

**Stated Session Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, March 27, 2018**  
**7:00 p.m., St. Andrew Room**  
**Community Presbyterian Church in Celebration**

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

*Approved by Session April 24, 2018*

**Opening Meeting:** Pastor Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Opening Devotions and Prayer:** Bruce Carlson

For our Devotions, Bruce provided hardhats, safety glasses, Sharpie markers and a tour of the new building where the Elders and guests Al Passwater and John Dick from the Presbytery were encouraged to write a prayer or blessing on the cement blocks of the construction. These blessings and those written on paper from the congregation will be placed behind the sheetrock walls and remain there for the life of the building.

Before leaving, the Elders and guests formed a circle while holding hands and Pastor Lewis gave a powerful prayer to bless the building and all God's work that will be done there for the adult congregation, the children and the community.

**In Attendance:** Martin Boelens, Bruce Carlson, Jennifer Cook, George Crippen, Judy Gregg, Kim Hawk, David Hulme, Tedd Lingo, Beth McAulay, Charles Moore, and Jeff Smallwood

**Excused:** Allison Lyman

**A Quorum was Present**

**Guests:** Al Passwater and John Dick, Elders in their respective churches, represented the Presbytery for our Triennial visit. The purpose of these visits every three years is for the Committee on Ministry to understand the mission and the programs of our church. Our guests stayed for approximately 45 minutes, prayed, then departed.

**Session Meeting Resumed:** 8:10 p.m.

**Action Items:**

**Motion:** Approval of the February 2018 Session Minutes **M/S/A**

**Motion:** Approval of February 2018 Financials **M/S/A**

**Finance Report** – David Hulme

- In good shape by \$26,018 due to more income and less expenses
- Had a couple of large donations
- We are half way through receiving our pledges
- Have started working with INJOY, our new consultant
- \$511,760 – income less expenses. This number will start to go up, we will start to draw on the loan very shortly
- If your committee is doing anything that might affect the budget, please discuss this with David Hulme before proceeding to make sure the budget remains intact.

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**Membership    M/S/A**

**By Baptism**

- 02/06/18 – Kay Ellen Bernard from Champions Gate, FL - adult
- 02/06/18 – Joshua Alan Bernard from Windermere, FL - adult
- 03/11/18 - Jacob Donald Arnold – dob 09/01/17 – son of Abbey Catherine & Stephen Marc Arnold
- 03/22/18 – Joseph Lee Golden of Davenport, FL - adult

**By Profession of Faith**

- 03/10/18 – Austin Charlton & Stacey Renee` Hood of Celebration

**By Re-affirmation of Faith**

- 03/10/18 – Tad Dudley & Michele Hand of Celebration
- 03/10/18 – Cassidy Alexandria Lester of Celebration
- 03/10/18 – Brian & Cori Crawford Van Oss of Orlando
- 03/10/18 – Jeff & Tam Sanders of Davenport, FL (“entering into a conventional relationship”)

**By Transfer of Letter**

- 03/10/18 – Henry & Carrie Cole from Spanish River Presbyterian Church, Boca Raton, FL
- 03/10/18 – Stephen Charles & MarRae Katherine Sipple from Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Celebration
- 03/10/18 – Lois Ziegler O’Donnell from Redeemer by the Sea Lutheran Church, Carlsbad, CA
- 03/10/18 – Corey & Sona Rena Seymore from St. Matthews Baptist Church, Williamstown, NJ

**Clerk’s Report: None**

**Staff Report: Pastor Lewis**

*I don’t have a report this month. I am enjoying my ministry. Did you know there are courses for managers at Disney that deal with millennials? We are still trying to figure out their expectations. Ben Passmore has been immensely helpful.*

**New Business - None**

**Old Business**

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

- We are running two weeks behind schedule due to the trusses, but I have been assured they can make up this time.
- The roof construction will start April 15
- Cranes will be in the parking lot starting tomorrow
- Still discussing the \$12,000 lighting protection
- David Hulme noted that the Building Committee is researching this topic
- INJOY – “Raise Faith” – not funds
- Will see new communications regarding INJOY “Raise Faith” in bulletin
- The “prayers on paper” will remain accessible for the congregation through Easter and beyond. It will stop just before the dry wall goes up.
- Keep praying for the July 13 completion.

**B. Unfinished Business - None**

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**Elder Additional Comments**

**Kim Hawk**

- *NO Communion on Easter at the Church, but will have Communion at Sunrise Service at Lakeside Park.*

**Beth McAulay**

*Preschool Update*

- *Getting phone calls and walk-ins daily asking about Preschool*
- *Jennine attended a meeting at Celebration K-8 where representatives from all the local child care/preschools were invited. Discussed ways to communicate and partner with Kindergarten teachers.*
- *Interviewing several applicants for 3-year-old teaching positions. Extensive waitlist for 3-yr-olds.*

**Jeff Smallwood**

- *Opening to fill, Hannah Trigg's position. Carolyn needs help.*
- *Seeking an on-staff maintenance and cleaning person to be here full time.*

**Jennifer Cook**

- *School for Spiritual Enrichment is going to be amazing! In such a short time, it has been so easy, far easier than I had expected. The more I have faith, the more things happen. Volunteers come forward. Still looking for more curriculum. People are going to be wanting to come to this.*

**Tedd Lingo**

- *Community Hope Center annual fundraiser "Strike for Hope" is April 15 at Splitsville Lanes at Disney Springs. It's lots of fun! Plan to come but if you can't come, give a contribution.*
- *Debbie Scott-Robinson and Paul Robinson from Kenya will be in Celebration from April 16 – May 29. They will be available to meet with individuals or groups.*
- *In January of 2019 we plan a trip to Kenya for the grand opening of their new school **Celebration High School**. It's a life-changing experience to hear missionaries.*

**Elder Report Received** – *Judy Gregg, Kim Hawk, David Hulme, Tedd Lingo, Allison Lyman, Beth McAulay, Jeff Smallwood*

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

**Closing Prayer**

*There being no other business, Pastor Lewis closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:55 p.m.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Gail Gebhardt*

**REMINDERS:**

- *Next Stated Session Meeting will be Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 7:00 p.m., St. Andrew Room.*
- *Opening Devotions: Jennifer Cook*