



**STATED MEETING OF SESSION**  
**New Hope Presbyterian Church (EPC)**  
**Tuesday, June 29, 2021**  
**(Combined In-person and Zoom meeting)**

## Minutes

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

Also Present: Treasurer – Chuck Knox; Invited guest – Bob Welsh

- 1) Temporary Moderator – Jerry Elliott
- 2) Convened in Room 206 at 6:00 P.M. Opening prayer: Dave C
- 3) **MSC (Sean E/Kathy O/U) accepted as written the Minutes of the May 25<sup>th</sup> Stated Session Meeting**  
(See attached)
- 4) General Assembly Report – Jeannie M – reported it was an inspiring time and encouraged elders to attend. Bill E added it was spirit moving for him and Bob W said it was obvious that people were really happy to be together again. They all appreciated Dean Weaver’s report on the EPC vision going forward.
- 5) Pastor’s Report
  - (a) Next Steps – Pastor Mike noted that there will be a theme of “Next Steps” in discipleship starting in September and Kathy O will describe a part of that in her upcoming report.
  - (b) Prayer lists distribution, handling, reporting – Each elder was given a list of members to contact and to report back to Angel or Pastor Mike with any changes in contact information or issues the church needs to address.
  - (c) **By MSC (Bill E/Kathy O/Unanimous) approved a single worship service on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM in the Sanctuary, with a Deacon sponsored hot dog cook-outside afterward on the lawn for a Mortgage Burning Celebration.**

- 6) Clerk of Session Report:
  - (a) Correspondence (For information and archive. No action needed.)
    - (i) Letter from Presbytery 5/26 (See attached)
    - (ii) Letter from Steve Shimp 5/27 (See attached)
    - (iii) Letters (8) from congregation to Session (See attached)
  - (b) RptMS01 & Rpt09H – Membership Statistical Reports for May (See attached)
  - (c) The Clerk reports that a June 5<sup>th</sup> Called Session meeting to address a motion of no confidence in the Senior Pastor Search Committee was cancelled on June 4<sup>th</sup> with the notification of the resignation of all search committee members.
  
- 7) Standing Committee Reports
  - (a) Finance Committee Report - Chuck K/Sheldon C: (see attached)
  - (b) Personnel Committee Report - Bill E - No report
  
- 8) Care Network Report – Kathy O – Kathy outlined and described a proposed re-organization of our caring ministries which will be a part of the “Next Steps” process of reaching out to people, both members and visitors, who interface with our church asking for help to address their needs, and work to help them make the next step in the discipleship process. The Session appreciated her work on the and looks forward to its implementation.
  
- 9) Director of Youth Ministries Search Committee Report – Steve B – No report
  
- 10) Unfinished Business
  - (a) Elder Handbook Revision Review – Postponed to next meeting to include recommendations from the membership Committee and other traditional but undocumented Session policies.
  - (b) Transitional Pastor Task Force – The job description/hiring process recommendation from the Task Force, with some changes made from the information meeting feedback held with some elders on Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, was distributed at the meeting (see attached). It was moved by Bill E and seconded by Dave C to accept the process and job description as presented. After discussion, the motion was amended to change the process from the Task Force to the Personnel Committee (also see attached revision).
 

**MSC (Bill E/Dave C/Carried with one nay vote) accepted the part-time transition pastor job description and process with the Personnel Committee working with the EPC to present to Session a candidate to interview and hire.**
  - (c) Membership Committee Report – David M (See attached). In his reporting David M made motions, with no seconds needed as they came from a committee. It was after discussion, unanimously resolved that:
 

**Session appoint an ad-hoc New Member Commission, acting with the authority of Session, consisting of one teaching elder and two ruling elders as and when needed to receive new members in accordance with the EPC Book of Government,**

**And further, that Session will regularly update church membership status whereby elders and deacons contact designated members to inquire about their relationship with NHPC, followed by updating information having a bearing on membership status, full-up care, and subsequent action on membership status as warranted.**

- 11) Other Reports – Council/Ministries Minutes & Reports
  - (a) Property Council - No report
  - (b) Deacons: Approved 4/26/21 Minutes attached
  - (c) Youth and Student Ministries - No report
  - (d) Children Ministries: Debbie Norris – No report
  - (e) Early Childhood Ministries: Pam Poland – No report
  - (f) Mission/Outreach Council: 5/10/21 Minutes attached
  - (g) Family Ministries: Jackie Elliot – No report
  
- 12) New Business

Jerry F presented a list of questions to Session (see attached) from a small group of members who felt a lack of trust in and left out of Session communication and asked Session for assistance in responding. Sheldon C, Jerry E, Ken S, Carolyn M and Pastor Mike volunteered to work with Jerry F on responding.
  
- 13) Closing Prayer: Ken S. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

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