

Stated Session Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2017
7:00 p.m., St. Andrew Room
Community Presbyterian Church in Celebration

Moderator: Rev. Dr. William Lewis
Clerk: Gail Gebhardt

Approved by Session March 29, 2017

Opening Prayer: Pastor Lewis opened the meeting at 7:03 with a prayer.

In Attendance: Bruce Carlson, George Crippen, Judy Gregg, Kim Hawk, David Hulme,
Tedd Lingo, Beth McAulay and Jeff Smallwood

Excused: Charles Moore

A Quorum was Present: Yes

Opening Devotions – George Crippen

George is presenting to his small group Rich Warren's "Daring Faith" series and felt the first chapter to be appropriate for our church. Rick Warren states six facets for building a life of faith:

1. Faith is believing when I don't see it.
2. Faith is obeying when I don't understand it.
3. Faith is giving when I don't have it
4. Faith is persisting when I don't feel like it
5. Faith is thanking God before I receive it.
6. Faith is trusting God if I don't get it.

Daily Devotions: Day One

"I have learned the secret of living in every situation whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength." Philippians 4:12-13
In other words, **you can do anything – with God's help.**

Action Items:

Motion: Approval of the December 13, 2016 Session Minutes M/S/A

Motion: Approval of December 2016 Financials M/S/A

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Finance Report – David Hulme

**Community Presbyterian Church in Celebration
Financial Summary
December 31, 2016**

	Operating Fd					Mission Fd			Building Fd			Total		
	Period Budget	Period Actual	Budget YTD	Actual YTD	Variance YTD	Budget YTD	Actual YTD	Variance YTD	Budget YTD	Actual YTD	Variance YTD	Budget YTD	Actual YTD	Variance YTD
Reg Income	135,625	180,838	1,115,000	1,115,841	841	-	112,177	112,177	68,708	850,413	781,705	1,183,708	2,078,431	894,723
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Expenses	92,435	98,928	1,024,500	1,019,835	(4,665)	90,500	211,284	120,784	46,838	178,348	131,510	1,161,838	1,409,467	247,629
Net Income	43,190	81,910	90,500	132,101	41,601	(90,500)	(99,107)	(8,607)	21,870	672,065	650,195	21,870	705,059	683,189
Donations as % of Budget	133%		100%											

Motion: A contribution of \$4,000 to Missions and the balance of the surplus budget funds to be deposited into the Operating Funds for 2017. **M/S/A**

- At this point, 59% of our members have pledge a total \$638,000 toward our 2017 budget. We are hoping for 75%.
- David suggested that staff bonuses be made a part of their salary instead of discretionary gifts.
- Explored ways to having PushPay used by more of the congregation. Maybe mentioned some of the advantages at the services.

Membership **M/S/A**

Baptism

- 12/25/16 - Olivia Rae Shak – dob 10/11/16 - daughter of Carrie Sue Shak & Malene Binau Shak
- 01/22/17 – Debbie Lee Gallaher – dob 11/21/65 – Adult
- 01/22/17 - Audrey Mae Franciose, Ava Noel Franciose and Preston Lee Franciose – children of Kimberly and Kurtis Franciose

Request for Baptism

- 02/19/17 – Kaiden Jose Williams – dob 09/30/16 – son of Laura Ann & Lonnie Jose Williams

Clerk’s Report: Gail Gebhardt

Session received “Thank You” notes from Michele Swanson and Carolyn Garcia for their end-of-the-year “bonus”.

Staff Report: Pastor Lewis

- Pastor Lewis and members of the congregation will be in Israel at the time of the February meeting. It was determined that the February meeting will be cancelled unless Session has an urgent need to meet.
- Elders, please send in your February reports even though we probably will not have a meeting.
- Pastor Lewis submitted the **Strategic Plan for 2017:**

Mission: We are a family of believers committed to experiencing and sharing Jesus Christ.

