



STATED MEETING OF SESSION
New Hope Presbyterian Church (EPC)
Tuesday, May 24, 2022
(Combined In-person and Zoom meeting)

Our mission: To glorify God and make disciples by living out the gospel together.

Minutes

Teaching Elders:		TE	Pastor Mike Jones	P	
		TE	Pastor Ben Borsay	P	
Class of 2022		Active Ruling Elders Class of 2023		Class of 2024	
Steve Boutelle	P	Gayle Bundschu	P	Doug Keno	P
Sheldon Church	Z	Jerry Elliott	P	Sandy Knipe	P
Sean Ellis	Z	Jim Glatz	P	Mark Myers	P
Jerry Franz	P	Duane Higgins	Z	Ken Walker	P
Ken Seim	P	Carolyn Melton	Z	Rodney Woosley	P
Bill Enslin	P	David Milligan	P		
		Kathy Orr	P		
P=In-person; Z=Zoom; EA= Excused Absence; A=Absent				Quorum	Y

Also Present: Church Treasurer – Chuck Knox, Member guests: Bob Welsh, Marilyn Cox, Tom Cox, and Deacon Chair Steve McKinnon

- 1) Convened in Room 206 at 6 PM with devotion and prayer by Doug Keno, and prayer by Pastor Mike for requests shared prior to the meeting.
- 2) **MSC (Ken S/Doug K/Unanimous)** Gave voice to all non-active elders present.
- 3) **MSC (Ken W/Kathy O/U)** Approved the minutes of the April 26th Stated Session Meeting as written.
- 4) Pastor Mike Jones (Moderator) Report – No report. Pastor Mike thanked Session for permitting Pastor Ben to take on more of his pastoral work and thanked Pastor Ben for his help.
- 5) Pastor Ben Borsay (Vice Moderator) Reported:
 - (a) He continues to meet with members, spend time with staff, work with the Culture Committee and has started analysis on various church systems.
 - (b) He distributed the EPC “Process of Pastoral Search and Call” and the last Session approved “Senior Pastor Job Description” documents (See attached) and indicated his next letter to the congregation would report Session is starting the process, but he will not give a timetable. He asked elders to work individually on that job description and be ready to discuss it after he returns from Africa, potentially at a July 12th Called Session Meeting.

- (c) He asked Ken S to report on the Culture Committee, its members being Pastor Ben, Sheldon C, Ken S and Steve McKinnon. Ken reported the committee is working to identify our culture and any changes needed, focusing on the SWOT analysis presented in February by Pastor Ben. Ken asked elders to contact him or any committee members with suggestions or questions. Jerry F prayed for the work of the Culture Committee
- 6) Clerk of Session Report:
 - (a) Membership Report
 - (i) Membership Statistical Reports “RptMS01 Monthly Statistics” summary and “RPT09G Adjustments to Membership” detail for April 2022 (See attached).
 - (ii) Membership Committee – David M reported they are about through the backlog of inactive and moved-away dormant members’ contacts.
 - (iii) MSC (David M/Jim G/U) Approved the removal of 3 members by their requests.
 - (iv) MSC (David M/Doug K/U) Approved moving to inactive membership status 18 members after attempted contacts with no response. (See attached for both lists)
 - (b) Reported results of an email motion made to permit baptisms on Sunday, May 22nd at the 9:30 worship service (See attached).
 - (c) Reported Bob Welsh was our only commissioner attending the May 20 - 21 Presbytery meeting. In addition to Pastor Mike, Doug K, Bill E and Marilyn Cox (an inactive elder) are our commissioners to attend General Assembly June 21-24.
 - 7) Standing Committee Reports
 - (a) Finance Committee Report – Chuck Knox – (See April Financials attached)
 - (b) Personnel Committee Report - Bill E – No report
 - 8) Unfinished Business
 - (a) Mission Council – Afghanistan refugee sponsor church status with Samaritan’s Purse – Ken S - MSC (Ken S/Jerry E/U) Tabled any action on this issue at this time.
 - (b) Christian Education Committee proposal – Duane H – On zoom because he was ill and could not talk, Duane asked the Clerk via text to make a motion to postpone his proposal.
MSC (Gayle B/Jim G/U) Postponed the Christian Ed Committee proposal until the June State meeting.
 - (c) Elder Prayer Ministry Teams proposal – Jerry F presented a written proposal of how this ministry would function (See attached). After discussion, Pastor Mike appointed a committee of Jerry F, Kathy O, Carolyn M and Steve McKinnon to review and make any recommendations on the proposal to Session.
 - 9) Other Reports – Committees/Council/Ministries Minutes & Reports
 - (a) Deacons – Steve McKinnon – (See attached 4/25 minutes)
 - (b) Exec. Director of Family & Discipleship – Michelle Myers – (See attached)

- (c) Exec. Director of Finance & Administration – Brad Starner
 - i) Facilities – Ed Harger – Property Council (See attached 5/10 minutes)
 - ii) Missions – Jim Mayer – Mission Council – No minutes attached. Ken S reported on a nationwide caring ministry the Mission Council has joined called glooconnect.com which connects, after screening through their staff, people who are seeking caring support to a member church in the seekers’ home area. Kathy O and Doug K have already been involved with some requests from this organization.
 - (d) Exec. Director of Worship Ministries – Ben Ball (See attached May report)
 - (e) Youth Director Search Committee – Steve B – Reported the committee is encouraged in their search in the past few weeks and have a candidate, Alexander, who seems very promising at this time.
 - (f) Care Network – Kathy Orr – Distributed a “Care Network Status” report and an information report on the “Stephen Ministry Investigative Group” (See attached). David M prayed for the Care Network.
- 10) New Business
- (a) **MS (Kathy O/Sandy K)** Nominated Jim G to the Nominating Committee for Trustee, Elder and Deacon class of 2025
MS (Gayle B/Ken S) Nominated Doug K to the Nominating Committee, those being the 2 active elders required. Other names were mentioned by the elders, but none had been asked yet if they were willing to serve. The vote on the slate was paused to obtain 3 more nominees, which will have to be done via email. Pastor Mike will contact those mentioned.
 - (b) **MSC (Jerry E/Jim G/U)** Set June 19th for the Congregational Meeting to elect the Nominating Committee, which will be advertised to the congregational at the least two times on June 12th and June 19th.
 - (c) Elders signed up for Communion service, Sunday, June 5th, 9:30 & 11 AM worship services but Sandy K will need also to contact some inactive elders to have enough to serve.
 - (d) Bob Welsh reported that the Presbytery meeting was a good meeting with discussion on church planting and with Dean Weaver emphasizing evangelism and the Great Commission. The next Presbytery will be in October in Orlando and will start earlier, at noon Friday.
- 11) **MSC (Sandy K/Mark M/U)** Adjourned the meeting at 8:30 with a closing prayer by Kathy O.

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