

SESSION AGENDA

First Presbyterian Church, Texarkana, Arkansas Thursday – April 20, 2017 – 5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Rev. Dr. Susan M. Arnold

OPENING PRAYER

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

DIACONATE REPORT Val Buster

TREASURER'S REPORT Maggie Morgan

CLERK'S REPORT Sheila Moore

PASTOR'S REPORT Susan M. Arnold

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Worship Committee – Remica Gray, Moderator

Nominating Committee – Randy Lacy, Mod.Mem./ Martha Nell Richards, Mem.Mod.

Evangelism Committee – Susan Morehead, Moderator

Stewardship Committee - Mona Fomby, Moderator

Christian Education Committee – Maggie Morgan, Moderator

Property Committee - Reg Jackson, Moderator

Personnel Committee – Charles Morgan, Moderator

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Audit – Date to be determined
- 2) Rev. Dr. Neal D. Presa, Moderator of the 220th General Assembly (2012-2014) will preach in our pulpit on April 30th, 2017.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Elect a Commissioner to Presbytery Meeting – Saturday, June 10, 2017, TBD

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND BENEDICTION

**SESSION MINUTES
STATED MEETING MARCH 16, 2017**

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church, Texarkana, Arkansas, met in a Stated Meeting on Thursday, March 16, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. in the Library.

Elders present were Charles Morgan, Marshall Moore, Susan Morehead, Reg Jackson, Marilyn McCullough, Brenda Works, Taylor Sexton, Maggie Morgan, and Martha Nell Richards, and Moderator Reverend Susan Arnold. Also present were Treasurer Maggie Morgan, and Clerk Sheila Moore.

Reverend Susan Arnold called the meeting to order, declared a quorum present, and gave the opening prayer.

MINUTES

The Session reviewed minutes from the Stated Meeting of February 16, 2017, and the Congregational Meeting of February 26, 2017.

MOTION - was made by Marilyn McCullough and seconded by Maggie Morgan to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

DIACONATE REPORT - Val Buster

No report.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Treasurer Maggie Morgan

Maggie Morgan reviewed the financial reports for the month ending February 28, 2017.

MOTION - was made by Taylor Sexton and seconded by Charles Morgan to approve the financial report. The motion passed.

CLERK'S REPORT - Clerk Sheila Moore

1. The Clerk reported that the Lord's Supper was served on March 5, 2017.
2. The Clerk presented a request from Remica Gray for use of riser platforms for the Texarkana Symphony Concert to be picked up March 24 and returned March 27, 2017.

MOTION - was made by Martha Nell Richards and seconded by Charles Morgan to approve the above request. The motion passed.

3. The Clerk presented a request for transfer of membership of Nancy Gail Reagan. Ms. Reagan was placed on our Inactive Roll in 2000. A Certificate of Transfer will be sent.

MOTION - was made by Martha Nell Richards and seconded by Taylor Sexton to approve the request for transfer of membership of Nancy Gail Reagan. The motion passed.

PASTORS' REPORT - Reverend Dr. Susan Arnold

Reverend Susan Arnold gave the Session a written report of her activities during the months of February-March. These included member visitations at the hospitals and in homes, regular church activities and duties, and various community activities.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE - Mona Fomby, Moderator

Discussion was had regarding moving the \$40,000 donor defined funds to the Texas Presbyterian Foundation.

MOTION - was made by Charles Morgan and seconded by Taylor Sexton to transfer the \$40,000 donor defined funds to Texas Presbyterian Foundation into an interest bearing account and one that we can access without penalty. The motion passed.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – Charles Morgan

Charles Morgan presented a proposed draft of the Employment Agreement with Arthur Ghere-Folse. After discussion, it was agreed that the committee will meet again to further discuss the provisions in the employment agreement and will bring the agreement back to Session in April.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE - Remica Gray, Moderator

Maggie Morgan reported the following:

1. There is approximately \$1,500 in the holiday flower fund (Christmas Poinsettias and Easter Lilies) which has accumulated due to donations. The committee requests that a portion of these funds be used to purchase flowers for ladies on Mothers' Day and men on Father's Day, and to purchase a few new wreaths and bows for use at Christmas.

MOTION - from the committee to use a portion of the holiday flower fund to purchase flowers for ladies on Mother's Day and men on Father's Day, and to purchase a few new wreaths and bows for use at Christmas. The motion passed.

2. A subcommittee of the Worship Committee is being formed to oversee music instrument maintenance. This committee will consist of Arthur Ghere-Folse, a member of the Chancel Choir, and a member of the Handbell Choir.
3. There is a line item titled "Youth/Alternative Worship" in the amount of \$2,500, and a line item titled "Youth/Music/Alternative Worship" in the amount of \$4,000 in the "Due To" Funds. There was discussion as to which committee should determine the use of these funds.

