

CALLED SESSION MEETING AGENDA & MINUTES
TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday February 20, 2022

CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Kim Clayton

Kim Clayton, Moderator, opened the Called Session meeting to receive new members with prayer at 10:15AM in the Chapel and welcomed Donna Doughon, David and Paige Todd (and daughter Frances), and Joes Shodieru ("show-dee-air- roo"). Amy Krause (Clerk of Session) declared a quorum for receiving new members. Elders present were Doug Benn, Bonnie Holiday, Shirley Davis, Esther Stokes and Amy Krause.

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

Lucy Strong

Lucy Strong introduced Donna Doughon, David and Paige Todd (and daughter Frances), and Joes Shodieru ("show-dee-air- roo"). A motion (below) was made by elders in attendance to receive Donna, David, Paige, and Joes as new members of Trinity. The motion was seconded and approved with enthusiasm.

MOTION: We, as representatives of the Session of Trinity Presbyterian Church, move that the Session receive into active membership Donna Doughon and David Todd by letter of transfer, and Paige Todd (and daughter Frances) and Joes Shodieru ("show-dee-air- roo") by reaffirmation of their faith, and be presented for reception by the congregation.

The invitation for new members to re-affirm their faith was presented by Amy Krause (Clerk):

- Trusting the grace of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?
- Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as Lord and Savior?
- Will you participate actively and responsibly in the worship and mission of the church?

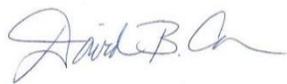
The new members responded in the affirmative for all questions.

PRAYER AND DEPARTING BLESSINGS

Kim Clayton

A few brief welcome comments were made by Kim Clayton, and the meeting concluded at 10:30AM with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



David Carr
Assistant Clerk



Amy Krause
Clerk

Note: In attendance on February 20, 2022, were Session members Doug Benn, Bonnie Holiday, Shirley Davis, Esther Stokes, Amy Krause and clergy members Rev. Lucy Strong and Rev. Kim Clayton.

CALLED SESSION MEETING AGENDA & MINUTES
TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday March 6, 2022

CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Richard Floyd

Richard Floyd, Moderator, opened the Called Session meeting to receive new members with prayer at 10:15AM in the Chapel and welcomed Caroline Pitts, Mike Jarrell, Narra and Dominic DeMichina (daughters Asa & Gemma), and Gina Nana. David Carr (Assistant Clerk of Session) declared a quorum for receiving new members. Elders present were Adair White, Allen Spetnagel, Bonnie Holiday, Mary Elizabeth Jackson and David Carr.

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

Lucy Strong

Lucy Strong introduced Caroline Pitts, Mike Jarrell, Narra and Dominic DeMichina (daughters Asa & Gemma), and Gina Nana. Elder David Carr made a motion (below) to receive Caroline, Mike, Narra, Dominic, and Gina as new members of Trinity Presbyterian Church. The motion was seconded and approved with enthusiasm.

MOTION: We, as representatives of the Session of Trinity Presbyterian Church, move that the Session receive into active membership Caroline Pitts, Mike Jarrell, and Narra and Dominic DeMichina by reaffirmation of their faith, and Gina Nana by letter of transfer, and be presented for reception by the congregation.

The invitation for new members to re-affirm their faith was presented by David Carr (Asst. Clerk):

- Trusting the grace of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? Do you?
- Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as Lord and Savior? Do you?
- Will you participate actively and responsibly in the worship and mission of the church? Will you?

The new members responded in the affirmative for all questions.

PRAYER AND DEPARTING BLESSINGS

Richard Floyd

A few brief welcome comments were made by Richard and Lucy, and the meeting concluded at 10:30AM with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



David Carr
Assistant Clerk



Amy Krause
Clerk

Note: In attendance on March 6, 2022, were the following Session members and clergy members: Adair White, Allen Spetnagel, Bonnie Holiday, Mary Elizabeth Jackson, David Carr, Rev. Lucy Strong and Rev. Richard Floyd.

