



AUGUST SESSION MINUTES – JULY 16, 6:45PM

MODERATOR: TIM MCCONNELL

Present: Rev. Tim McConnell (Moderator), Kathy Freyschlag (Clerk), Rev. Dave Steane, Rev. Greg Hartnett, Rev. Michael Thornton, Mary Frieg, Mike Hodges, Randy Case, Pam Moore, Kappy Stewart, Randy Case, Lindy Keffer, Jim Martin, Dorothy Alvarez, Bryan Frame, Bonnie Ortivez, Mark Albers, Shelly Busby, Dave Dillard, Megan Nilsen, Susan Pattee, Mike Albright, Kris Bauman

Excused: Rev. John Goodale, Rev. Jennifer Holz, Elizabeth Roth, Kirk Cherry, Ken Laura, Aaron Zimmerman

Guests Present: Heather Bauman (Nominating Committee), Melissa Owen (Nominating Committee), Susan Buenger (Nominating Committee)

1. Call to Order Tim McConnell
 - a. Lindy Keffer moved to give voice to members of the Nominating Committee. Motion approved unanimously.
 - b. Meeting was called to order.

2. Roll Call and Quorum Kathy Freyschlag
 - a. Clerk confirmed that a quorum was present.

3. Devotional Mike Hodges
 - a. “Two Staff-Health Wins” & Matthew 6:22-33

4. Reports Kathy Freyschlag
 - a. Clerks Reports & Minutes
 - i. August Minutes – Corrections to attendance and slight language change to 5a. Jim Martin moved to approve updated minutes – Motion approved unanimously.
 - ii. Mike Albright moved to approve Ministry Team Reports. Motion approved unanimously.

5. Nominating Committee Report Dave Steane
 - a. Dave introduced representatives of the committee. Committee provided update on the process thus far.
 - i. Nominations open for the EPNC. Long list already compiled.
 - ii. Discussion around values/hopes for this search and position, process for selecting the EPNC, etc.
 - iii. Jim Martin prayed for the Nominating Committee

6. Lead Pastor Report Tim McConnell
 - a. Highlights from written report.
 - b. Gratitude for staff work around Rowell memorial service, Monday Bullpen, Staff Chapel refresh, Tim to become chair of Taylor University Advisory Council, Tim to speak with Presbytery of Middle America, and Evie Bodett (*EPC Pastor/Counselor assisting us in worship*).

7. Transitional Executive Pastor Report Dave Steane



- a. Jennifer installed at Carmel on Nov 3rd, 10:30am.
 - b. Best Christian Workplaces – Wrapping the second annual survey. Survey results soon. Discovery Group (interviews) report coming soon as well.
 - c. Hiring: Kids Min, HS Min, Nursery Coord, Caregivers, Caring Min Coord.
 - d. Abi Tovar Restoration Process
 - i. Abi has declined to participate in the process outlined by ECO staff (Lisa Johnson) and Dave. Dave will continue to assess if there may be openness or if we will need to remove Abi as an ordination candidate.
8. Session Policy & Procedures Dave Steane
 - a. Intending to bring this document to the Advisory Council to review and recommend further edits before a motion comes before Session.
9. Strategic Planning Rollout Tim McConnell
 - a. **Motion to launch the 5-year Strategic Planning Initiative. Pam Moore moved to approve. Discussion. Motion approved unanimously.**
10. Presbytery Tim McConnell
 - a. Election of Commissioners
 - i. Dorothy Alvarez, Megan Nilsen, Kathy Freyschlag, Randy Case, Dave Dillard, Bonnie Ortivez, Jim Martin
 - ii. **Kris Bauman moved to approve the slate of commissioners. Motion approved unanimously.**
 - b. New Church Plant Letter
 - i. Sent from Presbytery of the West to all churches.
 - c. New Members Class Elders
 - i. Bonnie, Lindy, Dorothy, Mary, Susan, Mark, Dorothy
11. Treasurer's Report Randy Case
12. Meeting Adjourned
13. Closing prayer 8:58 pm Tim McConnell