SESSION AGENDA

First Presbyterian Church, Texarkana, Arkansas Thursday – March 16, 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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND BENEDICTION

SESSION MINUTES STATED MEETING FEBRUARY 16, 2017

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

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

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

MINUTES

The Session reviewed minutes from the Stated Meeting of January 19, 2017.

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

DIACONATE REPORT - Val Buster

Ms. Buster reported that the Diaconate continues to develop the recycling program, the Easter Egg Hunt is being planned, and an ongoing mission is being developed to assist the Friendship Center in aiding those moving from homelessness to living in a home. Also, Dinners for Eight are being discussed.

The Diaconate requests permission to collect the Synod offering "Solar Under the Son" in September.

- **MOTION** from the Diaconate to collect the Synod offering for "Solar Under the Son" in September. The motion passed.
- **MOTION** was made by Remica Gray and seconded by Taylor Sexton to accept the report. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Treasurer Maggie Morgan

Maggie Morgan reviewed the financial reports for the month ending January 31, 2017.

MOTION - was made by Charles Morgan and seconded by Remica Gray to approve the financial report as printed and distributed. The motion passed.

CLERK'S REPORT - Clerk Sheila Moore

1. The Clerk reported that the Lord's Supper was served on February 5, 2017. Four home communions were served.

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- 2. The Clerk reported that the Session had approved by email a Wedding Request on behalf of Sarah Fant and Luke Loving for a wedding to be held April 22, 2015. The Church was informed this afternoon that the wedding will be held in Ms. Fant's home church and the use of our church will not be necessary.
- 3. The Clerk presented a request from Kathy Boyles on behalf of the Master Gardeners for Use of Facilities October 23, 24, 26 and 27, 2017, 8:00 a.m. until 2:30 each day. The dates are clear on the calender.
- 4. The Clerk presented a request from Remica Gray on behalf of the Tower Bell Ringers from the U.K. for use of the bell tower on Thursday morning April 12, 2018, from 9:30 a.m. to noon to ring a quarter peal and some general ringing.
 - **MOTION** was made by Reg Jackson and seconded by Martha Nell Richards to approve the above two requests. The motion passed.
- 5. The Clerk read a thank you note received from Evergreen Life Ministries.

PASTORS' REPORT - Reverend Dr. Susan Arnold

Reverend Susan Arnold gave the Session a written report of her activities during the months of January-February. These included four home communions, member visitations at the hospitals and in homes, regular church activities and duties, and various community activities. Reverend Arnold requested vacation leave June 29 to July 3, 2017.

MOTION - was made by Marshall Moore and seconded by Maggie Morgan to approve the request for vacation leave June 29 to July 3, 2017. The motion passed.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE - Mona Fomby, Moderator

Mrs. Fomby presented the 2017 Revised Budget for consideration which adjusts the line item for nursery salary which was incorrect due to an error in the 2016 budget. The 2017 Revised Budget reflects no pay increases for any staff member for 2017.

MOTION - from the committee to approve the 2017 Revised Budget. The motion passed.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE - Remica Gray, Moderator

Remica Gray reported no action items.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - Martha Nell Richards, Co-Moderator

Mrs. Richards reports the committee has not met.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE - Susan Morehead, Moderator

Ms. Morehead reported that the website has been updated.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE - Maggie Morgan, Moderators

Ms. Morgan requests permission for the Youth to hold a Fundraiser painting party like "Painting with a Twist." Sarah Propps has volunteered to lead the event which will be held either April 28 or April 30.

MOTION - from the committee to approve the above Youth Fundraiser. The motion passed.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE - Reg Jackson, Moderator

No action items.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – Charles Morgan

Mr. Morgan presented a motion from the committee.

MOTION - made by the Personnel Committee that Arthur Ghere-Folse be placed on probation until April 19, 2017, under certain terms and conditions that will be outlined to him by the Personnel Committee.

After discussion,

MOTION - was made by Taylor Sexton and seconded by Susan Morehead to defer the Motion presented by the Personnel Committee. The motion failed with 2 yes votes, 2 abstaining, and 7 no votes.

After further discussion,

MOTION - was made by Taylor Sexton and seconded by Susan Morehead to amend the Motion from the Personnel Committee to include hiring an outside expert to mentor Arthur Ghere-Folse in professional development. The motion failed with 2 yes votes and 9 no votes.

