



**STATED MEETING OF SESSION**  
**New Hope Presbyterian Church (EPC)**  
**September Stated Meeting**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2022**  
 Postponed until this date due to Hurricane Ian.  
 Combined In-person and Zoom meeting

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

## Minutes

<b>Teaching Elders:</b>				<b>TE</b>	Pastor Mike Jones	P
				<b>TE</b>	Pastor Ben Borsay	P
<b>Class of 2022</b>		<b>Active Ruling Elders Class of 2023</b>		<b>Class of 2024</b>		
Steve Boutelle	EA	Gayle Bundschu	P	Doug Keno		P
Sheldon Church	P	Jerry Elliott	P	Sandy Knipe		EA
Sean Ellis	P	Jim Glatz	P	Mark Myers		P
Jerry Franz	P	Duane Higgins	A	Ken Walker		Z
Ken Seim	P	Carolyn Melton	P	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, Senior Pastor Search Committee (SPSC) non-elder members: Sarah Harre, Meg LaRue, Steve McKinnon, Steve Shimp and church members: Candy Engelman, Lowell Hamric, Dan Miller and Bob Welsh. In addition, our EPC Ministerial Liaison Pastor Bill Reisenweaver attended the portion of the combined meeting with Session and the Senior Pastor Search Committee (SPSC) via Zoom.

- 1) Convened in Room 206 at 6 PM with the SPSC. Pastor Ben opened the meeting with prayer then introduced our Ministerial Liaison Pastor Bill Reisenweaver to the search committee. Pastor Ben distributed an agenda (copy attached) for the search committee meeting and Pastor Bill commented on the agenda items. Pastor Bill was asked and answered several questions but said he would do some research on several issues and would respond to the Clerk of Session. When the Chair of the search committee is determined, he will then correspond directly with the committee chair. Pastor Mike prayer for the committee and its work. Pastor Bill left the meeting. Pastor Ben and the committee, including Elders David M and Rodney W, as members of that committee, moved to Room 209 to continue their meeting.
- 2) Session was then called to order in Room 206 with prayer and scripture reading by Pastor Mike.
- 3) **MSC (Jerry E/Ken S/Unanimous)** Gave voice to any non-active elders present.
- 4) **MSC (Jim G/Ken S/U)** Approved the Minutes of the August 23rd Stated Session Meeting as written.

- 5) **MSC (Sean E/Sheldon C/U)** Approved the Minutes of the Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> Executive Session distributed to elders at the meeting. As stated by the moderator, these could be approved without going into Executive Session because there was no discussion or changes to the distributed written document.
- 6) Moderator Pastor Mike Jones Reported:
  - (a) The Hurricane Ian Relief Command Center is working well, with the volunteer coordinators handling many requests for help and offers to provide help, praising the team doing the coordination (Steve McKinnon, Brian and Ashley Kelley, Sarah Harre and Kathy Orr), the group evaluating the requests for work (Chuck Baxter, Mike LaRiviere, David Milligan and John Hoving), and those teams of volunteers doing the work.
  - (b) Funds are coming into the church earmarked for hurricane relief and he stated he believes they will be significant enough to warrant an Ad-hoc committee overseeing the decisions and distributions of those funds. He asked Session to give him the authority to create such a committee with the persons he will choose, possibly utilizing the church trustees and others with varied expertise to advise them. **MSC (Mark M/Carolyn M/U)** Approved Pastor Mike creating an Ad-hoc Hurricane Fund Distribution Committee.
- 7) Standing Committee Reports
  - (a) Finance Committee Report – Chuck Knox – (See August Financials attached) In addition, he reported a projected small deficit at yearend, but with the funds set aside from prior years’ surpluses, we should be ok. A Monday morning offering “counter” is needed to replace one leaving. Gayle B read an email from Brad Starner to Session who reported some budget overages as required according to the Accounting Policies and Procedures. (See attached)
  - (b) Personnel Committee – No report
- 8) Clerk of Session Report:
  - (a) Minutes of 9/4 Ad-hoc New Member Commission meeting (See attached)
  - (b) Minutes of the Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meeting
  - (c) Membership Reports - “RptMS01 Monthly Statistics” summary for August (See attached)
  - (d) Membership Committee Report for Session action needed (See attached)
    - (i) **MSC (Jim G/No seconded needed/U)** Approved the membership status changes as shown on the attached list. Carolyn M prayed for all on which action was taken.
    - (ii) Jim G stated that the Membership Committee needs an elder from the Class of 2024 and one from the oncoming Class of 2025. Elders were asked to consider volunteering.
    - (iii) Gayle B distributed an ELI list of active members (copy attached) who had no participation recorded for more than a year and asked elders to contact any they knew to shepherd back to participation, note on their copy the result of those contacts, and put their copy with their names and notes on their contacts into her church office mailbox. Gayle B will compile all lists into one master list for Session action at our next meeting.

- 9) Nominating Committee Report – Jim G (See attached)
  - (a) MSC (Ken S/Kathy O/U) Approved the list for publication and set date for the Congregational Meeting to elect next class of elders, deacons & trustee on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, with the notice being given in the E-news on Friday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> and at the Sunday services on Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, with the election on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- 10) The Moderator requested Agenda Item 11)(a) be moved to the next item of business. There being no objection, Sheldon C had the floor for a report from the Culture Working Group. (See attached). He did not refer to that report. He stated that he had no motion to make based on that report, and by MSC (Sheldon C/Gayle B/U) moved Session into Executive Session, excused both Pastors, invited the congregation members to stay for their input, and appointed Jerry E as Moderator for the Executive Session. Minutes of that Executive Session are separate and not a part of this Stated Session meeting.
- 11) The Executive Session was ended by motion to return the meeting to the regular agenda, the Pastors returned to the meeting, and Jerry E, Acting Moderator of the Executive Session, as authorized in that Session, reported in the Stated Meeting that Session had elected 5 members, being Doug Keno, Jim Glatz, Kathy Orr, Ken Seim and Gayle Bundschu to the Personnel Committee who would attempt to schedule meetings with both pastors and some staff before Friday and report back to Session.
- 12) By MSC (Doug K/Mark M/U) postponed all Unfinished Business, Other Reports and any New Business until the October Stated Meeting to be held Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- 13) The meeting was closed in prayer by Gayle B at 9:20 PM.

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