

1 GROSSE ILE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2 Minutes of Stated Session Meeting September 17, 2024

Attendance, Elders:

Class of 2025

Jim Becker-P

Bruce Markwardt-E

Sue Hurst-P

Class of 2026

Cyndi Jenkins-P

Jay Frucci-P

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, Tammy Ranck

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:

- a) Discussion began on what it means to be a “More Light” Presbyterian Congregation. A power point showing the history was presented. GIPC is on the “More Light” list. Elder Uday advised that in 2019 it was lgbt, today it is lgbtqia2s+. In the past several years the fluidity of gender has become more prevalent. Vicki’s question is “Do we want to focus on one group or do we want to be welcoming to all”? The session will hold a special meeting on September 24, 2024, to further discuss.
- b) Assessing current resources and setting priorities. Each commission/committee advised on proposed ideas as well as ones already implemented. Some of the ideas or programs are listed as follows: intergenerational church wide mission project, enhance website: code red messaging and social media texting, all church work day, vacation bible school, youth help with coffee hour, church wide meal every two months, Christmas caroling, fellowship hall live streaming, outreach to get more youth into congregation, make Trunk & Treat a “magnet” location, education, community grown gardens, request help from community workers thru the police department, Trenton students to help bundle diapers.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Elder Ranck and seconded by Elder Iglehart to approve the minutes of the Stated session meeting of August 20, 2024. Approved unanimously.

Clerks Report:

- a) Spire Deadline: Info for the Spire should be in by September 25, 2024.
- b) Record that communion was served to 76 people at the 10:30 service on September 1, 2024. Home communion was served to 6 people.
- c) Judy Wilder submitted the 2023 audit of GIPC’s financial statements.

Treasurer’s Report:

- 1) Motion and support to receive the financial report for the month of August 2024, by Elder Frucci and seconded by Elder Hurst.

Operating Fund	August	YTD	Budget	Remaining Budget
Total Income	\$ 30,880.12	\$ 400,228.46	\$ 605,654	\$ 205,425.54
Total Expense	\$ 67,949.28	\$ 390,557.10	\$ 622,654	\$ 232,096.90
Net Contribution	\$ (37,069.16)	\$ 9,671.36	\$ (17,000)	

- 2) Elder Ranck questioned how funds came about and if there are restrictions to eliminate or streamline in the capital budget.

Personnel:

- 1) Rev. Montgomery and Grace Morton left the meeting while Rev. Montgomery’s contract was discussed. Kathy Rankin proposed the contract for David Montgomery be for 4 months, taking it to the end of 2024 calendar year. There is no change to salary for the balance of the year. Elder Ranck moved and Elder Iglehart seconded to accept the contract for the next 4 months. Approved unanimously.
- 2) Elder Ranck moved and Elder Iglehart seconded to approve Grace Morton’s recommendation to hire a 2nd nursery assistant at \$16.25/hours. Approved unanimously.

Committee & Commission Matters:

- 1) PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee)
 - a) Request \$12,000.00 for PNC budget to cover expenses for search and selection process from the Budget Surplus Fund. Approved unanimously.
 - b) PNC recommending a Conflict Management Team to hear members’ concerns and complaints going forward. This is in response to the Holy Cow Survey.
 - c) Elder Ranck moved and Elder Frucci seconded to update GIPC’s Mission Statement. Approved unanimously.
New Mission statement is: “REFLECTING GOD’S WORD AND GENEROSITY THROUGH OUR ACTIONS”
- 2) Nominating Committee: Elder Hurst advised the selection is moving along.
- 3) Finance and Administrative Committee: Elder Frucci advised we need to find ways to generate more revenue. All areas are being reviewed.
- 4) Property
 - a) A motion by Elder Ranck and seconded by Elder Markwardt to transfer \$52,390.00 from Fidelity to pay for painting the exterior of church. Moved unanimously.
 - b) Several exterior doors need to be replaced and/or remedial repair.
 - c) Structural repairs due to rotten wood both on the East and West sides of church must be done this Fall. This includes eaves and roof tiles.
 - d) Resurfacing of parking lot will begin on September 23rd.
 - e) RT5 (roof top) compressor is no longer functioning. This cools the air for the offices. This unit is 20 years old. Weighing repairing or replacing.
- 5) Mission and Stewardship: See Elder Training
- 6) Communication and Technology: Elder Markwardt requested \$2,400.00 for hard drives and \$50.00 for on-line storage.
- 7) WSM
 - a) Monies from the GI Chorale Fund were moved to the Island Ecumenical Council.
 - b) Preacher Larry Clark cannot preach on October 20, 2024. Grace Morton will preach on that date. Approved unanimously.

- 8) CNC
 - a) Moved to approve the 2024/2025 schoolteachers. Passed unanimously.
 - b) Moved to approve the Blessing Box being placed on the NW corner of the property. Approved unanimously.
- 9) New Business: Discussed putting PEO fundraiser on tables at Wednesday night dinner.
- 10) Staff Reports:

Grace Morton attached the updated Child Protection Policy for session to review. This will be discussed and approved at the October meeting.

Rev. David Montgomery summarized several areas over the past month. Grow with Us is the theme for the Stewardship campaign for 2025.

Adjournment:

Elder Ranck moved to adjourn and was seconded by Elder Becker. The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Freeman, Clerk of Session
Grosse Ile Presbyterian Church