**SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**SESSION STATED MEETING MINUTES**

**March 19, 2019**

Session of Second Presbyterian Church met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, in Fellowship Hall. After prayer at 5:25pm by Pastor Robert Woodruff, a potluck dinner was shared. Elder Anita Abeyta led us in devotions, reflecting on “Skipping and Laughing”, and opened the business meeting with prayer at 5:54pm.

**Present:** *Pastor,* Rev. Dr. Robert Woodruff, Moderator

*Elders:* Anita Abeyta, Don Bixby, Sandra Duran, Pat Gilberto, George Huggins, Kris Johnson, Eli Lopez, Abel McBride, Reme Molo, Ella Porragas, Anna Torres

**Excused:** Willy Chavez

**Guests:**

* Phyllis Nunns, Deacon representative.

The clerk declared a quorum was present.

Session **VOTED** to approve the agenda.

**ORDER OF THE DAY**

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Session **VOTED** to grant Privilege of the Floor to:

* Randall and Elizabeth Korver-Glenn, members of Second, to discuss baptism of their child;
* Rebecca Johnson to present and discuss a request for Second to act as Fiscal Agent.

**CONVERSATIONS WITH PARENTS REGARDING BAPTISMS**

Randall and Elizabeth Korver-Glenn requested baptism of their daughter, Emma Sky Korver-Glenn, b. 05/20/2018, Albuquerque, NM. The members of Session introduced themselves to Randall and Elizabeth, and Randall and Elizabeth explained their motivation and desire to have Emma Sky baptized.

Session **VOTED** to approve the baptism of Emma Sky Korver-Glenn on 05/05/2019.

**BOOKKEEPERS REPORT** – John Van Dyke

Our bookkeeper distributed and reviewed two reports:

1. Income Feb 1-28
2. Feb 2019 Spending

John answered questions regarding the reports and reviewed the progress of new or updated pledges resulting from the recent request from Stewardship to the congregation to increase their pledges.

**DEACONS’ REPORT** – Phyllis Nunns

1. On March 3, 130 received communion, and we used the new platter.
2. When calling members and friends about a memorial service, we will provide more information about the arrangements and the deceased. E.g., during the hospitality time after the memorial service, the Deacons need clarity about what to bring, if anything, and soon enough to get into the call list.
3. Phyllis updated Session on members and friends that have been visited, and what Deacons will do the visitations next week.
4. The Chavez family will celebrate Elsie’s 97th birthday on Sunday. The same day, Art and Thelma Trujillo will celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Session **VOTED** to approve the minutes of the 02/19/2019 Session Stated meeting.

**CLERK’S REPORT**

1. **Annual Clerk training and Session records review accomplished 03/09/2019.** Session minutes were approved with no exceptions. A new binder for Session minutes and more paper for minutes were ordered from Cokesbury for $218.64, which has been vouchered to Session account 829999.
2. **Annual Activities yet to be Done/Scheduled: *Moved to Committee Reports***
3. **Correspondence:**
4. 03/13/2019 – FROM Rev. Roger Scott Powers, Chair of the Mission Networking Committee of the Presbytery of Santa Fe, requesting the action Session took on the Doctrine of Discovery, a.k.a. the Doctrine of Christian Domination.
5. 03/14/2019 – TO Rev. Roger Scott Powers, responding to his request of the 03/13/2019, and including our March newsletter, which had the action and other information on the Doctrine of Christian Domination.
6. **Baptism:**
   1. 03/17/2019 – Isaac Mario Torres, b. 01/01/2016, Albuquerque, NM, and Julianna Elena Torres, b. 09/14/2017, Albuquerque, NM, children of members Mario and Rebecca Torres, in the Sanctuary of Second, by Rev. Dr. Jaime Quiñones and Rev. Dr. Robert Woodruff.
7. **Actions on the rolls:**
   1. Session **VOTED** to reinstate the membership ofFernando Velasco.

