



**STATED MEETING OF SESSION**  
**New Hope Presbyterian Church (EPC)**  
**Tuesday, April 27, 2021**  
**(Combined In-person and Zoom meeting)**

**Minutes**

| Teaching Elder (Moderator) & Active Ruling Elders: |   | TE             | Pastor Mike Jones | P              |   |
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| Class of 2021                                      |   | Class of 2022  |                   | Class of 2023  |   |
| Bill Ashton  | Z | Steve Boutelle | P                 | Gayle Bundschu | P |
| Jeannie Martin                                     | P | Sheldon Church | P                 | Jerry Elliot   | P |
|  |   | Sean Ellis     | P                 | Jim Glatz      | P |
|  |   | Jerry Franz    | P                 | Duane Higgins  | P |
|  |   | Ken Seim       | P                 | Carolyn Melton | Z |
|  |   | Bill Enslin    | P                 | David Milligan | P |
|  |   |                |                   | Kathy Orr      | Z |
| P=In-person; Z=Zoom; EA= Excused Absence; A=Absent |   |                | Quorum            | Y              |   |

Also Present: Treasurer – Chuck Knox; Facilities Director – Ed Harger; Children’s Ministry Director – Debbie Norris with Tabitha Dillehay, Confirmands and families; Guests – David Carpenter, Bob Welsh

- 1) Called to order in Room 212 at 6:00 P.M. Opening prayer: Jerry Franz
- 2) Confirmands Testimonies and Examination by Session – Debbie Norris and Tabitha Dillahay
  - (a) 2021 Elementary Confirmation Students (see attached list) quoted their favorite Bible verses and gave their testimonies. Pastor Mike asked the EPC membership questions of the confirmands who were ready to become church members.
  - (b) MSC (Jerry E/SheldonC/U) accepting the Confirmands into Membership.**
- 3) The Confirmands and their families were then excused, and the business of Session resumed at 6:45 PM.
- 4) **MSC (Ken S/Bill E/U) elected inactive elder David Carpenter to fulfill the remainder of Elder Randy Hincks 2021 term.**
- 5) Clerk of Session Report:
  - (a) **MSC (Jim G/Jeannie M/U) accepted as written the Minutes of the March 23 Stated Session Meeting (see attached)**
  - (b) **MSC (Jerry E/Sean E/U) accepted as written the Minutes of the March 23 Executive Session Meeting**
  - (c) Moderator Approved Minutes of the April 11 Congregational Meeting (see attached)
  - (d) RptMS01, Rpt09G & Rpt09H – Membership Statistical Reports for March (see attached)
- 6) Standing Committee Reports
  - (a) Finance Committee Report (Chuck K/Sheldon C): (see attached)
  - (b) Personnel Committee Report (Bill E): No report this month

- 7) Unfinished Business
  - (a) Sanctuary Projectors – **Motion presented by Finance (see attached), no second needed. Unanimously approved to purchase 2 -6500 lumen laser projectors and 1-5000 lumen laser projector from Creative Sound & Lighting per their quote for \$12,906.70, which includes installation. This purchase will be funded through the General Fund Equity account #30001.**
  - (b) Canopy Structure - Finance declined recommendation at this time
    - (i) **MSC (David M/Steve B/U) approved the merits of the canopy structure project but postponed the viability of the financial decision until the June Session meeting.**
  - (c) Elder Handbook Revision – Postponed pending review with new By-Laws and several additions, including a new Session policy of removal of inactive members as shown on report Rpt09H (See EPC BOG 8-3.D – 8.6 pages attached)
    - (i) **MSC (Jerry F/Sheldon C/U) established the “Membership Roll Task Force” of David C, Jeannie M and Jim G to propose a membership inactive listing and removal process in compliance with the EPC BOG to be included in the Elder Handbook.**
  - (d) **MSC(David C/Jim G/U) approved appointment by moderator of inactive Elder Ken Walker and active Deacon David Childs to the Ministerial Scholarship Fund Policy/Procedure Committee.**
- 8) New Business
  - (a) June Session meeting moved to Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> due to conflict with General Assembly
  - (b) Property Council, with Elder David Milligan as a member, was asked to review current COVID restrictions to present recommendations at the May Session meeting.
- 9) Search Committee Reports
  - (a) Senior Pastor Search Committee – No report
  - (b) Director of Youth Ministries Committee (Steve B) – Reported after 6 weeks of advertising the opening on 5 free sites 3 applications were received, of which only 2 were potentially qualified. About April 1<sup>st</sup> they added the posting to a paid site and Michelle did some outreach to prior applicants via the ELI system and 7 applications have been received so far. They are not yet close to a decision and appreciate the continued prayers for the right person to be sent our way.
- 10) Other Reports – Council/Ministries Minutes & Reports
  - (a) Deacon’s Minutes: Approved 2/22/21 Minutes attached
  - (b) Youth and Student Ministries: Zack Unkenholz – No report this month
  - (c) Children Ministries: Debbie Norris (see attached)
  - (d) Early Childhood Ministries: Pam Poland – No report this month
  - (e) Mission/Outreach Council Minutes: No report this month
  - (f) Family Ministries: Jackie Elliot (see attached)
- 11) The meeting was, by motion duly made, adjourned and closed in prayer by Ken S at 8:05.

Signed by:  
Pastor Mike Jones, Moderator  
Gayle Bundschu, Clerk of Session