Mr. Morgan called for the vote on the Motion from the Personnel Committee. The

MOTION - passed with 9 yes votes and 2 no votes.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Taylor Sexton reported that the Boy Scout fundraiser luncheon was a success and expressed thanks to the Church on behalf of the Boy Scouts.

OLD BUSINESS

1. A date for the audit is to be determined.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Maggie Morgan, Taylor Sexton and Reverend Arnold gave a report from the Presbytery Meeting on February 11, 2017, at First Presbyterian Church, Ruston, Louisiana.
- 2. A Congregational Meeting was scheduled for February 26, 2017, to review the Terms of Call of the Pastor.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND BENEDICTION.

Martha Nell Richards closed the meeting with prayer.

Reverend Susan Arnold, Moderator

Sheila Moore, Clerk of Session

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Texarkana, Arkansas

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

February 26, 2017

After proper notice was given, a Congregational Meeting of the First Presbyterian Church, Texarkana, Arkansas was held following the morning worship service on Sunday, February 26, 2017.

Moderator Reverend Susan Arnold called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. Reverend Arnold said the purpose of the meeting was to explain the Pastor's Terms of Call for 2017 in which there were no changes from 2016.

Reverend Arnold called on Moderator of the Stewardship Committee Mona Fomby, Session Member Marshall Moore, and Treasurer Maggie Morgan to come forward. Session had previously approved by email vote that Mr. Moore would moderate the meeting. Reverend Arnold left the Sanctuary. Mrs. Fomby presented the unchanged Pastor's Terms of Call and read each line item. Mr. Moore explained that this meeting was for informational purposes, that the Pastor's Terms of Call with no changes had been reviewed by Session and found to be in compliance with the Book of Order, and Session had approved the 2017 Revised Budget on February 16, 2017. Since there were no changes in the Pastor's Terms of Call, there was no need for a congregational vote. Mr. Moore then asked if there were questions regarding the line items of the Pastor's Terms of Call. Questions were asked and answered. No other business could be conducted at this meeting.

MOTION - was made by Jessica Sharp (a second was acknowledged) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

There being no further business to conduct, the Reverend Susan Arnold adjourned the meeting with the Benediction.

Marshall H. Moore, Moderator

Sheila Moore, Clerk of Session



Budget Vs. Actual Report 2017 Budget

Between 01/01/2017 and 02/28/2017

INCOME CATEGORIES

Category	Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Difference	Annual Budget	Difference
2017 Pledges	25201	37020	-11819	222120	-196919
Plate	12429	12500	<i>-</i> 71	75000	-62571
Other Income	190	2500	-2310	15000	-14810
Income Categories Total	37820	52020	-14200	312120	-274300

EXPENSE CATEGORIES

Category	Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Difference	Annual Budget	Difference
Clergy - 403(b) deferred	857	870	13	5219	4362
compensation					
Clergy - Wages	6789	7443	654	44659	37870
Clergy - Housing & Utilities	2939	3184	245	19105	16166
Clergy - Continuing	651	480	-171	2880	2229
Education Expense					
Clergy - Health Insurance	2817	2707	-110	16242	13425
Clergy - Death/Disability	115	118	3	706	591
Clergy - Dental Insurance	272	272	0	1632	1360
Clergy - Reimb Self Emp Tax	818	886	68	5315	4497
Clergy - Professional	987	400	-587	2400	1413
Expense					
Clergy - Mileage	300	493	193	2960	2660
Reimbursement					
Clergy - Annuity	1265	1295	30	7768	6503
Dir of Christian Ed - annuity	0	0	0	0	0
Dir of Christian Ed -	0	0	0	0	0
continuing education expense					
Dir of Christian Ed -	0	0	0	0	0
death/disability insurance					
Dir of Christian Ed - mileage	0	0	0	0	0
reimbursement					
Dir of Christian Ed - Dental	0	0	0	0	0
Insurance					
Dir of Christian Ed - health	0	0	0	0	0
insurance					
Dir of Christian Ed - Salary	-110	0	110	0	110
Dir of Christian Ed -	0	0	0	0	0
professional expense	_				
Organist/Choir Director -	4690	0	-4690	0	-4690
Salary					
Dir of Christian Ed/Music -	1563	6998	5435	41988	40425
salary					
Dir of Christian Ed/Music -	2332	1687	-645	10120	7788
health insurance					
Dir of Christian Ed/Music -	245	245	0	1470	1225
death/disability insurance					
Dir of Christian Ed/Music -	0	0	0	0	0
Dental Insurance					