**PASTOR’S REPORT** – Rev. Robert Woodruff

1. During the recent visit of the family of Barbara Anderson, some of her family members noted that Second is “how a church should be”.
2. The Mission Networking Committee (MNC) of the Presbytery of Santa Fe has approved $750 for use in Second’s Trans-Asylee program. There is also the possibility of receiving funds from the Synod of the Southwest.
3. Elifas Santillanes will be 100 years old on 08/31/2019. There possibly will be celebrations on Sunday and Saturday.
4. The unused lots East of our South parking lots are for sale, with an asking price of $220,000 for 2.18 acres. That might be an option if we need more parking.
5. In Albuquerque it’s more expensive if your yard has weeds than if you are caught with weed.
6. Session **VOTED** to ask Mario and Jack Torres, Sandra Duran, and Rev. Woodruff, to research considerations to acquire the 2.18 acres East of our South parking lot, pending approval to do so by Jack Torres and Mario Torres.
7. A member has requested to sell food items during Fellowship Hour. The CONSENSUS was to observe the existing policy of no private party solicitations.
8. Rob has identified the job of cleaning weeds along the south side of building, next to Family Promise, and will offer the job to one of our members.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Public Address system Extension:** Marty Martinez has offered to find resources for additional inputs/outputs to cover the Fellowship Hall. During the 08/14/2018 Session Stated Meeting, Session appointed a committee of persons from LiveWire, Worship, and Building & Grounds to begin the process, possibly meeting with Marty. The persons are George Huggins, Reme Molo, Kris Johnson and Abel McBride (Convener).
   1. The previously acquired PA system has been returned to the distributor.
   2. Karmen Van Dyke has met with a sound consultant. We will meet with Karmen next month to review the information she has and determine next steps. We should be able to get a discount.
2. **Inform First Nations (FN) in New Mexico (NM of the PCUSA Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery (DD):**
   1. During our February 2 Special Meeting we passed:

“The Session of Second repudiates the Doctrine of Discovery. We confess our complicity in the injustice of the Doctrine and promise to: (1) educate our congregation on the history and implications of the Doctrine; (2) work with higher councils to reinforce proliferation of repudiation to other Sessions and higher councils; and (3) cultivate relationships with Native American individuals and tribes, and especially Native American congregations.”

1. Indian 101 – offered by Americans for Indian Opportunity. George contacted AIO thru their website on 03/11/2019. There were no objections or concerns expressed by Session to proceeding.
2. Other possible activities/actions:
   1. Field trip to Indian Pueblo Cultural Center (IPCC);
   2. Action(s) on symbols improperly used or used without permission;
   3. Repatriation of human remains;
   4. Replacing Indian mascots;
   5. Advocating for investigations of murdered and missing indigenous women;
   6. Asking seminaries to incorporate DD into their curricula.

b. The Doctrine of Discovery Planning Team, a sub-committee of the Mission Networking Committee of the Presbytery of Santa Fe, is:

1. developing an Annotated List of Resources for Continuing the Conversation about the Doctrine of Discovery;

2. planning to invite either “Fearless Dialogues” or “Tewa Women United” to the October Presbytery meeting at Ghost Ranch;

3. planning to organize a Peacemaking Travel Seminar sometime after September 2020.

* 1. Elect one alternate Commissioner to Presbytery - Primaries: Abel McBride, Kris Johnson, Ella Porragas; Alternates: Sandra Duran. Session **VOTED** to approve Anita Abeyta as the second alternate commissioner to Presbytery.
  2. The ordination and installation of Richard Martinez to the Board of Deacons, Class of 2021, is scheduled for 03/24/2019.
  3. Session **VOTED** to approve the agreement with Becky Johnson to be Fiscal Agent for her non-profit project, PENDING approval of Stewardship/Finance, Bookkeeper, and the Paying Treasure.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Presbyterian Men - VETERANS RECOGNITION PROPOSAL**

TO: Second Presbyterian Session

From: PM Group

Subject: Honoring all veterans who have served in our armed forces from Second Presbyterian Church. Including past, present and future veterans.

The PM group proposes to erect a recognition plaque of the same construction material as the one dedicated in honor of Reverend Quiñones. It will involve the same building material and will look similar in design. Abel McBride has secured a donation of a 24" by 55" granite stone. The following will be inscribed:

DEDICATED TO OUR ARMED FORCES VETERANS OF SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

PRESENTED BY PRESBYTERIAN MEN 2019

We propose to place it in the Reverend Quiñones Peace Garden sometime this spring after the plaque has been completed.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

PM Group

Eli Lopez, Moderator

Session requested that PM re-submit the proposal to include a statement of faith.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **Building & Grounds** – Abel McBride

*To be Done/Scheduled: Evidence of adequate insurance (G-3.0112)*

* 1. The Committee reported that there is adequate insurance.
  2. We have completed installing a water line to the Candelaria Wing apartment for the Trans-Asylees, and will proceed with a gas line.
  3. In response to the observation that the motion-switched lights in both main restrooms have timed-out at inopportune times, leaving the occupant(s) in the dark, manual light switches have been installed in both main restrooms.
  4. Painting has been done in halls and the kitchen, and bumpers installed on corners.
  5. Clean-up Saturdays continue.