MOTION - was made by Charles Morgan and seconded by Taylor Sexton to allow the Christian Education Committee to determine the use of the funds in the line items "Youth/Alternative Worship" and "Youth/Music/Alternative Worship." The motion passed with one no vote.

MOTION - was made by Taylor Sexton and seconded by Charles Morgan to combine the line items "Youth/Alternative Worship" and "Youth/Music/Alternative Worship." The motion passed.

4. The Committee suggests that Communion be served by intinction on Maundy Thursday.

MOTION - from the Committee to serve Communion by intinction on Maundy Thursday. The motion passed.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - Charles Jackson, Acting Moderator

No report.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE - Susan Morehead, Moderator

Parents' Night Out is planned for May 12.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE - Maggie Morgan, Moderator

Ms. Morgan reported the following:

1. A called Session meeting is needed on April 9, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. to meet with and examine the confirmands and to approve baptisms.
2. On Friday, March 31, there will be a one-half lock-in from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.
3. Stewpot will be held the first four Wednesdays in May. Classes proposed will be Bible Study, cooking, mats made from plastic trash bags, and Oddball Hymns. The fifth Wednesday will be hymn singing.
4. VBS is tentatively set for July 17-21, 2017, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon with a closing dinner to be held at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, July 21.
5. A trip is planned to Garvan Gardens in Hot Springs, Arkansas, on April 1, 2017. All are invited.
6. Youth fundraiser painting with a twist will be held Friday, April 28.
7. Youth fundraiser car wash and food truck will be held Saturday, April 8 at Northwood Presbyterian Church

PROPERTY COMMITTEE - Reg Jackson, Moderator

No report.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Reg Jackson discussed liability insurance with Stacy Cogbill. It was agreed that whenever a vehicle is rented, the insurance available will be purchased from the rental company.

OLD BUSINESS

1. A date for the audit is to be determined.
2. Rev. Dr. Neal D. Presa, Moderator of the 220th General Assembly (2012-2014), will preach in our pulpit on April 30, 2017. There will be an opportunity for area pastors to visit with Dr. Presa on Saturday evening, and there will be round table discussion in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday morning.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND BENEDICTION.

Sheila Moore closed the meeting with prayer.

Reverend Susan Arnold, Moderator

Sheila Moore, Clerk of Session

**SESSION MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING APRIL 9, 2017**

With proper notice being given, the Session of the First Presbyterian Church, Texarkana, Arkansas, met in a Special Meeting on Sunday, April 9, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Those present were Elders Charles Morgan, Marshall Moore, Susan Morehead, Reg Jackson, Marilyn McCullough, Taylor Sexton, Maggie Morgan, Mona Fomby, and Martha Nell Richards, and Moderator Reverend Susan Arnold. Also present were Aimee and Michael Gilliland, Chloe Gilliland, Audrey Sharp, Stephanie Jackson, Kristina Ellis, Arthur Ghere-Folse, prospective members Bailey Davitt, Griffin Johnson, Chris Gilliland, Seth Sexton, Ethan Jackson and Austin Sharp, and Clerk Sheila Moore.

CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Reverend Susan Arnold called the meeting to order, declared a quorum present, and gave the opening prayer. Reverend Susan Arnold said the purpose of the meeting was to receive the confirmands into membership and to approve baptisms.

CONFIRMANDS RECEIVED

Reverend Susan Arnold presented Griffin Johnson, Seth Sexton, and Ethan Jackson as confirmands ready to be received, and Bailey Davitt, Austin Sharp and Chris Gilliland as candidates for baptism and as confirmands ready to be received. Reverend Arnold stated that they had received extensive instruction in the faith as well as in the procedures of the Presbyterian Church. Session members introduced themselves and gave a brief description of their positions in the church.

Each confirmand gave their Faith Statement, and Reverend Arnold and Session members asked questions of the confirmands.

MOTION - was made by Taylor Sexton and seconded by Marshall Moore to approve the examination and receive the confirmands. The motion passed unanimously.

Reverend Susan Arnold presented Bailey Davitt, Austin Sharp and Chris Gilliland for baptism and each of these have requested to be immersed. Rev. Wes Byas, pastor at Central Christian Church, has offered the use of their sanctuary and baptistry for the service on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION - was made by Maggie Morgan and seconded by Charles Morgan to receive Bailey Davitt, Austin Sharp and Chris Gilliland for baptism by immersion at the Central Christian Church on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. The baptism will be performed by Reverend Susan Arnold. The motion passed unanimously.

The confirmands will be presented to the congregation on Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

Charles Morgan closed the meeting with prayer.

