

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 September 19, 2022. The meeting was held in the Narthex of NRPC at 6:30 pm. Rev. Lisa Hebacker served as the moderator.

The following Session members were in attendance:

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

Excused: Matt Bales      John Grovenstein      Beth Morgan

Also in attendance:      Terri Nicotera      Meredith Goodin-Clerk      Kim Stall-Diaconate

Rev. Lisa Hebacker 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. Debbi Freer shared a devotion surrounding Titus 1 5-9 and ended her devotion with a prayer to start the meeting.

The agenda was adopted by common consent.

**Report from Teaching Elder/Pastor: Lisa Hebacker, oral report**

Instead of a written report from her time on Sabbatical, Lisa posed a few questions to the members: What are your takeaways from the summer? What do we need to keep the same? She also shared her gratitude to everyone for moving things forward in her absence, especially Brandon, Terri, Caroline, and Ju. Members spoke about the summer takeaways: We missed you, Hot Dogs after church are a big hit, desired goal of a little more independence may have been reached, Lisa left us well prepared with a roadmap and we think we followed it, we had unique guest pastors, livestream kept us on our toes sometimes, Brandon really stepped up. Keep the same: We learned we can rely on each other as Elders and need to keep that going, we need to trust ourselves and each other, We need to intentionally nurture around the Session table, seeing each other in person is fundamental, maybe we should have a meal together (current and past elders get together).

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

Brandon shared his reflections on the summer. He wanted to thank everyone for an awesome summer. He is "thankful for God's transformation in your lives and how God's transformation of y'all transforms the whole congregation". He also shared that he will be leading a new bible/book study through *Christianity's Surprise* by Kavin Rowe.

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

Request for the Elder representative to the Stated Presbytery meeting. Meredith will follow up with an email for a volunteer once people check their calendars. Meredith discussed the Elder in Charge duties changing with only one building involved. The EIC will not need to be at the church before 9:30 am on Sundays until the renovation is complete. Meredith will work on a letter to the members that are being

removed from the rolls (voted on in the August 2022 meeting). This letter will serve as the final attempt to make sure that these individuals/families are aware of the removal.

### **Omnibus Motion**

Approval of Minutes:

Session Stated Meeting Minutes, August 15, 2022

Called Congregational Meeting, Minutes August 28, 2022

Outreach moves to support the October youth mission trip with \$300 coming from the ASP line item.

o 1. Up to 100 dollars to purchase the supplies for the bean soup kits that the youth will put together and distribute to elderly in both congregations and 2. Provide up to 200 dollars to cover the cost of gas for the adults that are driving and chaperoning the event.

Outreach moves to approve up to \$500 coming from Outreach Discretionary Fund to support the MAX program on October 19 to provide food to Carroll's Kitchen.

o the plan is to provide \$20/family and the family matches it with \$10 of their own money to purchase food for Carroll's Kitchen. Communication will go out to the congregation about this special activity and the opportunity to contribute to Carroll's Kitchen.

The omnibus motion was moved by Dave Albert and seconded by Candy Tedrick. Motion passed.

### **Committee Reports-**

#### **WORSHIP:**

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

Beth's written report highlights: Worship will be partnering with CE to incorporate a focus on Worship in the first 2 weeks of MAX. Lisa and Brandon will lead us as we explore the individual parts of worship, how they connect and why we do them. There will also be a discussion to incorporate a practice or "training" of different roles that support worship.

Advent preparation has begun, and a schedule of the Advent decorations was sent out to the members. Communion will continue to be served in the prepackaged containers since there is no kitchen to prepare during the renovation.

Children's choir has started and is going well.

##### **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>. There will also be a painting of Pennies for Hunger jars to give out for collection at home. A ribbon hanging is being created by a group of our "textile experts" for the pulpit during Advent.

#### **GROW:**

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

MAX program will run from September 14<sup>th</sup> through October 26<sup>th</sup>. Trunk or Treat will be held on October 26<sup>th</sup> to conclude MAX for the Fall.

##### **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 the Stephen's 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- *Written report***

Kim Stall gave thanks for the deacons and their work throughout the summer. The written report highlighted that Will Collins will be the moderator of the Deacons in 2023, Margaret will serve as Vice Moderator and Kim Stall will serve as Secretary. The Deacons are committed to support the continuing process for the Mission/Vision team. Over the next 3 months the deacons will meet and train the incoming deacons. Changes to parishes will happen soon.

**SERVE:**

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

Highlights from the written report: There was discussion about Pakistan flood relief, the youth mission trip, the Afghan family baby shower, the Center for Volunteer Caregiving, a volunteer to be the Woman's Center liaison, the Christmas Angel Tree, the Food Bank, a school supply drive, MAX dinner with Carroll's Kitchen as an outreach component, future collections, and budget distributions.

**Stewardship: Candy Tedrick- *Oral report***

Candy shared that Stewardship would look a little different this year. We are trying something new. *Our Money Story* through A Sanctified Art will be used. It shows how our stories matter—they shape what we believe and how we act, and that stewardship is an ongoing spiritual practice that helps individuals and communities become more whole.

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

Leadership training went well. 35 members attended. Thank you to the Presbytery for their use of the Owl so we could have a Zoom component that was inclusive. October 15<sup>th</sup> there will be a churchwide meeting at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church from 8:30-11 for a World Café. This meeting is an effort to get all members involved in the Mission and Vision of NRPC now and moving forward. The Mission and Vision team is working on the 3 questions that will be discussed at the World Café. There will be a churchwide training session with the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center. This will be an in-person training session guided by the Lombard speakers to help our congregation develop resources to function in a healthy manner. There will be childcare provided at both in-person sessions.

Overall, the M&V team would like to have this part of the work be finished with a Service of Reconciliation prior to the start of Advent. The CAT is usually completed every 3-5 years and that is the goal for the team and will give us a benchmark of success or lead us to where we need to improve.

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

Jennifer shared that the insurance has been paid for the year and we are up to date.

**Building and Grounds: Danny Heater- *Oral report***

A lot is going on in B&G. We are continuing to adapt to a smaller space. If you see something that needs to be moved, fixed, changed...please say something. The steps to the trailers need repair and the trailer upkeep is coming.

**Finance: Keith Livengood- *Written report***

Keith Livengood spoke about the current financial outlook regarding the budget. We are ahead of budget by \$6000 for the pledged giving. We are behind budget by \$6000 in loose offering and \$25,000 in non-pledged giving. Overall, we are behind budget to date by \$25,000. He will be looking for committees that need to cut some budgeted items, but the church historically gives strongly in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Days of cash on hand is currently 211 with a minimum of 180. The question was posed about how this touches Stewardship this year?

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

**Nominating:** **Debbi Freer**- *No report*

### **Taskforces**

**FMB Kitchen Renovation:** Charmane Dail

Charmane met with Ed Long and the renovation has officially started. Demolition began September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022. We will be adding a hard-wired TV to the nursery so that the service can be livestreamed to the volunteers as well as for use in the nursery. There are no current plans for a Men's Advent Dinner this year following the Advent pageant.

**Justice Taskforce:** John Grovenstein

Lisa spoke at the end of the meeting that we are in the weeds when we are in a meeting, and sometimes we look long term. When, during this meeting, were you a spiritual leader? Members answers included discussion about giving money, their concern for each other and their trust in each other growing each day.

Moved by Dave Albert and seconded by Keith Livengood that the meeting be adjourned with prayer. Motion carried with unanimous consent. The meeting was closed in prayer at 8:02 pm by Candy Tedrick.

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Rev. Lisa Hebacker, Moderator

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Meredith Goodin, Clerk of Session