1. **Worship and Music** – Don Bixby

*To be Done/Scheduled:*

*Communion dates Authorized dates (W-3.0409, W-3.410)*

1. We held a very successful Ash Wednesday service.
2. March 31 - Jack Torres and Lena de Herrera will be voices from the Pew.
3. April 7 - Communion and healing service with anointing, Susie Change children’s moment.
4. April 14 - Palm Sunday, Marie Kenny has fully casted and pageant and distributed the script.
5. April 18 - 6pm, Passover supper in Fellowship Hall. Need eight elders to do foot washing. We will have a soup and bread supper with lemon-water. The service will include communion.
6. April 19 – 7pm, the Passion of Our Lord According to St. John, with the combined choirs of Second and Church of The Risen Savior.
7. April 21 - 7am service in the Rev. Quiñones Peace Garden, followed by brunch in Fellowship Hall. The 10:30am will include our floral cross, a Mariachi band, and youth/children processing. Gloria Mirabal is the contact for the Albuquerque Journal, which is planning a feature article about our service.
8. April 28 – Rev. Kay preaching.
9. May 5 – Emma Sky Korver-Glenn baptism.
10. May 19 - Members who have held membership for more than 50 years will be recognized.
11. **Stewardship & Finance** – Eli Lopez

*To be Done/Scheduled:*

*Report of annual financial review or audit (G-3.0113)*

*Annual budget approved/recorded (G-3.0205)*

1. Stewardship duties are moving forward, the learning process and transition of duties are progressing. The following are some of the activities/duties that have transpired during the last month:
2. Stewardship / Pastoral letter to congregation completed and sent to congregation.
3. met with Ruth to discuss transition concerns. Ruth was quite helpful in outlining duties that need done.
4. Scheduled Committee business meeting tabled in order to complete mailing of stewardship letter. Thanks for the help in this process to Pastor Rob for his work on the letter, George for his computer expertise in personalizing the letter, Beverly for her skills in getting the letter printed and transferred to letter head. Ruth and Toby for the tedious work of labeling envelops, folding and stuffing letter. Great team work. Appreciate your help.
5. Met with PM for educational meeting on the financial deficit for the 2019 budget. Provided progress update and took their feedback. They presented similar concerns as the PW. (Presented in session report last month). The following are some of those discussion and suggestions made PM on budget concerns:
   1. Consider cutting Martin Luther King scholarship
   2. How long are we going to help out Camino de Vida before they fly on their own?
   3. Rethink cost of living increases. Granted we have very deserving staff. We should consider giving smaller percentage increase or skip a year due to our financial situation.
   4. Suggestion for a donation jar, possibly for hospitality labeled; Happy $$ Hour.

Eli noted that we have a generous congregation. When we receive donations, do we recognize the donations? E.g., round tables in Fellowship Hall that were donated, did we send an acknowledgement or thank-you?

1. **Nominating** – Reme Molo, Pat Gilberto
   1. The committee continues to search for nominees to fill the two vacant Deacon positions.
2. **LiveWire** – George Huggins
   1. Statistical snapshot moved to Evangelism & Membership.
   2. Assisted with generating Stewardship letter from Breeze.
   3. Provided overview of Breeze to Deacons.
   4. Pictorial Directory – Of the 116 directories received, we have 35 remaining.
   5. 2019 Budget - LiveWire has obligated $189 of its $1,669 budget for 2019, or 11%.
   6. Deadline for April newsletter submission is Noon, Thursday, March 21, 2019.
   7. How should the Finance status numbers be published in the newsletter?
3. **Hospitality** – Sandra Duran, Ella Porragas
4. Sandra and Ella continue to alternate months for responsibility.
5. We are looking for more durable table coverings.
6. On March 24, Thelma and Arthur Trujillo will celebrate their 59th anniversary during Fellowship Hour. There will be a 97th birthday party for Elsie Chavez at 1:30pm. Bring a dish to share.
7. For hosting after a memorial service, if the family will bring their own food, please state the same to the Deacons for their notification lists.
8. Any conversations about coffee needs to be filtered.
9. **Personnel** – Kris Johnson