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Category	Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Difference	Annual Budget	Difference
Dir of Christian EdMusic -	0	125	125	750	750
continuing education expense					
Dir of Christian Ed/Music -	32	125	93	750	718
professional expense					
Admin Asst - annuity	0	0	0	0	0
Admin Asst - death/disability	0	181	181	1084	1084
insurance					
Admin Asst - health	0	1687	1687	10120	10120
insurance					
Admin Asst - mileage	0	0	0	0	0
reimbursement					
Admin Asst - salary	3395	4160	765	24960	21565
Custodian - annuity	540	532	-8	3191	2651
Custodian - death/disability	49	48	-1	290	241
insurance					
Custodian - dental insurance	74	74	0	443	369
Custodian - health insurance	2332	1687	-645	10120	7788
Custodian - mileage	693	133	-560	800	107
reimbursement					
Custodian - salary	4055	4761	706	28565	24510
Nursery - coordinator stipend	208	208	0	1248	1040
Nursery - salary	332	893	561	5359	5027
Other Benefit - Contingency	0	0	0	0	0
Expenses - employee					
benefits					
Other Benefit - Miscellaneous	0	333	333	2000	2000
employee benefits (bonus)					
Other Benefit - Workers	-106	258	364	1550	1656
Compensation Insurance					
Payroll Taxes - Medicare	0	150	150	900	900
(employer share)					
Payroll Taxes - Social	1191	1183	-8	7100	5909
Security (employer share)					
Benevolence - other missions	0	0	0	0	0
Benevolence - pastor	0	0	0	0	0
Benevolence - Presbytery	0	0	0	0	0
Unified Missions					
Benevolence - theological	0	0	0	0	0
Presbytery Dues	0	457	457	2741	2741
Office Expense	1287	1083	-204	6500	5213
Witness and Service	0	83	83	500	500
Worship - Music	255	333	78	2000	1745
Worship - Music	0	667	667	4000	4000
Equipment/Instrument					
Maintenance					
Worship - Worship Supplies	117	167	50	1000	883
Building & Grounds - Food &	1653	417	-1236	2500	847
Kitchen & Custodial Supp					
Building & Grounds -	2487	2333	-154	14000	11513
Maintenance					
Building & Grounds -	3113	3167	54	19000	15887
Property Insurance					
Building & Grounds - Utilities	6758	5667	-1091	34000	27242

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Category	Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Difference	Annual Budget	Difference
Christian Education -	0	83	83	500	500
Background Checks					
Christian Education - Camps,	0	83	83	500	500
rallies, and retreats					
Christian Education - Nursery	0	13	13	75	75
Christian Education -	0	100	100	600	600
Vacation Bible School					
Christian Education - Youth	257	250	-7	1500	1243
programs					
Christian Education -	32	133	101	800	768
Adult/Whole Church					
programs					
Christian Education -	0	133	133	800	800
Childrens programs					
Evangelism - Evangelism	200	167	-33	1000	800
programs					
Evangelism - Children's	0	83	83	500	500
Ministries					
Congregational Care and	0	17	17	100	100
Nurture					
Bell Tower Expense	0	0	0	0	0
Nominating/Training	289	33	-256	200	-89
Stewardship Expense	0	0	0	0	0
Expense Categories Total	55774	59085	3311	354510	298736