Reverend Susan Arnold, Moderator

Sheila Moore, Clerk of Session

Monthly Financial Highlights - March 2017

	March Actual	March Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income	\$ 20,624	\$ 26,010	\$ 58,444	\$ 78,030
Expense	\$ 35,974	\$ 29,545	\$ 91,748	\$ 88,632
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ (15,350)	\$ (3,535)	\$ (33,304)	\$ (10,602)

Bank Account Balances

Checking Account Balance \$ 133,185
as of March 31, 2017

Money Market Account Balance \$ 275,388
as of March 31, 2017

Texas Presbyterian Foundation Funds

Initial Amount Invested	\$ 115,853.23
Income Earned Since Inception	\$ 26,784.18
Subtotal	<u>\$ 142,637.41</u>
Unrealized Gains Since Inception	<u>\$ 29,579.48</u>
Total Value of TPF Funds as of March 31, 2017	\$ 172,216.89

INCOME CATEGORIES

Category	Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Difference	Annual Budget	Difference
2017 Pledges	40086	55530	-15444	222120	-182034
Plate	17748	18750	-1002	75000	-57252
Other Income	610	3750	-3140	15000	-14390
Income Categories Total	58444	78030	-19586	312120	-253676

EXPENSE CATEGORIES

Category	Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Difference	Annual Budget	Difference
Clergy - 403(b) deferred compensation	1143	1305	162	5219	4076
Clergy - Wages	11861	11165	-696	44659	32798
Clergy - Housing & Utilities	5144	4776	-368	19105	13961
Clergy - Continuing Education Expense	701	720	19	2880	2179
Clergy - Health Insurance	4225	4061	-164	16242	12017
Clergy - Death/Disability	172	177	5	706	534
Clergy - Dental Insurance	408	408	0	1632	1224
Clergy - Reimb Self Emp Tax	1431	1329	-102	5315	3884
Clergy - Professional Expense	1037	600	-437	2400	1363
Clergy - Mileage Reimbursement	1131	740	-391	2960	1829
Clergy - Annuity	1897	1942	45	7768	5871
Dir of Christian Ed - annuity	0	0	0	0	0
Dir of Christian Ed - continuing education expense	0	0	0	0	0
Dir of Christian Ed - death/disability insurance	122	0	-122	0	-122
Dir of Christian Ed - mileage reimbursement	0	0	0	0	0
Dir of Christian Ed - Dental Insurance	0	0	0	0	0
Dir of Christian Ed - health insurance	1166	0	-1166	0	-1166
Dir of Christian Ed - Salary	-110	0	110	0	110
Dir of Christian Ed - professional expense	18	0	-18	0	-18
Organist/Choir Director - Salary	4690	0	-4690	0	-4690
Dir of Christian Ed/Music - salary	6143	10497	4354	41988	35845
Dir of Christian Ed/Music - health insurance	2332	2530	198	10120	7788
Dir of Christian Ed/Music - death/disability insurance	245	368	123	1470	1225
Dir of Christian Ed/Music - Dental Insurance	0	0	0	0	0

Category	Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Difference	Annual Budget	Difference
Dir of Christian Ed/Music - continuing education expense	0	188	188	750	750
Dir of Christian Ed/Music - professional expense	32	188	156	750	718
Admin Asst - annuity	0	0	0	0	0
Admin Asst - death/disability insurance	235	271	36	1084	849
Admin Asst - health insurance	2604	2530	-74	10120	7516
Admin Asst - mileage reimbursement	0	0	0	0	0
Admin Asst - salary	6165	6240	75	24960	18795
Custodian - annuity	810	798	-12	3191	2381
Custodian - death/disability insurance	74	73	-1	290	216
Custodian - dental insurance	111	111	0	443	332
Custodian - health insurance	3498	2530	-968	10120	6622
Custodian - mileage reimbursement	1385	200	-1185	800	-585
Custodian - salary	7069	7141	72	28565	21496
Nursery - coordinator stipend	312	312	0	1248	936
Nursery - salary	613	1340	727	5359	4746
Other Benefit - Contingency Expenses - employee benefits	0	0	0	0	0
Other Benefit - Miscellaneous employee benefits (bonus)	0	500	500	2000	2000
Other Benefit - Workers Compensation Insurance	-106	388	494	1550	1656
Payroll Taxes - Medicare (employer share)	0	225	225	900	900
Payroll Taxes - Social Security (employer share)	1775	1775	0	7100	5325
Benevolence - other missions	0	0	0	0	0
Benevolence - pastor	0	0	0	0	0
Benevolence - Presbytery Unified Missions	0	0	0	0	0
Benevolence - theological	0	0	0	0	0
Presbytery Dues	0	685	685	2741	2741
Office Expense	2111	1625	-486	6500	4389
Witness and Service	0	125	125	500	500
Worship - Music	263	500	237	2000	1737
Worship - Music Equipment/Instrument Maintenance	0	1000	1000	4000	4000
Worship - Worship Supplies	224	250	26	1000	776
Building & Grounds - Food & Kitchen & Custodial Supp	2129	625	-1504	2500	371
Building & Grounds - Maintenance	3496	3500	4	14000	10504
Building & Grounds - Property Insurance	4669	4750	81	19000	14331
Building & Grounds - Utilities	9248	8500	-748	34000	24752

