

Covenant Presbyterian Church, Athens, GA

Stated Session Meeting

January 29, 2022

A Stated Session meeting, called according to the Book of Order, was held at Covenant Presbyterian Church on January 29, 2022. Rev. Dana Waters, Transitional Pastor and Moderator, declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m.

Elders Present: Katy Arora, Bert Ballard-Myer, Kathy Boardman, Don Bower, Kay Brooks, Jennifer Frey, Abby Horvath, Linda Koehler, Rich Reaves, Valerie Stone, Brian Striggow, and Chris Wilson.

Elders Absent: Clayton Adams,

Others present: Luanne Rigsby and Dana Waters.

Approval of the Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda: letter of transfer, motion for security system, motion for purchase of HVAC, motion for requesting police drive-by, session meeting times for 2022. Katy Arora moved and Bert Ballard-Myer seconded that the agenda be approved as revised. After discussion, the motion carried.

Minutes and Financial Report

The minutes from the Stated Session Meeting held December 7, 2021, the Called Session Meeting held January 4, 2022, the financial summary for December, 2021, and detailed financial reports for the month of December and for July-December, 2021, provided by church treasurer, Pam Knox, were reviewed. **Katy Arora moved and Chris Wilson seconded that the minutes and financial reports be accepted as presented. There being no discussion, the motion carried.**

Election of Treasurer and Clerk for 2022

Jennifer Frey moved and Valerie Stone seconded that Pam Knox be elected Treasurer of Covenant Presbyterian Church and that Luanne Rigsby be elected Clerk of the Session of Covenant Presbyterian Church for the year 2022. There being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Nominate Commissioners for Presbytery Meetings

Linda Koehler, Bert Ballard-Myer, Kathy Boardman, and Brian Striggow were selected by consensus to represent Covenant Presbyterian Church at the Presbytery Meeting to be held on Zoom February 22, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

Jennifer Frey, Katy Arora, Valerie Stone, and Kay Brooks (alternate) were selected by consensus to represent Covenant Presbyterian Church at the Presbytery Retreat to be held on at Unicoi State Park May 13-14, 2022.

Letter of Transfer

Luanne read a letter from Oconee Presbyterian Church requesting transfer of membership for John Scott. **Katy Arora moved and Kathy Boardman seconded we approve the request from Oconee Presbyterian Church to transfer the membership of John Scott. After discussion, the motion carried.**

Security System

Kathy Boardman, on behalf of Building and Grounds, **moved we approve up to \$1000.00 from budget line item 009016 for the purpose of installing the network security system proposed by Asher Hill for security enhancement of the main entrance of the church. Jennifer Frey seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.**

Session Meeting Times for 2022

After discussion, it was agreed the Session Meetings will be the 4th Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. We will continue to offer a zoom component for the meeting.

Motion to Approve Purchase of HVAC

Brian Striggow, co-chair of Building and Grounds Ministry Team, reported that B & G has acquired three quotes for replacing the HVAC systems on both floors of the CE section of the building. We will be replacing the furnace with a heat pump, which will keep air circulating and help address mildew problems in the basement. Quotes were for a 5-ton system, 14 seer, have equivalent parts and labor warranties by the vendors and will accommodate HEPA filters. The quotes were \$16,100 from Stanfield, \$14,300 from Styles and \$10,000 from The Maintenance Man. **Brian Striggow, on behalf of B & G, moved we approve up to \$11,500 for the purchase the HVAC system from The Maintenance Man. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.**

Brian Striggow, co-chair of Building and Grounds Ministry Team, reported that we have been having issues with people openly using drugs, fighting, cutting donuts, and using our dumpsters on the church property. **In order to cut down on these activities, Building and Grounds Ministry Team moved we request that Athens-Clarke Police Department drive through our campus periodically and authorize them to deal with illegal behavior. After discussion, the motion carried.**

There being no further business, Katy Arora moved we adjourn; Valerie Frey seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 4:19 p.m.

NEXT Called Session Meeting: February 20, 2022, at 12:30 p.m. for continuation of the discussion held at the retreat on the list of Covenant's Areas to Work On

NEXT Stated Session Meeting: February 20, 2022 at 7:00p.m. Bert Ballard-Myer will present the devotional.

Dana Waters, Moderator

Luanne Rigsby, Clerk