

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 August 15, 2022. The meeting was held in the Faith Ministries Building of NRPC at 6:30 pm. Rev. Brandon Melton served as the moderator.

The following Session members were in attendance:

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

Excused: Danny Heater      Dave Albert

Also in attendance: Terri Nicotera      Meredith Goodin-Clerk      Judy Dove-Diaconate

Rev. Brandon Melton called the meeting to open at 6:30 pm with a welcome to all present. Guests were seated and given speaking privileges. A quorum was declared. The devotional for this meeting was a little different. The members were asked to each report on 3 goals from the July meeting.

- 1. Between now and the August Session meeting (August 15th) reach out to 5 people/families you haven't seen in a while at church. Just check in with them and let them know they are missed.*
- 2. Think of a need on your committee (ex. a coordinator for a new thing the CE team has been thinking about, but the team hasn't had time to implement OR something that people are asking about that we just don't have the volunteers for). Reach out to 3 people to ask for their help on this task.*
- 3. Elders are the spiritual leaders of the congregation not just organizers/table setup/cleanup personnel/etc. By the next meeting write down what that means to you as an individual and what that looks like to you. What does it mean to be a spiritual leader? This will be the August devotional time...all elders will share their responses to this question.*

Each member shared their experience with these goals and there was open discussion. Brandon then shared a prayer with the group.

The agenda was moved by Beth Morgan and given a second by Matt Bales. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Brandon asked if there were any questions about his written report. He spoke about the importance of remaining calm during times of worry and stress. The church has been and will continue to go through times of change. He shared his goal of “remaining the calmest person in

the room". He would like us all share a non-anxious presence and approach everything with positivity and calm.

There will be a called meeting of the Session to accept New Members to NRPC on September 11, 2022. Charmane Dail, Candy Tedrick, John Grovenstein, Beth Morgan and Jennifer Worth agreed to attend this meeting at 9:30 am.

Brandon encouraged members to look at their area of the Manual of Operations again and be ready to move and adopt the updated version after Lisa returns.

Charmane Dail moved to move the communion date for September to the second Sunday of the month, September 11. This is due to a scheduling conflict with the pastor that was to preach on the first Sunday of the month. Matt Bales seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There was discussion on the letter that was sent out during the Summer about updates to the church roles. The group went through all the names of current members that have not attended in at least 2 years.

The following members were discussed:

Keith and Lucie Boyd

Jeff and Kay Casper

Jason and Melissa Cox

Matthew Davis

Pam Homolya

Brian and Lindsey Horton

Bea Hurt

Phil and Esther Juneau

Jim and Susanne Martin

Emily Espinshade

Linda Molton

Will and Ann Patterson

Sandy Powell

Oraly Spatz

Jeff and Kristen Stowe

Melissa Taylor

Sandy Wilcox

Bryan Worth

Beth Morgan moved to remove these members from the rolls after another letter is sent letting them know. Debbi Freer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

A second set of names were discussed, and session members agreed to contact them individually since there was some question on when they last attended.

Christina Durstein (Candy T.)

Adam and Anna Hayes (Debbi F.)

Loffie and Marietjie Jordaan (Charmane D.)

Robbie and Debbie King (Keith L.)

Linda May Green (Debbi F.)

Terri McIrvine (Candy T.)  
Stephanie Mesnard (Charmane D.)  
Jill Thomas (Beth M.)  
Jim and Peggy Todd (Ann A.)  
Stephanie Adams (Jennifer W)

**Report from Clerk: Meredith Goodin, *membership report submitted***

Candy Tedrick shared a written report from the 7/22/22 Presbytery meeting. She enjoyed her time at the meeting and encouraged others to attend.

**Omnibus Motion**

Approval of Minutes:

Session Stated Meeting Minutes, June 23, 2022

Called Session Meeting, July 12, 2022

Nominating committee moves to call a congregational meeting on August 28 to approve the officer slate for 2023.

The omnibus motion passed by common consent.

