Session Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2026

Present: Rev. Dave Steane, Kris Bauman, Bill Rhea, Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell, Elizabeth Roth, Kirk Cherry, Rev. Greg Hartnett, Wendy Buckler, Ken Laura, John Moe, Shelly Busby, Dave Dillard, Rev. Matt Holtzman, Rev. Ellen Dawson, Bonnie Ortivez, Kappy Stewart, Scott Berry, Angie Schweitzer, Marguerite Hermanson, David Barnhart, Peter Hurt, Jeff Freyschlag, Tom Amblad, Rev. Matteen Elass.

Excused: Susan Pattee, Mary Frieg, Mark Albers

Guest: Linda Hood

Motion: Kris Bauman moved to welcome Linda Hood with voice but no vote. Krik Cherry seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Leah Landolfi moved to appoint Dave Dillard as acting clerk for the meeting today in the absence of Clerk Susan Pattee. Scott Berry seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

A. Part One: Scripture Reading and Prayer

   i. Reading John 9:1-12

      - Open Prayers for those healing and those looking for Jesus

   ii. Reading John 9:13-23

      - Prayer for those blinded by pride, for those suffering anxiety

   Iii. Reading John 9:24-34

      - For those under scrutiny and those who need to be bold to share their testimony

   Iv. Reading John 9:35-41

      - Prayer for those who do not yet believe in Jesus and for other concerns

B. Part Two: Discernment and Decision Time

   a. Omnibus Motion – The Facilities/IT and Missions Ministry Team notes were removed from the Omnibus motion to answer questions. Moved to approve the remainder of the Omnibus motion Motion Carried.

      Facility/IT Report and Finance – A question was raised to help understand the confusion on the questions that finance had about the parking lot. Shelly Busby advised that elders met to discuss, and they were able to figure out how the drainage would work, which was where the confusion was.

      Missions Report – Dave Dillard said that the notes stated that Alex showed the mission video from Ashely – it brought up the question about how the rest of the congregation sees what is

going on with this story. We commissioned this group in service and would love to have a follow-up in service, so people know what happened. Tim McConnell stated that it was a great question, and they will continue to look at ways to incorporate this in worship.

Jeff Freyschlag motioned to receive the Facilities and IT report and the Missions report that was pulled out. Ken Laura seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Order of the Day

a. Welcome New Elders – each elder shared their spiritual autobiography. Mateen Elass closed this portion of the agenda in prayer.

D. Old Business

a. Worship Times Task Force

The Worship Times Task Force moved to adopt the new schedule as outlined as soon as reasonably possible: 8:30 & 10:15 Classic worship; 9:30 & 11 am Modern worship. Motion Carried.

Leah Landolfi moved to dissolve the Worship Times Task Force. Wendy Buckler seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

b. EPNC – Linda Hood provided a report on the journey of the EPNC and how they were led to recommending Rev. Greg Hartnett for this position.

i. *The EPNC moves that Session call a congregational meeting on May 3rd, 12:30 pm, in the Worship Center, for the purpose of affirming the promotion of Rev. Greg Hartnett to Executive Pastor. Discussion occurred. Motion Carried.*

E. New Business

a. Finance Motion about ESM Funds

i. *The Finance and Mission Committees' motion to designate approximately $342,000 of funds, which were a return of First Presbyterian Church's capital investment in the Ecumenical Social Ministry ("ESM") building, to be used as a capital investment in a physical building that can be used only for community outreach. Motion Carried.*

b. Motion to approve Assignments

i. Dave Dillard moved to approve the Ministry Team elder assignments as listed below. Seconded by Kris Bauman. Motion carried.

Caring
1. Mark Albers (27)
2. Tom Amblad (29)

Finance & Stewardship
1. Shelly Busby (27)
2. David Barnhart (29)

Communications

Human Resources

1. Dave Dillard (29)
2. Leah Landolfi (28)

1. Kris Bauman (27)
2. Angie Schweitzer (29)

Discipleship
1. Kappy Stewart (27)
2. Bill Rhea (28)

Missions
1. Ken Laura (27)
2. Wendy Buckler (28)
3. Marguerite Hermanson (29)

Facilities & Technology
1. Susan Pattee (28)
2. John Moe (28)

Worship & Production
1. Kirk Cherry (27)
2. Bonnie Ortivez (27)
3. Mary Frieg (28)

Family Ministries
1. Scott Berry (28)
2. Peter Hurt (29)

ii. *Kirk Cherry moved to approved Susan Pattee to serve as Clerk of Session and Shelly Busby to serve as Treasurer for the 2026-2027 term. Jeff Freyschlag seconded the motion. Motion Carried.*

iii. *KirkCherry moved to approve the following people to serve as Officers of the Corporation for the 2026-2027 term. Kris Bauman seconded the motion. Motion Carried.*

President & Lead Pastor:	Tim McConnell
Executive Director (Pastor):	Dave Steane (until May 31, 2026)
	Greg Hartnett (effective June 1, 2026)
Secretary:	Susan Pattee
Treasurer:	Shelly Busby

iv. *Presbytery Meeting – Thursday April 23, 2026 at 4 pm via Zoom. Need 6 elders to attend the meeting. Jeff Freyschlag, Bonnie Ortivez, Kirk Cherry, Kris Bauman, Leah Landolfi, Ken Laura. Shelly Busby moved to elect the listed people to attend the meeting. Kirk Cherry seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

F. Part Three: Visioning

a. Compassion Church Plant – In January Tim asked the elders to start praying about a church plant, and he is continuing to ask to pray about that but to provide some more specific news on a church plant. Jimmy & Leanne Mellado, CEO of Compassion International, have been coming to First Pres and approached Tim and Abigial to pray about starting a church plant inside of the building at Compassion. They have half of the building that is not being used regularly as there was a flood, they redid it like a conference center with a large chapel that can fit 350 people with tech and av as well as classrooms. So, the prayer would be to pray about planting a ECO church in the Compassion headquarters, and the for neighborhoods and people who live in that area of town.

G. Upcoming Dates

a. Communion Dates: May 3, June 7, August 2, September 6, October 4, December 6, December 24, January 10

b. Sermon Series - Romans Series Continues - What are you praying for? (April 19 - May 24); The People of God (May 31 - July 19)

c. Congregational Meeting May 3rd – 12:30 pm – Worship Center

d. Prayer Circle Around the Church - May 24 - 12:30 pm

e. Staff/Session Retreat - August 4