

Minutes from Stated Session Meeting of
North Raleigh Presbyterian Church

The Session of North Raleigh Presbyterian Church was called to order in a stated meeting on May 19, 2022. The meeting was held via Zoom in online meeting format at 6:30 pm. Rev. Lisa Hebacker served as the moderator.

The following Session members were in attendance:

Rev. Lisa Hebacker Rev. Brandon Melton Beth Morgan Jennifer Worth Danny Heater Candy Tedrick
Ann Antoun Charmane Dail John Grovenstein Matt Bales Debbi Freer Dave Albert Michael Patterson
Keith Livengood

Excused: Bob Lippard

Also in attendance: Terri Nicotera Carol Nicholas-Diaconate Mike Ganey (Mission & Vision) Janet Livengood, Ed Gordon, Krista Wright, and George Dail (FMB/Kitchen Reno)

Rev. Hebacker called the meeting to open at 6:30 pm with a welcome to all present and a recognition of prayers for Bob Lippard. Guests were seated and given speaking privileges. A quorum was declared. A devotional sharing of a reading from poet Lee Hunt was led by John Grovenstein.

The agenda was adopted by common consent after changing the order of the agenda to bring the Mission and Vision reports to the beginning of the meeting with motions to occur during committee report.

Mission and Vision: Charmane Dail

Charmane gave the floor to Mike Ganey, who reported that the Mission and Vision Committee is seeking Session approval to authorize Lombard Mennonite Peace Center to host a workshop with the entire congregation in the Fall and to increase their budget by \$3,000, making the total amount \$10,000. An email report was submitted to the Session. Mike reports good progress, and reported on the timeline through the Summer regarding congregational conflict management. Dates available with Lombard Mennonite Peace Center are October 28-29, November 4-5, and November 11-12. Lisa thanks the committee for their work.

Charmane then reported on the FMB/Kitchen Renovation project via a PowerPoint presentation on the history of the FMB and related projects, including goals for the current project. Her report was interrupted because of technological difficulties. Lisa paused the Mission and Vision report for Charmane and moved ahead on the agenda to the Associate Pastor Report (see below).

After the AP report, the Mission and Vision report continued. Charmane reported on bids that were made for the renovation project. The bids are good for thirty days. Keith Livengood provided contexts and options for financing the renovation project. Lisa and the Session all shared their thanks for the renovation team via jazz hands. Lisa dismissed guests who wished to leave at this point.

Report from Teaching Elder/Pastor: Rev. Lisa Hebacker, *written report submitted*

Lisa talked about the plan for worship on Sunday, May 22 since Lisa and Brandon are out with sickness. Several elders offered to help lead worship. Lisa shared the Referrals and Resources sheet for the Session to reference during her Sabbatical. Session should be ready to act on communion shifts in September by the June meeting. Common Consent was given to an approval of the Outreach electronic vote. Candy Tedrick brought unfinished business from the April meeting regarding a gift to First Presbyterian Durham's 150 anniversary. Follow up on that gift was given over to Outreach Committee who will discuss at their next meeting.

Report from Teaching Elder/Associate Pastor: Brandon Melton, *Written report*

During the pause in the Mission and Vision report, Keith Livengood moved that the June Session meeting move from Thursday, June 16 to Thursday, June 23. Dave Albert seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Report from Clerk: Meredith Goodin, membership report submitted

Omnibus Motion

Two items pulled from Omnibus to be taken up during Finance report. See below.

- Approval of minutes for Session Stated Meeting Minutes, April 21, 2022
- Approval of minutes for Call Congregational Meeting, May 8, 2022
- Mission and Vision Team moves to form a Task Force to address relocating staff from FMB during renovations and clearing out the FMB in preparation of renovations. The Mission and Vision Team will select members for the Task Force and delineate duties.

Motion to approve the omnibus was given by Matt Bales and seconded by Danny Heater. Passed unanimously.