Category	Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Difference	Annual Budget	Difference
Christian Education - Background Checks	0	125	125	500	500
Christian Education - Camps, rallies, and retreats	0	125	125	500	500
Christian Education - Nursery	17	19	2	75	58
Christian Education - Vacation Bible School	0	150	150	600	600
Christian Education - Youth programs	487	375	-112	1500	1013
Christian Education - Adult/Whole Church programs	252	200	-52	800	548
Christian Education - Childrens programs	0	200	200	800	800
Evangelism - Evangelism programs	200	250	50	1000	800
Evangelism - Children's Ministries	30	125	95	500	470
Congregational Care and Nurture	0	25	25	100	100
Bell Tower Expense	0	0	0	0	0
Nominating/Training	289	50	-239	200	-89
Stewardship Expense	0	0	0	0	0
Expense Categories Total	91748	88632	-3116	354510	262762



Due to Funds Split between Checking & MMA Accounts

as of March 31, 2017

	Amount in Checking	Amount in MMA	Fund Total
Deferred Income - Pledges	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Angel Quilts	\$ 1,325.19	\$ -	\$ 1,325.19
Angel Tree	\$ 254.58	\$ -	\$ 254.58
AV Fund	\$ 2,644.53	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,644.53
Bell Tower	\$ 150.00	\$ 2,550.06	\$ 2,700.06
Cap Imp - NON-restricted	\$ (10,161.68)	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 14,838.32
Cap Imp - RESTRICTED	\$ -	\$ 3,151.61	\$ 3,151.61
Card Ministry	\$ 908.71	\$ -	\$ 908.71
Community Garden	\$ 973.54	\$ -	\$ 973.54
Diaconate Projects	\$ 149.46	\$ -	\$ 149.46
Donor Defined	\$ -	\$ 40,500.00	\$ 40,500.00
Evangelism Missions	\$ 425.00	\$ -	\$ 425.00
Godly Play	\$ 726.06	\$ -	\$ 726.06
Haiti	\$ 290.00	\$ -	\$ 290.00
Joy Gift Offering	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Labyrinth	\$ -	\$ 1,912.78	\$ 1,912.78
Malcolm	\$ 0.11	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.11
Matching Perm Funds Campaign	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Memorial Orchard	\$ 680.60	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,180.60
Music	\$ 2,456.92	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,456.92
Pentecost Offering	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ 30.00
Permanent Funds Ministry	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Poinsettias/Lillies	\$ 2,105.30	\$ -	\$ 2,105.30
PW	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Souper Bowl Sunday	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Thanksgiving Baskets	\$ 916.47	\$ -	\$ 916.47
Transportation	\$ 2,522.12	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 17,522.12
Youth	\$ 4,716.71	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 8,716.71
Youth/Alt Wor	\$ 866.14	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 7,366.14
Grand Totals	\$ 11,979.76	\$ 161,514.45	\$ 173,494.21



TEXAS PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION
 FPC Taxarkana
 Summary Report of Transactions
 Period August 1, 2011 - March 31, 2017

Account Number	Account Name	Beginning Cost	Beginning Market Value	Contributions	Transfers	TPF Balanced Pooled Fund	Other Income	Cost Adjustments	Distributions	Change In Unrealized Gain/Loss	Realized Gain/Loss	Ending Cost	Ending Market Value
53791	FPC Taxarkana - General Endowment Fund	-	-	26,662.50	0.01	6,112.83	34.26	-	-	6,568.38	-	33,009.70	39,578.08
53792	FPC Taxarkana - Capital Facilities Fund	-	-	68,510.05	0.01	15,759.92	92.64	-	-	17,744.70	-	84,362.82	102,107.32
53793	FPC Taxarkana - Programs, Mission, and Benevolence Fund	-	-	12,781.25	0.01	2,993.14	18.91	-	-	3,286.06	-	15,791.31	19,057.37
53823	FPC Taxarkana - Music Fund	-	-	7,698.43	0.01	1,763.88	10.46	-	-	2,000.34	-	9,473.78	11,474.12
Total:		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 115,652.23	\$ 0.04	\$ 26,629.97	\$ 154.27	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,579.48	\$ -	\$ 142,597.41	\$ 172,216.89

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