

STATED SESSION MEETING MINUTES
TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
February 20, 2024

CALL TO ORDER & DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Rebekah LeMon

The stated Session meeting for Trinity Presbyterian Church on February 20, 2024, was called to order in Old Fellowship Hall at 6:40 PM by the moderator, Rebekah LeMon. The clerk, Bonnie Holliday, confirmed the presence of a quorum. The meeting began with dinner and introduction of new members. Following dinner, Rebekah invited new members and elders to affirm their faith before calling for a motion to accept the following members onto the rolls of Trinity Presbyterian Church: Nancy and Paul Landon, Bessie and John Gregg, Gene Schultz, Sarah and John Pulliam, Erin and Richmond Bernhardt, Stephanie Lane, Linda and Hines Brannan, Priscilla and Taylor Lechleiter, Joe and Lauren Cohran. Mary Kelly offered a motion, Allen Spetnagel seconded, and session unanimously approved the acceptance of new members.

DEVOTION

Tom Owens

Tom Owens shared humorous reflections on the history of leap year as well as the many ways humans have attempted to keep accurate records--not necessarily for our own benefit but for the benefit of future generations. He concluded with a prayer asking God to grant our congregation the wisdom and strength to find the "right"--if not always perfect--way so we can guide those who may cross our paths in the days, years, and generations ahead.

OMNIBUS MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Rebekah LeMon directed session members to the omnibus motion in the meeting packet which included the meeting agenda, the minutes from the Stated Session Meeting on January 16, 2024, the financial report, and the statistical report for January 2024.

The motion to approve the consent agenda as amended was unanimously approved.

MODERATOR'S REPORT

Rebekah LeMon

Rebekah LeMon began by thanking Elizabeth Davis for her work organizing Children's Sunday. She noted what a joyful worship experience we had and how wonderful it was to see the youngest members of our congregation so meaningfully engaged in the service.

Next, Rebekah distributed ballots to session members and requested they vote on the 2024-2025 Assistant Clerk. Bonnie Holliday gave a brief overview of the Assistant Clerk's responsibilities.

Rebekah also recapped Trinity's recent Town Hall Meeting, and she announced that the annual commitment campaign has officially concluded. The final dollar amount pledged was \$3.875M which exceeds the goal set by the commitment chairs. For the second year in a row, Trinity has had an increase in both pledges and participation.

Rebekah then highlighted that Trinity's 2023 Annual Report is in production and will be presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 25th. She also highlighted the many Lenton activities on the calendar in the coming weeks.

In personnel news, Rebekah announced the hiring of Tanner Short who will serve as Trinity's new Trinity Fellow in youth ministry.

CLERK'S REPORT

Bonnie Holliday

Bonnie Holliday began with an explanation of the annual Congregational Statistical Report for 2023 which is included in the session packet. She noted that the end-of-year membership number was 1624.

She also reminded session of the April 30th Presbytery Meeting. Attending commissioners will be: Adair White, Kenny Kraft, Allen Moseley, Reid Willingham, Catherine Warren, Jon Balch, and Ginny Hobbs.

SPECIAL ORDERS & REPORTS:

PRESBYTERY MEETING REPORT

Karen Bain

Karen Bain gave a brief update on the business and worship aspects of the recent presbytery meeting that took place on February 3, 2024.

FINANCE

Richard O'Donnell

Richard O'Donnell began his update with a review of the 2024 operating budget. He highlighted that every committee was awarded 100% of their requested budget in 2024, He also noted the addition of two new roles at Trinity: the Wellness and Recreation Director and the part-time parish associate.

The finance committee then brought a motion to approve the 2024 operating budget. Once on the table, there was some discussion about how youth ministry is funded within the operating budget. Rebekah explained that there is additional money in this year's budget to subsidize a portion of travel expenses for our youth as they attend trips and retreats. Rebekah also articulated the need to have the commitment campaign finalized earlier next year so that the budget can—in turn—be approved earlier. This will allow committees and staff to execute with fidelity a thoughtful annual plan (rather than launching a plan in March).

The motion to approve the budget did not require a second and was approved unanimously.

OPEN FORUM

Lucy Strong shared correspondence from the "Prime Timers." The group submitted a request to use Trinity's bus which has been recently refurbished, but Lucy noted that a driver with a Commercial Driver's License is required. The hope is that Trinity's new Recreation and Wellness Director (when hired) will have a CDL.

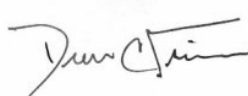
Rebekah also noted that a mini-retreat for session members is scheduled for May 11th from 4-8pm during which the incoming elder class will share their faith statements and take elder examinations.

CLOSING PRAYER AND DEPARTING BLESSINGS

Lucy Strong

A motion was made and affirmed to adjourn the meeting. Lucy Strong closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Holliday
Clerk

Drew Timmons
Assistant Clerk

Trinity Presbyterian Church Session In-person Attendance (In Bold), February 20, 2024

Name	Name	Name
Roxanna Erwin	Reid Willingham	Nick Leet
Ginny Hobbs	Kenny Kraft	Catherine Warren
Bonnie Holiday – Asst. Clerk	Kristin Hunter	Jon McRae
Richard O’Donnell	Tom Owens	Paige Keller
Trey Reese	Martha Craft	Jon Balch
Lane Rhoden	Drew Timmons	Jay Harris
Allen Spetnagel	Meredith Daniel	Dean Cleaveland
Cindy Stancil	Allen Moseley	Rebekah Groover
Adair White	Chris Suh	Mary Kelly Speed
Neal Williams	Lindsey Greene	Karen Bain
		Catherine Quillian (youth)
		Helen Slawson (youth)
Staff Attendees:	Other Attendees:	Guests
Rebekah LeMon-Moderator		
Elizabeth Davis		
Lucy Strong		

UPCOMING DATES		
Annual Congregational Meeting	Feb 25	After 11am worship
Trinity's Got Talent	Feb 25	6pm in the Loft (Sign-up Genius coming soon!)
Youth Ministry Community Dinner	March 10	To learn about and support youth international mission trip to Scotland and Ireland
Confirmation Dinner and Session meeting	March 19	Before full Session meeting; dinner with Session, confirmands, and mentors
Officer Training	March 10 & 17, April 14 & 21	
Baptisms	March 31	Isabelle Langley Warley; daughter of Peyton and Emma Higgins Warley John Charles Ale III, son of Margaret Mansfield Ale and John Ale
Baptisms	April 14	Smith Edward Riley; son of Katie and Chris Riley Bunny Gossett King; daughter of Blake and Bailey King
Youth and Confirmation Sunday	April 14	Confirmands to be received during worship
Baptism	April 21	Collins Josephine Carr, daughter of David and Jennifer Carr
½ day Session retreat	May 11	Overlapping Session classes
Ordination and Installation of elders, Holy Smokers BBQ	May 19	
Baptism	June 9	John Patterson Pulliam, son of Sara and John Pulliam