STATED SESSION MEETING MINUTES
TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
February 15, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Kim Clayton

The stated Session meeting for Trinity Presbyterian Church on February 15, 2022, was called to order at 7:00PM by the moderator, Kim Clayton. The clerk, Amy Krause, confirmed the presence of a quorum. Kim welcomed guests joining the meeting from the PNC, Trinity Preschool and Infrastructure Task Force (subcommittee of Property Committee).

Kim acknowledged Adair White as the giver of the evening's devotion.

DEVOTION

Adair White

Adair White spoke about darkness. She reflected on the concept through the writings of Barbara Brown Taylor. Adair reminded the group to remember how much light there is in the dark. Adair closed with a prayer by Thomas Merton.

OMNIBUS MOTION to approve Consent Agenda

Kim Clayton

Kim Clayton directed Session members to the omnibus motion in the meeting packet. Kim asked if any items needed to be pulled from the omnibus motion. There was no discussion. The motion carried without opposition.

CLERK'S REPORT

Amy Krause

Amy Krause gave Valentine's Day wishes and treats to Session members. Amy called attention to the monthly statistical report as well as important dates in the church's meeting calendar. Amy is collecting written materials from committees for the 2021 annual report.

Amy also continues to work on Trinity's procedural manual and referenced last meeting's first read of proposed edits. After pulling procedure 7.1 related to Church Staff for additional editing, Amy stated the following motion for consideration:

MOTION: The Session moves to approve the committee description for Membership, the committee description for Communication, procedure 9.2 related to trust funds, and procedure 6.1 related to types of committees and to authorize the addition of these updated documents to Trinity's operational manual.

The motion was moved by Shirley Davis and was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion carried without opposition.

SPECIAL ORDERS & REPORTS

TRINITY PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Paige Keller & Jessica Heberton

Paige Keller gave a brief history of Trinity's preschool and shared a video. Jessica Heberton presented a revised Covenant of Understanding to the Session (as a first read scenario for March action) and answered questions from the group. The report ended with applause for Paige's work and Trinity Preschool's success while operating during the COVID-19 pandemic despite many challenges.

INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

Margaret Reiser, David Caldwell & David Merritt

The Infrastructure Task Force is comprised of Margaret Reiser, David Caldwell, Hank Hall, David Merritt, Esther Stokes, Mark Stancil, David Gracey and Caroline Brown. The Infrastructure Task Force is a subcommittee of the Property Committee. The Infrastructure Task Force has been formed to determine scope of work for several initiatives, research and select vendors, stay within budget range (pg. 23 in session packet), coordinate timing and completion of the initiatives, and communicate regularly with Session on progress and important updates. Margaret Reiser began the report and stated it would be the first of many for Session. Margaret reminded the group that \$2.197M was raised through the members of the congregation and that the total infrastructure campaign raised

just over \$3M (combination of operating funds, trust funds, raised member funds). Tonight's report primarily focused on Audio Visual plans/work.

David Caldwell shared comments about the state of inflation and the rising costs for construction materials and labor. There may be a need to raise additional funds (approx. \$300-500k) to cover the desired scope of work with rising costs in play. Despite the increasing cost of work, the plan is to close the Sanctuary on July 18 for renovation projects and upgrades to begin in that space. David reported that the Infrastructure Task Force was working hard to share project plans with many committees, groups and members of Trinity while collecting feedback and building consensus on the need for, and value of, the work.

David Merritt presented a report to Session on the plans in conversation for Audio/Visual work in Williams Hall, new A/V Production Rooms, Sanctuary, Old Fellowship Hall (hybrid cart solution), Chapel, and Loft.

Margaret, David and David encouraged questions and answered the many that were raised.

Margaret Reiser (Trustee) stated the following motions for consideration.

MOTION: The Session grants responsibility to the Infrastructure Task Force for approving vendor contracts after steps 1.A through 1.F in the stated infrastructure contract process (pg. 23 in session packet) have been completed. The contracts will then be submitted to Trinity's Treasurer for final approval and signature and to pass along to the Church's Finance office.

