday, and Tom attended. He will share his recommendations and reflections.
 - d. Tom announced he would be attending in Houston on August 16-18 a conference by the Presbyterian Global Fellowship. A brochure and registration form were distributed. Tom said this is the direction we need to be taking.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Laura Logsdon made the following motion:
It was voted to approve: Permission to sell the Thanksgiving Dinner tickets.
- B. Mary Lewis said the May *Pioneer Press* cover article on stewardship was neither helpful nor understandable.
- C. Mary Lewis said she did not understand the David Bailey packet. He has not sharpened his focus as requested. Tom encouraged reading of his material and talking to David. Kurt Johnson made the following motion: It was voted to approve a task force of Brad Fabbri, Dave Giffin, and Mary Lewis, chair to review the agreement with David and to determine what program is actually being provided.
- D. New elders were notified of a leadership conference on August 9-11 at Willow Creek Church.
- E. The preaching schedule is discussed in the Worship Ministry.
- F. Gary Ferbet said Art Woolverton's ministry among us would be celebrated June 24 in a reception by Parish Life after the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 worship services. A letter will go out to the congregation with suggestion of a gift.
- G. Gary Ferbet said Wilkie O'Brien would begin July 1 and be in the office now occupied by Art. Art will have to clear his office by then even though he is still on staff until the end of July.
- H. Mary Lewis commented on the classy way Art said good-bye last Sunday at the end of his sermon.
- I. Dave Giffin said we need to make the Vision, Mission, Kingdom Goals and Values Statements come alive. They should be integrated into our culture; otherwise, they will not get done. Kurt Johnson said the Communications Ministry needs to take this task on to get the statements out to the ministries. The liaison elder is a partner with the ministry chair to communicate all Session concerns. The *Pioneer Press* will be formatted with a page for each Kingdom Goal and the accompanying ministry program. This presentation is a start to culture inoculation.
- J. A Celebration was held of the Elder Service for the first retiring class of four members and for the retiring Clerk of Session. Tom Pfizenmaier expressed thanks for the service of the elders, the Class of 2007, June Davis, Dan Kraus, Laura Logsdon, and John Steffen and the Clerk, Marion Mitchell and presented them with a certificate and a copy of *In the Name of Jesus: Reflections on Christian Leadership* by Henri J. Nouwen.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned, on motion, at 9:10 p.m. and was closed with prayer, peace and harmony prevailing.

Approved by Session: _____

Marion Mitchell, Clerk of Session

End of May 15, 2007 Minutes