**SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**SPECIAL SESSION MEETING**

**July 9, 2017**

A Special Meeting of the Session of Second Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, NM, was held on Sunday, July 9, 2017. The meeting was called by the Pastor, Rev. Dr. Robert Woodruff, for the purpose of reviewing and discussing the possibility of temporarily hosting in the church a person experiencing a personal life crisis.

The meeting was called to order with prayer at 9:04am by Pastor Woodruff.

**Present:** *Teaching Elder* Rev. Robert Woodruff, Moderator

*Ruling Elders*: Don Bixby, George Huggins, Kris Johnson, Abel McBride, Ruth Montoya, Martha Powers, Anita Romero Torres, John Van Dyke

**Excused:** Pat Gilberto, Reme Molo, Anna Torres

**Absent:** Anita Abeyta

The clerk reported a quorum was present.

We noted in a previous communication with our insurance company, they reported our insurance would cover housing someone.  Their suggestions were to:

1. Get a back ground check of our guest
2. Provide private space for the guest
3. Inform the congregation of the guest and our hosting them
4. Secure access to items and spaces determined to be unnecessary for access by the guest

The person in need of housing is known by a Ruling Elder (not currently on Session) of our church and the RE has provided positive references.

Rev. Woodruff reviewed the situation of the person, and stated their request to stayed in the upstairs area of the J. I. Candelaria wing. The background check will be approximately $10.

**MOTION:** To allow the person to stay in the upstairs area of the J. I. Candelaria wing, pending completion of the four items suggested by the insurance company, for a period not to exceed four (4) weeks, with a weekly review of the situation.

After discussing about a dozen items that should be completed before guesting a person in the church, and the need for their resolution, Session **VOTED** to Postpone consideration of the question until Session Stated meeting on July 25, 2017.

The Special Meeting of Session was adjourned with prayer by RE Kris Johnson at 9:33am.

George T. Huggins, Clerk of Session