Due to Funds Split between Checking & MMA Accounts

as of February 28, 2017

	Amount in	int in Amount in		
	Checking		MMA	Fund Total
Deferred Income - Pledges	\$ -	\$	40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Angel Quilts	\$ 1,305.19	\$	-	\$ 1,305.19
Angel Tree	\$ 254.58	\$	-	\$ 254.58
AV Fund	\$ 2,644.53	\$	3,000.00	\$ 5,644.53
Bell Tower	\$ -	\$	2,550.06	\$ 2,550.06
Cap Imp - NON-restricted	\$ (10,161.68)	\$	25,000.00	\$ 14,838.32
Cap Imp - RESTRICTED	\$ -	\$	3,151.61	\$ 3,151.61
Card Ministry	\$ 806.71	\$	-	\$ 806.71
Community Garden	\$ 100.00	\$	-	\$ 100.00
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	\$ 192.00	\$	-	\$ 192.00
Joy Gift Offering	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -
Labyrinth	\$ -	\$	1,912.78	\$ 1,912.78
Malcolm	\$ 456.31	\$	3,000.00	\$ 3,456.31
Matching Perm Funds Campaign	\$ -	\$	10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Memorial Orchard	\$ 680.60	\$	1,500.00	\$ 2,180.60
Music	\$ 2,306.92	\$	5,000.00	\$ 7,306.92
Pentecost Offering	\$ 30.00	\$	-	\$ 30.00
Permanent Funds Ministry	\$ -	\$	400.00	\$ 400.00
Poinsettas/Lillies	\$ 1,575.30	\$	-	\$ 1,575.30
PW	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -
Souper Bowl Sunday	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -
Thanksgiving Baskets	\$ 916.47	\$	-	\$ 916.47
Transportation	\$ 2,848.40	\$	15,000.00	\$ 17,848.40
Youth	\$ 5,026.16	\$	4,000.00	\$ 9,026.16
Youth/Alt Wor	\$ 440.00	\$	2,000.00	\$ 2,440.00
Youth/Music/Alt Wor	\$ 771.14	\$	4,500.00	\$ 5,271.14
Grand Totals	\$ 11,493.15	\$	161,514.45	\$ 173,007.60

Monthly Financial Highlights - February 2017

	F	ebruary	February	YTD	YTD
		Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	\$	18,078	\$ 26,010	\$ 37,820	\$ 52,020
Expense	\$	28,605	\$ 29,545	\$ 55,774	\$ 59,085
Net Gain (Loss)	\$	(10,527)	\$ (3,535)	\$ (17,954)	\$ (7,065)

Bank Account Balances

Checking Account Balance as of February 28, 2017	\$ 147,762
Money Market Account Balance as of February 28, 2017	\$ 275,365

Texas Presbyterian Foundation Funds

Initial Amount Invested	\$ 115,853.23
Income Earned Since Inception	\$ 26,305.03
Subtotal	\$ 142,158.26
Unrealized Gains Since Inception	\$ 28,809.95
Total Value of TPF Funds	\$ 170,968.21
as of January 31, 2017	



TEXAS PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION
FPC Texarkana
Summary Report of Transactions
Period August 1, 2011 - February 28, 2017

		49	↔	49	4
Beginning Market	Value				
	Beginning Cost				
	Account Name	53791 FPC Texarkana - General Endowment Fund	53792 FPC Texarkana - Capital Facilities Fund	53793 FPC Texarkana - Programs, Mission, and Benevolence Fund	COOCO Transfers Marie E.m.
Account	Number	53791 FPC Te	53792 FPC To	53793 FPC To	T ODD CCSCS

Total: \$

Ending Cost Value
\$ 22.895,77 \$ 39,291.06
\$ 15,738.41 \$ 113,390.84
\$ 142,168.26 \$ 170,366.21

Realized Gain/Loss

Change in Unrealized Gain/Loss \$ 6.391.49 \$ 17.288.29 \$ 3.181.15 \$ 1,949.02 \$ \$ 28.809.95 \$

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26,862.50 \$ 68,510.05 \$ 12,781.25 \$ 7,699.43 \$ 115,853.23 \$

Contributions

115,853.23	26,305.03	142,158.26	28,809.95	170,968.21	
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Initial Amount Invested	Income Earned Since Inception	Subtotal	Unrealized Gains Since Inception	Total Value of TPF Funds	as of February 28, 2017

*Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

9800 Preston Road | Dallas, Texas 75230 | p. 214.368.6348 | www.phpc.org

February 24, 2017

Mrs. Rebecca Johnson First Presbyterian Church 516 Pecan Texarkana, AR 71854

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

On January 29, 2017, we had the privilege of receiving into membership:

NANCY GAIL REAGAN

The Session has requested that I write on her behalf for a certificate of transfer to be issued at your earliest convenience.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 214/368-6348, ext. 115 or lwhite@phpc.org.

Sincerely,

Lisa D. White

Administrative Assistant – Membership

Minutes of the Worship Committee Meeting March 12, 2017 3:00 PM, First Presbyterian Church

The meeting was called to order by Acting Moderator Gail Cogbill, who led the opening prayer,. Those present were Gail Cogbill, Billie Ford, Arthur Ghere-Folse, Aimee Gilliland, Maggie Morgan, Taylor Sexton, Brenda Works, and Jim Works.

