

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SESSION SPECIAL MEETING
March 31, 2020
MINUTES

Because of our concern about spreading COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and the Governor's orders not to congregate, no one is meeting in person, and we are all meeting via video-conferencing (Zoom). We do not have provisions in our Bylaws or in our operations manual that define or provide guidelines for audio or video-conferencing meetings. In our previous meeting we set aside the Bylaws of Second. We will follow the basic guideline that everyone must be able to hear everyone else and be able to speak and be heard by everyone.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Rob Woodruff at 5:38pm.

DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

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

Elders: Sandra Duran, Allan Holmquist, George Huggins, Kris Johnson, Randall Korver-Glenn, Eli Lopez, Abel McBride, Mickey McHugh, Steve Montoya, Ella Porragas, Anna Torres

Excused: James Bencomo

Guests:

- Lynn Gatewood, Paying Treasurer;
- Chad Poole, Bookkeeper;
- Deacons Bev and Reme Molo.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Session **VOTED** to approve the agenda.

CLERK'S REPORT

- a. Session **VOTED** to remove James Kenneth Graham, Register #506, from the Active Member roll, at his request. James moved to Dallas, TX, in 2014, and then to Edmond, OK, in 2018.
- b. Our Session minutes and rolls registers have been updated, thru February 2020, in anticipation of the Session Records Review, which has been canceled because of the continuing health crisis.
- c. Minutes are being prepared for distribution and approval for:
 - 1) Session Stated Meeting, 02/18/2020
 - 2) Session Special Meeting, 02/29/2020
 - 3) Session Special Meeting, 03/17/2020
 - 4) Session Stated Meeting, 03/24/2020
- d. Session **VOTED** to remove David A. Lopez, Register #517, from the Active Member roll, due to his death on 03/29/2020.

BOOKKEEPER - Chad Poole
Income remains good for March.

DEACONS – Bev and Reme Molo

1. The Deacons are communicating with members in the directory, even if not on their own (Deacons) list.
2. If members and friends do not have access to email, Bev prints copies and mails via USPS the information/communication USPS to various folk.
3. We have heard -great- reports of communications among the congregation.
4. The Deacons have not identified any extreme or unusual needs, and we are keeping our members and friends informed with what is going on.
5. All Furthest Pew members have been contacted, and they seem to be doing good.
6. Bev and Reme updated the Session on the status of several members and friends that had been contacted by the Deacons.

EPIC

1. Pastor Rob asked us to consider and discuss the possibility of “Young” Elders, e.g., have EPIC representatives attend Session meetings. With no opposition from Session, Pastor Rob will ask Reina Bencomo to attend as the EPIC representative. She is very interested in knowing about the responsibilities of Ruling Elders. Pastor Rob will follow-up with Reina’s father, Elder James Bencomo
2. Elder Abel McBride is willing to mentor an EPIC member about Ruling Elders.
3. Members of the congregation have been asked to call specific EPIC members. We will send a handful of balloons to each EPIC member.
4. It is very difficult for High School Seniors at this point, not to have end of High School activities, and probably not even graduation.

MEETING ITEMS

1. Temporary Worship

- a. Pastor Rob reported that the Presbytery worship planning Leaders met today, and the feedback to previous streaming video worships, the attendees prefer a traditional sermon rather than a conversation.
- b. The Maundy Thursday worship will be a live videoconference via Zoom. Good Friday will be recorded.
- c. We’re unsure of the status of our order of Palm leaves. We have received 15 checks for Easter Lilies. We need suggestions from Session about what to do with the funds and Lilies. Session had several suggestions. Elders Allan Holmquist and Don Bixby will gather the Lilies and take pictures for posting and distribution.
- d. For Palm Sunday, one activity will be to take pictures of your Palm, and send it in.
- e. Session’s consensus was to continue with the collaborative worships conducted by the Presbytery.

- f. We might consider retrieving recorded choir anthems for the offertory of the streaming videos.
- g. Pastor Kay continues to produce Daily Devotions, and continues with the Wednesday Bible Study on I Corinthians.

2. Ongoing Outreach and Connectivity

- a. Pastor Rob continues to call members and friends.
- b. Food has been delivered to some.
- c. Elder Kris Johnson will ask the Sunday School teachers if they would do something -like- a Children's moment, probably using videoconferencing (Zoom) which does not require a membership or account. Resources are available from PCUSA. We will attempt to create an opportunity for Sunday School students to connect.
- d. Children's Choir Directory Deb Eisenhour is keeping in touch with her choir.

3. Budget/Offering Considerations

- a. Paperwork application has been submitted to the PCUSA Presbyterian Foundation to establish the capability of online donations.
- b. There continues to be interest in Electronic Funds Transfer.
- c. Church Secretary Bev Chavez is picking up USPS mail, distributing it to Session mailboxes, and calling Session members to notify them they have mail.

4. LiveWire – George Huggins

- a. The printed newsletter will be late, as the printer ran out of black ink.
- b. Instant Church Directory has been reviewed, and some new Groups added.
- c. If your Committee would like to send something to the Announcements email group, please draft it and send it to livewire@secondpresabq.org and we will send it out.

5. Miscellaneous

Funds from the City of Albuquerque to support immigrants has been sent to St. Michaels and All Angels Episcopal Church. St. Michaels is inquiring if they should send the money via a check to Second. The consensus of Session is that St. Michaels should send the funds directly to the TransAsylee apartment manager. Pastor Rob will check in with St. Michaels, then with Elder Randall Korver-Glenn.

Next meeting, Tuesday, April 6, 2020, 5:30pm, Session Special Meeting, via Zoom videoconferencing.

ADJOURN WITH PRAYER

Having conducted the business previously agreed upon, Pastor Rob dismissed us with prayer at 7:12pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Clerk of Session, George T Huggins