Who we are: Bible-based, Grace-oriented, Christ-centered, Spirit-led congregation

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Our Core Strengths

- *Worship*
- *Preschool/Children's Ministry/Youth Ministry*
- *Missions*

Priorities to Implement

Arrange ministry priority/time line/establish a point person and teams/research how

- *Associate Pastor*
- *Lay leadership development*
- *Volunteer participation*
- *Life Group*
- *Assimilation*
- *Prayer Ministry*
- *Parent Trap and other options for young families*

Missing Ingredient: Discipleship

Biblical education – accountability/relationship – integration into ministry and missions in personal/work/social networks – intentionally mentoring others toward Jesus

- *We have someone who comes to the church who has expressed an interest in being our Associate Pastor.*
- *Pastor Lewis has connections to help us find an Associate Pastor.*
- *Assimilation is high – we need a process*
- *Life Groups - high*
- *Carol Potochney is launching a prayer ministry after church*
- *51% of Orlando is single and we need to tap into this area*
- *We need volunteer participation*
- *Think this may be a breakout year for us*
- *Matt Didway is doing a great job. We have about 100 youth per week.*
- *We need 4 more Elders*
- *Suggested we explore Stephen Ministers for new Elders. Great training and faith. Pastor Lewis will pursue this possibility.*
- *Jeff Smallwood is glad that Parent Trap is a priority.*
- *Beth McAulay wants life groups to grow. Parent Trap is for young families. As kids grow life groups should grow too. We should look to include groups for parents of infants and groups for parents of teens as well.*

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New Business - None

Old Business

A. *On-going Business*

Building Committee – Bruce Carlson

- *Things are moving along toward construction of Phase 1, The Christian Education Center and Sanctuary Renovations,*
- *Submitted Design Development Drawings to Disney Co. They have not come back with an approval yet.*
- *Disney's initial response on entitlements indicated it would be \$12 per sq. ft. of added space. We are trying to negotiate the actual added footage from that originally purchased.*
- *A new tri-fold brochure will be ready for use soon.*
- *Becky Bird has many ways to interest people in donating, including a big auction/resale event and on-going resale shop to benefit the Expansion.*
- *We still need \$300-\$500K to include the Sanctuary Expansion or prevent us from having to downscale other parts of Phase 1.*
- *Becky Bird's Auction Gala will be March 25, 6:00 p.m. Spread the word.*
- *A visioning session was held on what the Sanctuary should look like and how it should operate to fulfill the mission of the church. That is still being refined and priced.*
- *David Hulme reminded everyone that in March we are to revisit the budget for the Sanctuary modification's.*
- *Bruce Carlson gave David a vote of thanks for his leadership of the Building Committee.*
- *Construction Drawings are progressing with a date needed for actual ground breaking and for a congregational celebration prior to when our seasonal visitors leave in April.*

B. **Unfinished Business**

Discussion – George Crippen

- *Cleaning Service – We decided to change to Image One Janitorial. They will clean more frequently for a lowers cost. We will be replacing the towels they use in restrooms.*
- *Lawn Service – We will remain with the same lawn service.*
- *Copy Machine – Our lease runs out in October. We are asking for bids to replace it in October rather than exercise the option to end the lease earlier.*

Additional Elder Comments

Tedd Lingo – The Hope Center is doing great as the staff got involved because of the fire. I tip my hat to the whole team. The main leaders in the area were asking Mary "What should we do?" They are good board members and key people in the community. We are making a big impact with the Hope Center. We are Missions. We are 192.

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Beth McAulay – The Sunday School has six scheduled outings outside of Sunday School.

Jeff Smallwood – Excited to see the Nominating Committee kickoff for the Associate Pastor.

Elder Reports

<i>Bruce Carlson</i>	<i>Written report received</i>	<i>Discussion Items</i>
<i>George Crippen</i>	<i>Written report received</i>	<i>Discussion Items</i>
<i>Judy Gregg</i>	<i>Written report received</i>	<i>No Motion or Discussion</i>
<i>Kim Hawk</i>	<i>Written report received</i>	<i>No Motion or Discussion</i>
<i>David Hulme</i>	<i>Written report received</i>	<i>Motion & Discussion</i>
<i>Tedd Lingo</i>	<i>Written report received</i>	<i>No Motion or Discussion</i>
<i>Beth McAulay</i>	<i>Written report received</i>	<i>No Motion or Discussion</i>
<i>Charles Moore</i>	<i>No Report</i>	
<i>Jeff Smallwood</i>	<i>Written report received</i>	<i>No Motion or Discussion</i>

Committee or Special Reports - None

Closing Prayer

Pastor Lewis served Communion to Session then closed the meeting with a prayer at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

gail gebhardt

REMINDERS:

- *Next Stated Session Meeting will be Tuesday, March 28, 2017, 7:00 p.m., St. Andrew Room.*
- *Send in your February reports to Gail.*
- *Opening Devotions: Bruce Carlson*
- *Events:*
 - ❖ *Saturday, March 25, 6:00 p.m. - Silent Auction Gala*