**Committee Reports-**

**WORSHIP:**

**Worship: Beth Morgan- *Written report submitted***

There was discussion regarding Beth's written report. Beth shared that there is a new Elder in Charge list of responsibilities. There were updates made to the Ushers and Chancel Guild as well. For the information of the Session, Beth shared that communion will move to the prepackaged cups for Communion during the renovation since we will have no kitchen.

**Spiritual Practices & Sacred Arts: Ann Antoun- *Oral report***

Ann shared that the committee is planning Praying in Color after worship on October 9<sup>th</sup> and opening the sanctuary for prayer in September (date TBD). They are discussing mason jars to send home for Pennies for Hunger.

**GROW:**

**Christian Education: Debbi Freer- *Written report***

Debbi shared gratitude for a wonderful VBS in early August. CE approved a Mission Trip for the youth this fall.

This trip is coordinated by Stacy Askew with a church in Clinton, Graves Memorial Presbyterian Church. They will host our youth, 6th thru 12th graders for the weekend of October 7th thru

9th. The mission will focus on Elderly in the community by bringing soup jars and helping as needed with yard work and odd jobs around their homes. The cost is \$30 for each participant.

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

Fellowship will host a Potluck on September 11<sup>th</sup>. It will be a busy and wonderful day at the church. Potluck, New Members joining, Capital campaign discussion, Lisa's first Sunday back from Sabbatical and Stephen Ministry will commission members during the service. All these things are wonderful and open many doors for fellowship and engagement in the life of NRPC. There will be an ice cream social after the August 28<sup>th</sup> service to welcome the new slate of deacons and elders. Dinners for 8 will start soon.

**Care: Diaconate-**

Judy Dove spoke on behalf of the Diaconate. They are working with their parishes and reaching out to members often.

**SERVE:**

**Outreach: Dave Albert- *Written report***

The Session discussed the wonderful service from the Outreach team August 7<sup>th</sup>. The written report was reviewed prior to the meeting by the members of the session.

**Stewardship: Candy Tedrick- *No report***

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

Leadership training will be held August 26-27<sup>th</sup>.

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

Jennifer shared that she is thinking about NRPC offering Red Cross Safety Training in the future. She may request that be added to the 2023 budget.

**Building and Grounds: Danny Heater- *Written report submitted***

Keith Livengood spoke on behalf of the B&G team. All the lights in the sanctuary have been replaced with LED lights and are now dimmable. Wi-Fi will be moved, but it will be a process and may take time or be a last-minute thing prior to the start of the FMB construction. This is a more complex project since wiring needs to be run to the sanctuary and the trailer where the pastors will have offices.

**Finance: Keith Livengood**

Keith Livengood asked the members to look at the financial reports provided and see if there are any areas that needed a closer look. There has been a lot of work put into cleaning up the financials and the requests are just to make sure everything looks like the committees expect them to look.

**Technology and Communications: *No report***

**Nominating: Debbi Freer- Oral report**

The slate of new church leaders is set!

**Taskforces**

**FMB Kitchen Renovation:** Charmane Dail

30 volunteers helped pack up the FMB (part 1) and there will be a second team needed to help move Brandon, Lisa, the refrigerator/freezer, and the remaining tables/chairs.

Charmane moved that a 6x9 ft gently used cubical be purchased for the Narthex of the Sanctuary at a cost of \$600. Candy Tedrick seconded the motion. Discussion involved questions about placement and if we would own the cubical. NRPC would own the cubical and it will be placed in the back corner of the Narthex. The money will come from the planned 1.1 million of FMB renovations funds and not the budget. The motion passed unanimously. There will be letters going out to members that have not sent back any pledge for the FMB renovation. Currently there are 53 pledging units totaling \$447,450.00. The team goal is \$600,000.

**Justice Taskforce:** John Grovenstein

The working group for the taskforce met August 8<sup>th</sup> and are looking at 2 future meetings. Matthew 25 will be a part of this group moving forward. This group will work a little while longer as a taskforce and then take the movement churchwide.

Moved by Matt Bales and seconded by Charmane Dail that the meeting be adjourned with prayer. Motion carried with unanimous consent. The meeting was closed in prayer at 8:07 pm by Keith Livengood.

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Rev. Brandon Melton, Moderator

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Meredith Goodin, Clerk of Session