



**STATED MEETING OF SESSION**  
**New Hope Presbyterian Church (EPC)**  
**Tuesday, April 25, 2023**

**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 2023		Active Ruling Elders Class of 2024		Class of 2025		
Jerry Elliott	P	Doug Keno	P	Art Hunkins	P	
Carolyn Melton	P	Sandy Knipe	P	Jim LaRue	P	
David Milligan	P	Mark Myers	P	Jon Witenko	P	
David Carpenter	E A	Ken Walker	E A	Candy Engelman	P	
		Rodney Woosley	P			
P=In-person; Z=Zoom; EA= Excused Absence; A=Absent				Quorum		Ye s

Also  
Present:

Chuck Knox (Treasurer) Steve McKinnon, Bob Welsch

- 1) Listen to Testimonies from Confirmands for church membership.  
**MSC (Rodney/Jim LaRue/U)** to accept these young people based on their testimonies into NHP membership. (See attached list), Pastor Mike closed this part of the meeting with prayer.
- 2) Season of Prayer (follows right after #1) A Season of Prayer Lead by Pastor Mike  
Closed and Opened the session in prayer by Pastor Ben
- 3) **MSC (Doug/Mark/U)** to allow any guest to speak, if they so desired.
- 4) Pastor Mike's Report (Moderator)
  - a) **(Jerry/Mark/U)** to baptize those who requested it (those with a \* on the list)
  - b) introduced Florence Autuono as the new Deacon moderator who is replacing Steve McKinnon.  
Thanks to Steve McKinnon for his many years of service in this position
- 5) Sr Pastor Search Committee Report- (Steve)  
Search Committee Report recommendations and motion
  - a) **MSC (Committee/Jim L/Unanimous except for one nay)** to "Engage "Beyond Survival" and empower Mr. Shimp to act with due diligence to accomplish same." (Motion as submitted by Pastor Mike and Jim L).

- b) After much discussion  
MSC (Jim L/Mark M/Unanimous) to accept as presented the Senior Pastor's Candidate profile.
- 6) Vice Moderator Pastor Ben Borsay Report.  
The Cultural Task force has been dropped
- 7) Clerk of Session Report:
  - a) MSC (Jim L/Doug/U) to approve the March 28, 2023 Stated Session Minutes (see attachments 7A and B)
  - b) Correspondence: No action required
    - a) Thomas and Karen Ashwill- Letter of Transfer
    - b) Karen Benson- Removal
- 8) Treasurer's Report (see attachment)- Chuck Knox.  
We are having a tight month. Pray was offered up by David Milligan.
- 9) Finance Committee Report (see attachment)- Jerry Elliott
  - a) The 2023 Budget was presented to Session for their review and approval.
  - b) MSC (Committee/Mark/U) to accept the 2023 budget as presented
- 10) Personnel Committee Report: Candy E. (See attachment)
- 11) Membership Committee Report- David Milligan (See attachment)
  - a) MSC (Committee/Doug/U) to remove those Inactive members as noted on the attached list
- 12) Update on the Shepherding Program: Doug Keno  
Encourage those Elders who have not already signed up to do so.  
The Shepherding roster has been expanded to include Deacons.
- 13) Unfinished Business: None
- 14) New Business:
  - If there is time: A Short Introduction and handout on Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF)
  - A possible new Missions' project (Jim Mayer).
  - Note: there will be a short presentation and Q/A on this project. It will be held after church on April 30th in room 212
- 15) Other Reports (FYI) – Committees/Council/Ministries Minutes & Reports  
(see Attachments)
  - a) "Rpt MS01 Monthly Statistics summary" for end of March report and "Rpt09G- Adjustment to membership" (see attachments)
  - a) Deacons – Sue Morton
  - 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)

16) Adjournment- Closed in prayer by

Submitted by:

Pastor Mike Jones, Moderator

Art Hunkins, Clerk of Session