

# 1 GROSSE ILE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## 2 Minutes of Stated Session Meeting

August 20, 2024

Attendance, Elders:

Class of 2025

Jim Becker-P

Bruce Markwardt-E

Sue Hurst-P

Class of 2026

Cyndi Jenkins-P

Jay Frucci-E

Raelene VanNoord-P

Ray Kramer-P

Class of 2027

Vicki Uday-P

Leah Iglehart-P

Bruce Ranck-P

Moderator: David Montgomery-P Treasurer: Jeanne Kennedy-P Clerk: Sally Freeman – P

Assistant Clerk: Anne Wright – P Christian Nurture: Grace Morton – P

Guest(s): Kathleen Rankin, Marta Kramer, Guido Colarossi, Steve Benton, Tammy Ranck, Sue Quinn, Greg, Genter, Shannon Genter, Nancy Colina, John Colina, Lyndsey Williams, Bud Uday, Ron Case

**Call to Order and Opening Prayer:** Moderator, David Montgomery called the meeting to order with prayer at 7:00 p.m. The clerk attested there was a quorum. The meeting took place in the Fireside room and on Zoom.

**Additions or Deletions from Agenda:** Moved to add additions to the agenda. Passed unanimously.

**Elder Training:** Assessing Current Resources and Setting Priorities.

Reverend Montgomery discussed the need for more help in each commission/committee. 10 boards were placed around the Fireside room. Each board was a commission/committee: Adult Nurture, Children's Nurture, Youth Nurture, Mission and Stewardship, Communication and Technology, Engagement, Personnel, Finance and Administration, Property and Worship, Sacrament and Music. Elder Ranck began the discussion by advising there are too many balls in the air. We need to compile and complete a list. It is key to complete tasks so improvements are in place when it is time for a pastor to be called.

Lengthy discussion followed from the each commission/committees. It became apparent that the commissions/committees are connecting with each other, in other words working together instead of separately. Some of the top priorities for the September session meeting are Youth Director, Website/Social Media, Code Red messaging.

**Consent Agenda:**

a) Motion to approve minutes of the Stated Session Meeting of June 25, 2024, and the Special Stated Session Meeting of August 18, 2024, by Elder Iglehart and seconded by Elder Ranck. Approved unanimously.

b) Motion to elect Sally Freeman, clerk of session; Anne Wright, assistant clerk of session, and Jeanne Kennedy Treasurer for 2024/2025 was made by Elder Iglehart and seconded by Elder Hurst. Approved unanimously.

c) Motion to approve Marguerite Clapham transferring membership to Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills, MI and removing Rochelle O'Brian from our membership rolls by Elder Hurst and seconded by elder Iglehart. Approved unanimously.

**Clerks Report:**

- a) Spire Deadline: Info for the Spire should be in by August 26, 2024.
- b) Due to Rev. David Montgomery contracting Covid, motion was made and approved unanimously to have Ron Case preach and serve communion on Sunday, August 4, 2024.
- c) Record that communion was served to 16 people at the 8:15 service and 74 people at the 9:30 service on July 7, 2024. Home communion was served to 7 people.
- d) Record that communion was served to 10 people at the 8:15 service and 66 people at the 9:30 service on August 4, 2024.
- e) Recorded the Baptism of Judson Patrick Alford, the son of Rebecca and Andrew.
- f) Received Rebecca Alford as an active member by reaffirmation of faith.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- 1) Motion and support to receive the financial report for the months of June and July 2024, by Elder Hurst and seconded by Elder Jenkins.

Operating Fund	June	YTD	Budget	Remaining Budget
Total Income	\$ 28,175	\$ 347,543	\$ 605,654	\$ 258,111
Total Expense	\$ 41,947	\$ 283,735	\$ 622,654	\$ 338,919
Net Contribution	\$ (13,772)	\$ 63,808	\$ (17,000)	

Operating Fund	July	YTD	Budget	Remaining Budget
Total Income	\$ 21,805	\$ 369,348	\$ 605,654	\$ 236,306
Total Expense	\$ 38,872	\$ 322,607	\$ 622,654	\$ 300,047
Net Contribution	\$ (17,067)	\$ 46,741	\$ (17,000)	

**Committee & Commission Matters:**

- 1) PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee)  
July 1<sup>st</sup> was their first meeting. Their plan is to meet twice a week.
- 2) Nominating Committee  
Dissolved the 2023 and began selection of 2024. Elder Hurst is the Chairperson for 2024 and Elder Jenkins the 2<sup>nd</sup> year Elder.
- 3) York Connection  
Motion was made to dissolve the York Connection Task Force and Juliet, effective August 31, 2024. Passed unanimously. Adult Nurture Commission will assume responsibility for Older Adult Ministry. York will have at least one representative for the ANC. Account balances to be transferred to Theologian-In-Residence fund. Note: Funds from the original bequest from Anne York's estate were expended previously.
- 4) Finance and Administrative Committee met ½ hours before session meeting. Information will be available at the next session meeting.
- 5) Property  
A motion to approve \$9,600 for asphalt resurfacing. This would come from the rainy-day fund. Passed unanimously.
- 6) Personnel  
Elder Ranck is working on a proposal to extend the contract for Interim Pastor David Montgomery beyond September 1, 2024.
- 7) Mission and Stewardship  
Elder Uday moved to support "Caring for Creation Virtual Event on August 27, 2024, Wade Fernandez. Approved to put GIPC on list.  
More Light – Spend \$200.00 a year on a More Light Congregation. This was put on hold until next session meeting.

- 8) Communication and Technology  
Motion by Elder Jenkins and seconded by Elder Becker to insert in Pictorial Directory a request for a discretionary fund to help defray cost. Approved unanimously.
- 9) WSM  
Moved to approve guest speakers for the following dates:  
September 15, 2024 – Rev. Loren Scribner  
October 20, 2024 – Rev. Larry Clark  
December 29, 2024 – Rev. Dr. Andrew Pomerville  
Approved unanimously.
- 10) Staff Reports  
Grace Morton brought the session up to date on Rally Day. If a Commission/Committee wants a table, please let her know.  
Statement of Inclusion is being held until the next session meeting.

Rev. David Montgomery advised he is meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August with the Downriver Presbyterian ministers. What can the 4 Churches do together!

**Adjournment:**

Elder Ranck moved to adjourn and was seconded by Elder Becker. The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Freeman, Clerk of Session  
Grosse Ile Presbyterian Church