The motion was moved by Esther Stokes (Property) and seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

MOTION: The Session approves closing Williams Hall in the coming days to allow for repairs and upgrades to commence in anticipation of the space being utilized for worship and other activities while the Sanctuary is closed from July 18 through the end of October.

The motion was moved by Velma Tilley and seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

COMMITMENT

Bonnie Holiday

Bonnie Holliday shared an update on the commitment campaign. The campaign is currently 98% to its goal. \$3,326,627 has been pledged to date. 422 pledges have been received to date (46 fewer pledges than in previous year). There are two more weeks of the formal commitment campaign. As a reminder, the 2021 campaign's goal is \$3.4M with a secondary goal of increasing participation in the 30-50-year-old member demographic.

FINANCE

David Beasley

David Beasley (Treasurer) presented a final 2021 financial statement summary and a summary analysis of operations and answered questions from the group.

UPCOMING LENTEN BOOK STUDY AND KITTRELL LECTURE 2022

Richard Floyd

Richard Floyd promoted the upcoming Lenten study of *Love Mercy* and reminded the elders of the many ways to participate. Richard announced that the 2022 Kittrell Lecture will be given by Brian Stevenson (author of *Just Mercy*), and noted the event is planned for November 10.

INTERIM OBSERVATIONS AND SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION FOLLOW UP

Kim Clayton

Kim Clayton offered thoughtful comments to Session about several "loose end" topics she continues to work on as interim senior pastor:

- The need to complete the review of the existing 9:00AM worship service and report study findings to Session in May. Further, Trinity needs to fully own all of its worship expressions including the 9:00AM worship service.
- The need to continue integrating the children of Trinity and their parents into worship.

Amy Krause handed out the combined minutes from all tables in last month's small group/breakout discussion related to pastoral transition topics. The document contained responses from all small groups to important questions about Trinity's most recent pastoral transition (Pam Driesell's resignation).

Kim Clayton then offered her thoughtful reflections and observations on the contributing factors that led to the resignation of Trinity’s last senior pastor and noted the lessons Trinity should learn from that experience. After concluding her comments, Kim moderated a lengthy question and answer session. Finally, Kim shared her plans to present a more general set of comments on this topic at an upcoming town hall event with church members (date TBD).

OPEN FORUM

Kim Clayton offered the opportunity to discuss other business of the church. Shirley Davis commented on the recent new member classes and the excitement she is observing.

PRAYER AND DEPARTING BLESSINGS

Lucy Strong

Lucy Strong closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 9:24PM by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,



Assistant Clerk



Clerk

Trinity Presbyterian Church Session In-person Attendance (In Bold), February 15, 2022:

Name	Name	Name
Balloun, Jim	Adams Jr., Tom	Roxanna Erwin
Benn, Doug	Bynum, Laura	Ginny Hobbs
Davis, Shirley	Carr, David – Asst. CLERK	Bonnie Holiday
Gober, Lasley	George, Bess	Richard O'Donnell
Karasick, Steve	Guerry, Bill	Trey Reese
Krause, Amy - CLERK	Hope, Julie	Lane Rhoden
Pendergrast, Craig	Jackson, Mary Elizabeth	Allen Spetnagel
Powers, Richard	Lewis, Dale	Cindy Stancil
Shoup, Sarah	Portik, Courtney	Adair White
Stokes, Esther	Tilley, Velma	Neal Williams
		Miranda Borland (Youth)
		Cate Thompson (Youth)
Staff Attendees:	Other Attendees Names:	
Kim Clayton - Moderator		
Elizabeth Davis	David Caldwell-Infrastructure	
Andrew Esqueda	Margaret Reiser - Trustee	
Molly Faircloth	David Merritt - Infrastructure	
Tom Farmer	David Beasley – Treasurer	
Richard Floyd	Jessica Heberton – Preschool	
Norman Mackenzie	Paige Keller - Preschool	
Lucy Strong	Cindy Ferguson - PNC	
Cindy Semmes	Jon McRae - PNC	