The minutes of the February meeting were corrected to read "Taylor will ask . . ." rather than "Remica will ask . . ." in sentence two of the paragraph regarding Children's Sermon volunteers. Taylor moved the adoption of the minutes as corrected with Maggie seconding. The motion carried.

The financial reports were reviewed. Arthur informed the committee that Jason Alden has replaced the broken switch on the organ, and charges of about \$100.00 for that repair will appear in next month's financials. After discussion of the best uses for the excess money in the flower fund, currently \$1,575.30, Taylor Sexton moved that these funds be used for decorations and flowers for Christmas, Easter, and other special services, with the Session's authorization of the Worship Committee to expend funds from this account as needed. Maggie seconded the motion and the motion carried. Maggie will present the committee's request to the Session.

Gail informed the committee that Linda Cogbill has suggested that the candles for the Taizé service be left behind the chancel rail so that they do not have to be packed up and unpacked for each Taizé service. Aimee reported that there were six in attendance at last week's service, including Sue Ellen Hall who accompanied and led the service.

Gail called the committee's attention to the agenda information concerning palms for Palm Sunday, which will be supplied by Unique Flowers, at a cost of less than \$10.00. Easter lilies will be supplied by Albertsons, and the cost to the congregation with be \$10.00 each. Gail volunteered to be present when the lilies are delivered and put them in place for Easter Sunday.

As noted in the agenda, Charles Jackson, Richard Sexton, Taylor Sexton, Chris Walraven, and Susan Arnold have volunteered to present the Children's Sermons. Taylor Sexton is working out the schedule. Taylor Sexton, Richard Sexton, Chris Walraven, and Susan Arnold will be presenters on March 5, 12, 19. and 26. Michael Gilliland will be the liturgist for the March 19 service, and Taylor Sexton volunteered to serve as liturgist on March 26, if no one else has already been secured.

With regard to the visit of the Rev. Dr. Neal Presa on April 30, Lynn Jorgensen has volunteered to take care of an informal "Around the Coffee Pot" reception for him before Sunday School. Susan Arnold and Arthur are working with the Christian Education committee to combine all youth and adult Sunday School classes in the Fellowship Hall during Sunday School for a lesson presented by Rev. Presa. If his schedule allows, the staff will have dinner with Rev. Presa on Saturday evening, April 29. An invitation will be extended to members of Northwood Presbyterian to worship with us on April 30. A flier about Rev. Presa's visit is being developed. At Susan's request, Arthur is working to secure a bagpipe player for that Sunday. He will also talk with Remica about using the Tower Bells on that Sunday.

Arthur reported that he and Sarah Propps have completed the design for the children's activity bags, and he will investigate pricing for the bags, along with youth T-shirts, in the near future. The goal is to have the bags in place by Easter Sunday. Maggie will investigate the possibility of using funds from the special designated Youth/Music/Alternative Worship accounts for this project. She will also ask for guidance about how these funds may be used in the future.

Jim reported that he and Remica have met regarding the instrument maintenance policies. They have suggested that Arthur chair a sub-committee of the Worship Committee to oversee instrument maintenance for all the musical assets of the church. This sub-committee would include a representative of the Chancel Choir and the Handbell Choir, in addition to Arthur. With Arthur's endorsement of this proposal, Jim suggested that a request be made to the Session that such a committee be authorized, and the consensus of the committee was favorable. Maggie will take this request to the Session. Jim also reported that the instrument maintenance committee will work toward writing a narrative history of the organ's acquisition, based on documents that have been preserved in the music office and recollections of church members who were involved in the process. The full committee (Remica, Jim, Arthur, and Charles Jackson) will meet in the near future to continue the development of maintenance policies for the Worship Committee's consideration.

Arthur reported that he has invited Mary Scott Goode to play in a service that is built around spirituals at the end of May or in early June.

Aimee reported that all but one of the Acolyte cross necklaces have disappeared and asked about ordering replacements. Arthur suggested that she send a request for replacements to Rebecca in the office and also notify him when the request is made so that he can follow through. These will be purchased with funds from Worship Supplies.

The committee's next meeting will be on Palm Sunday, April 9, at 3:00 PM. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer led by Gail.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim and Brenda Works