Committee Reports-

WORSHIP:

Worship: Beth Morgan- *Written report submitted*

There was discussion regarding Beth's written report. Beth mentioned that worship will remain at 10:30am during the Summer following the congregational survey findings regarding worship time preferences, and she discussed the committee's desire to encourage more people to participate in worship leadership. Dave Albert asked about the effectiveness of passing the plates when many people tithe electronically now. Beth reports the committee is evaluating that over the Summer. Beth and Candy commented on the desire to respond to the sermons on Youth Sunday. This item will come back up at the June meeting.

Spiritual Practices & Sacred Arts: Ann Antoun- *No Report*

GROW:

Christian Education: Debbi Freer- *Written report submitted*

Fellowship/Member Engagement: John Grovenstein/Matt Bales- *Written and Oral report*

Matt reports that after some research the 40th Birthday Party will not occur in July.

Care: Diaconate: Carol Nicholas- *No report*

Lisa thanked the Deacons for their ministry.

SERVE:

Outreach: Dave Albert- *Written report*

Dave reports that the Afghan family moved into their new home on Monday, May 16. The family is expecting a baby in seven months. A few Session members expressed interest in giving their newborn items to the family. Dave will check on a list of needed items.

Stewardship: Candy Tedrick- *No report*

Mission and Vision: Charmane Dail- *Written and Oral report*

Committee Moves to authorize congregational work with the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center and increase budget \$3,000, totaling \$10,000. Motion comes from committee and carries a second. No discussion. Passed unanimously.

Committee Moves to move from design phase to implementation stage by presenting the plan, cost, and Capital Campaign program to the congregation at a called congregational meeting on Sunday, June 5. Motion comes from committee and carries a second. No discussion. Passed unanimously.

H/R and Risk Management: Jennifer Worth- *Oral report*

Jennifer is looking to get a Sign-Up Genius going for Security Response Team. Discussion about compensation for Caroline Parker, who has been taking on financial duties. More discussion at the June meeting.

Building and Grounds: Danny Heater- Oral report

There will be a workday on Saturday, May 21. Danny and Keith got a quote on the track lighting in sanctuary. Committee moves to accept the base quote of \$16,478 with a range of plus 10% of the base quote to replace the track lighting in the sanctuary, paid for by Building and Grounds reserves. Motion comes from committee. Only discussion was Keith updating the Session on the Buildings and Grounds reserves. Passed Unanimously.

Finance: Keith Livengood

Keith discussed the motions pulled from the Omnibus:

Discussion on where the monies for reimbursement of softball dues will come from. John Grovenstein offered Fellowship/Engagement money. Keith said in the past the money came out of the Men’s Reserve Fund.

Committee moves approval of a reimbursement to Keith Livengood for the softball team dues of \$250 payable to Bayleaf Baptist Church, to be paid for out of the Men’s Reserve fund. No discussion. Passed unanimously.

He updated the Session on discrepancies in journal entries. Keith is learning Power Church so he can be involved in the training of a new elder after Elizabeth Grovenstein resigned as Treasurer. Keith also has concerns about compliance and the need for a person who can respond and answer questions on legal and tax questions. Committee wishes to create a position originally called “CPA Consultant,” but now called a “Compliance Consultant” to help.

Committee moves to create a new position called the “Compliance Consultant” to provide oversight to the Treasurer.

This person would assist in insuring the accuracy of reports as well as provide advice on issues involving tax or legal questions. This position would not be necessary if a CPA or former CPA became Treasurer. Motion comes from committee. No discussion. Passed unanimously.

Technology and Communications: No report

Nominating: Bob Lippard and Debbi Freer- Oral report

Debbi and Bob haven’t met, and Debbi expressed need for them to get together. Lisa stated that it would be nice to have a slate by September.

Taskforces

FMB Kitchen Renovation: Charmane Dail – items already discussed and moved

Justice Taskforce: John Grovenstein – no report

Beth Morgan led the group in a closing prayer before Lisa moved the Session into a closed Session. Beth led the prayer, and Lisa dismissed remaining guests.

Closed Session Item

The Session discussed a matter relating to weddings at NRPC.

Moved by Beth Morgan and seconded by Matt Bales that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried with unanimous consent. The meeting was closed at 8:49 pm after a thank you from Lisa.

Rev. Lisa Hebacker, Moderator

Meredith Goodin, Clerk of Session