



STATED MEETING OF SESSION
New Hope Presbyterian Church (EPC)
Tuesday, Feb 28, 2023

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

Minutes

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| Teaching Elders: | | | | TE | Pastor Mike Jones | P |
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| Class of 2023 | | Active Ruling Elders Class of 2024 | | Class of 2025 | | |
| Jerry Elliott | P | Doug Keno | P | Art Hunkins | P | |
| Carolyn Melton | P | Sandy Knipe | EA | Jim LaRue | P | |
| David Milligan | P | Mark Myers | P | Jon Witenko | P | |
| David Carpenter | P | Ken Walker | EA | Candy Engelman | P | |
| | | Rodney Woosley | P | | | |
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| P=In-person; Z=Zoom; EA= Excused Absence; A=Absent | | | | Quorum | | Yes |

Also Present: Chuck Knox (Treasurer); Bob Welsh; Steve McKinnon; Flo Antuono

- 1) Season of Prayer (6-6:15pm) Eph 4:29- Lead by Pastor Mike
- 2) **MSC (Doug K/Jim L/U*)** to allow any guest to speak, if they so desired.
 *=30 rule waved
- 3) Pastor Mike's Report (Moderator)
 - a) **MSC (Art H/Jerry E/U*)** Recommend Dave Carpenter to fill an open Elder position.
 Note: This will fill one of the Elder openings and will be only until the next slate of Elders are nominated for the Class of 2026.
 - b) Ian response team update (send out a Thank You to Paul Gorny and the entire IAN response team).
 - c) Reminder, we have a Guest speaker, Mark Farrell of Tampa Covenant Church EPC **on March 5th** with Three Circles Evangelism. There will be a method workshop following the services. This is also a communion Sunday.
- 4) Vice Moderator Pastor Ben Borsay Report.
 - I. Workshop on "Dressed to Kill"

- 5) Clerk of Session Report:
 - a) MSC (Jim L/Jon W/U*) Approved the
 - I. Jan 17, 2023 Stated Session Minutes (see attachment)
 - II. Jan 17, 2023 Called Exec Session Minutes (see attachment)
 - III. Jan 28, 2023 Called Exec Session Minutes (see attachment)
 - b) FYI- the "Rpt MS01 Monthly Statistics summary" for end of Jan report and "Rpt09G- Adjustment to membership" (see attachments)
 - c) FYI- Report from the Ad Hoc Committee on the accepting of New Members. (see Attachment)
 - d) A very quick review of the 30-day and Dollar Rules (See attachments)
 - e) MSC (Jerry E/Doug K/U*) establish an Ad Hoc committee to review with recommendations the Elder's Handbook and By-Laws. (see attachment).
Pastor Mike appointed Jim L, Dave C and Art H to make up this committee.
 - f) Report from our Commissioners who attended the Feb 17-18th Presbytery meeting in Tampa, FL.
Very positive report from our Commissioners.
 - g) Heads-up: Looking for four (4) Elders to attend the 43rd General Assembly on June 20-22nd (Tues-Thurs) at the Cherry Hills Community Church, Highland Ranch, Colorado
 - h) Correspondence:
FYI- Norm Schmidt (Transfer in from Mount Jefferson Presbyterian Church) See Attachment
- 6) Sr Pastor Search Committee Report-
Encourage the membership of the importance to take this survey.
Reminders: The Session focus group on Saturday, Mar 11, and to encourage others to sign up for focus groups on Mar 12th
- 7) Treasurer's Report (see attachment)- Chuck Knox.
Somewhat positive. Time will tell to see how the Lord will provide.
- 8) Finance Committee Report (see attachment)- Jerry E.
 - a) MSC (/Jim L/*) to allow the student ministry team and students to stand before the congregation and ask for financial and prayer support as they plan for and embark upon their mission trips and re-institute the "hold the ropes" opportunity for giving.
 - b) The committee plans on having a 2023 budget ready to present at the next Session meeting.
- 9) Personnel Committee Report: Candy E. (See attachment)
 - a) Welcome to our new Dir of Student Ministries, Brad Harter.
 - b) A Thank note will be send to Jackie Elliott.
- 10) Membership Committee report: David M (See attached report)
 - a) MSC (/Doug K/U*) motion to accept the attached report and update ELI with those changes as reported.
 - b) Pastor Mike will send a note of encouragement to those who are leaving NHP.
- 11) Unfinished Business:
 - a) Per BOG, Sec 14-2 A. Status on those elected Elders, Deacons and Trustee who resigned and who need to be reported to the congregation.

Pastor Mike will write an article for our communications outlets (ENews, etc) reporting to the congregation those Elders, Deacons and Trustee who have resigned from their respective boards. Pastor Mike will send a draft to the Elders prior to going to print.

12) New Business: None

13) Other Reports (FYI) – Committees/Council/Ministries Minutes & Reports
(see Attachments)

- a) Deacons – Steve McKinnon
- b) Director of Family/Student/Children/Early Childhood Ministries
(one all-inclusive report)- Michelle Myers
- c) Director of Facilities – Ed Harger
- d) Director of Finance- Brad Starner
- e) Director of Missions/Outreach – Jim Mayer (Cuba Trip)

14) Adjournment- Closed in prayer by Flo Antuono

Submitted by:

Pastor Mike Jones, Moderator

Art Hunkins, Clerk of Session