*To be Done/Scheduled:*

*Compensation reviewed with pastor(s) (G-2.0804)*

*Compensation reviewed with other staff*

1. **Mission** –Anna Torres
2. A table for eight has been purchased for $250 for CIRCO 2019, the fundraising event for the New Mexico Conference of Churches.
3. The trip to the island nation of Cuba, coordinated thru the Presbytery by Susan Smith, is scheduled for October 22-30, 2019.
4. Anna will open for WINGS.
5. We have sent a thank-you note to the donator of a refrigerator for Trans-Asylee project.
6. The Mission Committee provides some resources for Johely, the apartment manager for the Trans-Asylee project.
7. An article is being prepared for the newsletter about the Trans-Asylee project.
8. All food for the Trans-Asylee project is donated.
9. Immigrants are being sent from El Paso and will have need for translators and any resources or provisions. Any way to help is welcomed and appreciated. The Wednesday Bible Study class will provide casserole(s) and help serve at a feeding location.
10. **Evangelism & Membership** – Pat Gilberto

*To be Done/Scheduled:*

*Review of Membership Roll* ***annually*** *(G-3.0201c)*

* 1. Statistical snapshot from Breeze:
     1. Members: 246
     2. Female Members: 160
     3. Male Members: 86
     4. Baptized Members: 46
     5. Friends: 99
     6. Attenders: 39
     7. Mbrs 80-89 y/o: 7
     8. Mbrs Over 89 y/o: 10
     9. Mbrs for 50-59 yrs: 11
     10. Mbrs for 60-69 yrs: 5
     11. Mbrs for 70-79 yrs: 4
     12. Mbrs 80 yrs or more: 1
     13. 2019 Deaths: 0
     14. 2019 Losses: 0
     15. 2019 Gains: 1

b. **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING - FEBRUARY 21, 2019**

1. There will be a cake for Karmen’s birthday on Sunday February 24.
2. Baptism flowers will be provided for:
   1. Mario and Rebecca Torres on March 31;
   2. Randall and Elizabeth Korver-Glenn on May 5.
3. Honoring the 50+ members on May 19:
   1. 50 - Marie Kenny 7/27/1969
   2. 51 - Joyce Leavitt 2/18/1968
   3. Christine Ortega
   4. 54 - Conrad Rocha 5/31/64. Will get Conrad’s approval.
   5. 57 - Elifas Santillanes 12/17/61. We will try to provide a cake for his 100th birthday on August 31. Rob will contact his daughter to hopefully have him attend that day.
   6. We have requested a date from the worship committee. We will have a cake that day, also. We are hoping for May 19th.
   7. Individuals who have not been recognized in the past. We will provide flowers for those individuals who have already been recognized. Susan will get the flowers.
4. New Members Class to be scheduled for April 13. Possible new members: Mitch Dean, Iris Marcona, Deckie Byrum, Alan Holmquist, Lauren and Kliff, Lauren LaMonica (as an affiliate member), Harriet Brandstetter
5. Visitor card calls - Phyllis and Pat will call or contact the visitors who fill out cards.
6. **Christian Education** – Anita Abeyta
7. We are reviewing and using the book “Life is Just a Minute” by Dr. Mays. It’s based on the book of Ecclesiastes, where one theme is that most of life is smoke.
8. We need the sink fixed in the Candelaria Wing so smaller children can wash their hands.
9. A Tea for Teens is planned in March, to share ideas and look at the setting. The area belongs to our children.
10. We are receiving, good feedback. Toby Montoya will join as SS teacher.
11. There are six or seven in mid-high/high age range.
12. Kris and Becky Johnson will switch roles.
13. The feedback from the children is that they like their teachers.
14. Everyone wants snacks, so we are acquiring and providing more!

Session **VOTED** to receive the Committee reports.

**FISCAL AGENT AGREEMENT WITH RISING MARTIAL ARTS CLUB**

Session **VOTED** to authorize the Clerk to sign the Fiscal Agent agreement with Rising Martial Arts Club on behalf of Session.

**CONGREGATIONAL SHARING**

Last Sunday of the month, 03/31/2019 – Minute for Mission will be presented by the Committee of the Elder-of-Month (Mar: Anita Abeyta – Christian Education.)

**ADJOURN WITH PRAYER**

There being no further business and no objection to adjournment, we were dismissed with prayer by Pastor Rob at 9:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

George T. Huggins, Clerk of Session