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FEBRUARY SESSION MINUTES – FEBRUARY 18, 2025 6:15PM MODERATOR: TIM MCCONNELL

Present: Rev. Tim McConnell (Moderator), Rev. Dave Steane, Rev. Greg Hartnett, Mary Frieg, Randy Case, Kappy Stewart, Lindy Keffer, Dorothy Alvarez, Mark Albers, Shelly Busby, Dave Dillard, Megan Nilsen, Susan Pattee, Kris Bauman, Elizabeth Roth, Kirk Cherry, Bryan Frame, Rev. Michael Thornton, Kathy Freyschlag, Mike Hodges

Excused: Bonnie Ortivez, Rev. John Goodale, Mike Albright, Pam Moore

Absent: Ken Laura, Jim Martin, Aaron Zimmerman

Guests: Tonya Lark, First Pres Forward, James Blount, Comms Director,

1. Call to Order Tim McConnell
 - a. Tim asked for a **motion for guests present to have voice but not vote, moved by Dave Dillard, second by Michael Thornton- motion approved.**

2. Roll Call and Quorum Kathy Freyschlag
 - a. Clerk confirmed that Quorum was present

3. Devotional Susan Pattee
 - a. Matthew 14:22-23

4. Reports
 - a. Clerks Report & Minutes Kathy Freyschlag
 - **Nothing needed adjusting from meetings, received clerks report as written. Dave Dillard motioned to received minutes as written – seconded by Kris Bauman – motion approved.**
 - b. Treasurer's Report Randy Case
 - **Reviewed Financials. Kathy Freyschlag moved to receive the Treasurers report; Mary Frieg seconded – motion approve**

5. First Pres Forward Presentation Kris Bauman
 - a. What are we trying to accomplish with the Frist Pres Forward Team? We are not missing a strategic framework as we have that in the compass, the problem is that people can't connect to that. There are barriers that prevent them. Everything that we are hearing is that everything runs into these barriers. So, we looked to reformulate to see how we can remove the barriers.
 - b. Reviewed Initiatives and discussed
 - c. Reviewed next steps. teams.



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6. Lead Pastor Report Tim McConnell
- a. Thank you for your support for Tim and his family on Sunday. It was a very meaningful time.
 - b. Sustainable Strategy for the staff. Tim is working on this a small group of people.
 - c. In the Spring we will be in a series of prayer. We want to call people to daily prayer, Friday fasts, prayer meetings. Pastors have been working on how to lead out on this. On Pentecost we will do a 24-hour prayer vigil and then on Sunday we will do an outside prayer surrounding a church to pray for our church and then turning to pray for our city.
 - d. EPNC has hired a consultant – Rob Lauer. Praying for them as they move forward.
 - e. Taylor University Job –Tim McConnell explained specifics of the job and it was discussed. We as session are affirming to continuing to pursue this as it stands. Dorthey moved our strong support of Tim’s relationship with Taylor University within this unique season and unique role, with confidence that this will be mutually beneficial for both First Pres and Taylor University. Dave Dillard seconded this motion. Motion approved. Michael prayed for Tim.
7. Transitional Pastor Report Dave Steane
- a. HVAC issues. Last week Dave walked the campus with HVAC folks, and we have far too many rooms that are too hot, too cold or too loud and it is impairing ministry. We are trying to get a comprehensive plan of what needs to be fixed and how much it costs.
 - b. Review process has started and will be concluded by the end of the month or early March.
 - c. Dave will send email about the ministry teams preferences.
 - d. Dorothy Alvarez stated we started a new member class on Wednesday night. Overall younger people in the class, with up to 12 people. She asked them how they are involved and how to they want to be involved. The biggest things they said was that they need the nursery more. We need to provide childcare for more events. On Wednesday February 26 they will share their testimony with an elder and would love to have two more elders to show up for that. It would be at 6:15 pm.
8. New Business Tim McConnell
- a. Baptismal Service MOTION – Discussed a baptismal service The motion from the worship team is to hold a baptism service on April 27 at 1 pm, in the Worship Center. It does not need a second since brought forward by a ministry team. Motion approved
 - b. Approval Corporate Officers. MOTION – For our current bylaws, which need to be revised soon, we are required to have 5 corporate officer, and one person can serve in multiple roles. The Advisory Council moves to have the leader pastor serve as senior pastor and president, church treasurer to serve as corporate treasurer, the clerk of session serve as the secretary, and the executive pastors perform the duties as executive director. Does not need a second since brought forward by a ministry team. Motion approved
 - c. Facilities Motion – Facilities would like to approve the \$181,000 commons



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proposal. The facilities and finance committees would like to move to approve an additional \$181,000 plus meaningful signage, to complete the Commons and Library Projects. No second is needed since brought by ministry team. Discussion happened. Motion approved.

9. Close in Prayer
 - a. Closed in prayer at 9:08 pm

Tim McConnell