

**Stated Session Meeting Minutes**  
**December 12, 2017**  
**7:00 p.m., St. Andrew Room**  
**Community Presbyterian Church in Celebration**

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

*Approved by Session January 30 2018*

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Lewis opened the meeting at 7:06 with a prayer.

**In Attendance:** Bruce Carlson, George Crippen, Judy Gregg, Kim Hawk, David Hulme, Charles Moore, and Jeff Smallwood

**Excused:** Beth McAulay and Tedd Lingo

**A Quorum was Present**

**Opening Devotions** – Kim Hawk

In following with Pastor Lewis' request that everyone read a chapter a day from the Book of Luke during the month of December, Kim read to Session Chapter 12 of Luke.

**Action Items:**

**Motion:** Approval of the October 2017, Session Minutes as amended **M/S/A**

**Motion:** Approval of October and November 2017 Financials **M/S/A**

**Finance Report** – David Hulme

- Finances in good condition
- Expenses are down as we are paying "interest only" on the mortgage for the present time
- First year for Pushpay we have received 5% more in revenue.
- Receive 35% of revenues online
- Checks for bonuses have gone out – Pastor Lewis will distribute tomorrow
- We recognize George Crippen for his outstanding work on maintenance and saving us money. Thanks, George
- One child registered and then withdrew from Preschool, leaving us an opening that we cannot fill. No wait list now.

**Membership** **M/S/A**

**Baptism**

11/23/2017 - Neo Alexander Sanchez - dob - 12/08/16 - son of Gabriela Fagundez & Neo Sanchez

11/26/2017 - Lucas Scott Rudea - dob - 03/15/17 - son of Sally and Michael Rueda

**Transfer of Letter**

12/17/2017 - Gabriella Araujo of Celebration - From Sacred Hearts, Southampton, NY

12/17/2017 - Donna Ann Ortiz of Kissimmee - From Church on the Living Edge, Longwood, FL

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***Profession of Faith***

*12/17/2017 - Alan & Kathryn Ann Cloin of Celebration  
12/17/2017 - Dustin Estenroder of Celebration  
12/17/2017 - Scott & Jennifer Coyle of Vero Beach Place, FL  
12/17/2017 - Shannon V. Taylor  
12/17/2017 - Sandra Dee Wilbur of Celebration*

***Re-affirmation of Faith***

*12/17/2017 - Tammy & Michael Johnson & children Tyler Michael, Brianna Belle. Autumn Skye of Celebration  
12/17/2017 - Brian & Lily DeMarie of Celebration*

***Members to be Removed from the MEMBERSHIP LIST: 33 + 49 = 82 total Members M/S/A***

*The below 33 Members have moved from the area.*

Iris Astolfi	Doug Franklin	Magi Koch	Michael Potts
Chris Becker	Beth Franklin	Mitch McDowell	Cisco Puntonet
Kathy Becker	Lisa Hagemeyer	Susan McDowell	Vicki Puntonet
Cindy Brown	Leonard Hatch	Lou Moran	Ken Peck
Doug Brown	Marion Hatch	Clinton Muse	Sherry Peck
Bob Doolittle	Jeremy Johnson	Trista Muse	Barb Schmaus
Marc Doolittle	Earle Klock	Elle O' Riley	Michael Schmaus
Teri Doolittle	Nadia Klock	Leena Potts	Bob Schmaus
			Pete Simpson

The below 49 Members **have not attended in over 2 years** and did not respond to a letter inviting them to let us know if they would like to be kept on the Membership Role.

Whitney Anderson	Robert Cassell	Diann Loew	Denise Sacks
Joe Armington	Ellen Cooper	Edward Lynch	Amy Schmidt
Jere Batten	Christopher Damerel	Howard Nielsen	Colleen Stillwagon
Jane Batten	Cheryl Davis	Marci Nielsen	Kevin Stillwagon
Arlene Bird	Jan Eldredge	Debra Okrasha	Luke Sullivan
David Bird	Erin Erickson	Gabriella Oliver	Collin Tennant
Carrie Brang	Joseph Filtranti	Timothy Oliver	Ryan Tennant
Dan Bumpus	Crystal Freeze	Heidi Pickert	Carol Thomson
Libby Bumpus	Jeff Freeze	John Pickert	Tom Thomson
Carole Carey	Christina Greenawalt	Kathleen Plante	Tara Tucker
Don Carey	Dale Greenawalt	Jana Renner	Nikki Wagoner
Jeremy Carling	Dale Gregg	Keith Renner	Tiffany Weaver
			Ashley Williams

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**Clerk's Report:** None

**Staff Report:**

*Pastor Lewis' Prayer List*

- † 2017 Budget - 87,000
- † New Facility Funding
- † Coordinating Assimilation Discipleship
- † Christmas – Spiritual Encounters with Jesus

- *Matt Didway will be leaving us on January 7, 2018.*
- *Ben Passmore, the new Social Media Director, is a deeply spiritual and mature leader.*
- *We are hiring security for Christmas.*
- *It has been a significant year for us:*
  - *Celebrated our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*
  - *Hired another Pastor*
  - *Reviving Life Groups*
  - *Church trip to Israel*
- *Items we are presently developing:*
  - *Young Families*
  - *Parking Lot to Pew integration into Ministry*
- *Big dreams include:*
  - *An online school*
  - *A Destination Ministry Retreat Location*
- *We have three new Elders that will be joining us in January 2018.*
  - *Martin Boelens*
  - *Allison Lyman*
  - *Jennifer Cook*
  - *Still need a strong Elder for Youth Group. Please keep this in your prayers.*

**New Business** - None

**Old Business**

*A. On-going Business – New Building – Bruce Carlson*

- *We are behind on construction about two weeks. The difficulty has been finding available skilled masonry workers. By the first of the year we could incur a total of three weeks scheduled delay.*
- *Masonry should be done by the end of next week.*
- *Arnc Construction believes they can make up the time and will be done by contract date of July 13, 2018.*
- *Happy with the Owner's Rep. Has found ways to save us money.*
- *Tomorrow have meeting with AV and Youth. Changes should be acceptable to the Youth and save us money.*
- *Pretty much on target with cost but still \$200,00 above original cost.*
- *Keep praying for our construction crews, our Owner's Rep, our Building Committee and the generosity of our Donors to do God's work in this and the following phases of this project.*

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B. *Unfinished Business - None*

**Elder Reports**— *Received by:*

*Bruce Carlson, Judy Gregg, Kim Hawk, David Hulme, Tedd Lingo, Beth McAulay and Jeff Smallwood.*

**Elder Additional Comments**

*George Crippen — We will start getting bids on replacing the air conditioning units next year.*

*Judy Gregg — We could use help on seating people for services. Not all seats are visible from the back. People become discouraged and leave.*

*Jeff Smallwood — Thanks to everyone for your help on the Evaluation process. It was beneficial to us and the staff. We hope to make it better next year. It's a healthy thing for our organization.*

**Committee or Special Reports** - *None*

**Communion**

*Pastor Lewis served Communion to the Session. We drank from cups that were brought from Jerusalem, which we were invited to keep.*

**Closing Prayer**

*There being no other business, Pastor Lewis closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:25 p.m.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Gail Gebhardt*

**REMINDERS:**

- *Next Stated Session Meeting — Pastor Lewis will inform us of the date in January.*
- *Opening Devotions: Tedd Lingo*