



**STATED MEETING OF SESSION  
New Hope Presbyterian Church (EPC)**

**Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 6PM  
Minutes**

**Session (Elders)**

Teaching Elders:		Pastor Eddie Spencer	P	Pastor Mike Jones	P
Class of 2020		Class of 2021		Class of 2022	
David Carpenter	Z	Bill Ashton	Z	Steve Boutelle	P
Bill Enslin	P	Al Frees	P	Sheldon Church	P
Art Hunkins	P	Randy Hincks	P	Sean Ellis	P
Pat Mehaffie	P	Jeannie Martin	P	Jackie Elliott	P
Signe Pagel	P			Jerry Franz	Z
				Ken Seim	P
Jordan Bates (Staff)	P	Chuck Knox (Treas)	P	Bob Welsh (Member)	P
Ed Harger (Staff)		Zack UnKenholz (Staff)		Quorum	Yes
P=Present, EA= Excused Absence, A= Absence, Z=Zoom					

1. Opening Prayer: Pastor Eddie
2. Clerk of Session Report
  - a. **MSC (Ken S./Bill E./Unanimous)** to approve the Special Session minutes (April 22<sup>nd</sup>) as presented. (See attached report).
  - b. **MSC (Pat.M/Sean E./Unanimous)** to approve the Membership Statistical Report. (See attached report)
  - c. Report from those Commissioners who attended the Virtual Presbytery meeting (Sat, May 16<sup>th</sup>). The four commissioners (Bill E./Bob.W/Jeannie M./David C.) gave a verbal report on how well the virtual (Zoom) meeting went.
3. Financial Reports (Randy H.; Chuck Knox): See attached report.  
Chuck and Randy praised the Lord on how the church family are meeting the financial needs of the NHP ministry especially doing these challenging times. Randy prayed and gave thanks to the Lord for His faithfulness.
4. Proposal on how best to begin our worship services (Pastor Eddie):  
After much in-depth, honest and constructive discussion the following changes were made.
  - a. **MSC (Signe P./Pat M./Unanimous)** to change the starting dates for the reopening of our worship services to:
    1. Thursday (**June 25<sup>th</sup>-5pm**) Traditional in sanctuary (Record, edit and post online)
    2. Thursday (**June 25<sup>th</sup>-7pm**) Contemporary in sanctuary (Record, edit and post online)
    3. Sunday (**June 28<sup>th</sup>-9:00am**) Traditional in sanctuary with a livestream in Room 212 for overflow
    4. Sunday (**June 28<sup>th</sup>-11:00am**) Contemporary in sanctuary with a livestream in Room 212 for overflow

5. Sunday (June 28<sup>th</sup>-5:00pm) Mike and Ben providing the music
  - b. This same motion authorizes one to three preview Worship services as determined by Pastor Eddie. The first preview worship service is scheduled for:
    1. **Thursday (June 4<sup>th</sup>- 5pm)** Traditional Preview Service- Invite all elders/deacons, Staff, Ushers, Greeters and Safety Team and their spouses who would normally attend the traditional service. In addition, possible invite other leaders and/or classes.
    2. **Thursday (June 4<sup>th</sup>-7pm)** Contemporary Preview Service- Invite all elders/deacons, Staff, Ushers, Greeters and Safety Team and their spouses who would normally attend the contemporary service. In addition, possible invite other leaders and/or classes.
    3. Note: These Worship services (preview) are to provide not only a worship service but also to act as a trial run to see if any changes, etc. are needed before the start of our Worship service reopening on June 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Session also noted the following:
    1. That above all else, we need to provide a safe environment for our church family as they come together to Worship.
    2. These means executing the guidelines as outlined by the State, CDC, etc. (Social distancing, masks, hand sanitizers, etc.). The purpose of the added services is to allow for social distancing. Based on this it is recommended (until further notice) that no more than 120 people be allowed into the sanctuary for any given service.
    3. We make the congregant aware of what we will be doing but also what their responsibilities are as we all come together to worship. This will be accomplished by announcements, posters, etc.
    4. Also, we encourage any who are uncomfortable in coming or who are in anyway not feeling well to stay home and participate in the worship via the live stream. Regardless as where you are, we will be still united in spirit as we worship the Lord together.
    5. A survey be conducted in order to get a feel as to how many plan on coming to each of the services.
5. Student Ministries report: Jordan B., Dir and Zack U., Ass't Dir gave an update and provided for Q/A on what is happening with their ministry. Even during these times, opportunities have been available to work with the students and to demonstrate that being a Christian is a 24/7 journey with the Lord.

The Session is very pleased with the way the children and young people are being cared for by all three of the ministries; Youth Ministry (Jordan and Zack); Children Ministry (Debbie); and Early Childhood ministry (Pam) and their respective staff members. (See report).

6. Other Council/Ministry Status Updates and/or Reports (See attached reports):
  1. Youth and Student Ministries report: Jordan Bates,
  2. Children Ministries report: Debbie Norris
  3. Early Childhood Ministries report: Pam Poland
  4. Mission/Outreach Council Minutes: Jim Mayer
  5. Deacon's Minutes: Jill Ritterbusch

7. New Business:

- a. Because Zoom does not readily accommodate itself to the way the Stephen's Ministry meeting is formatted and conducted, a request was made by Al Frees. for the Stephen's ministry to again hold their monthly meeting back in the church.

MSC (Ken S./Bill E./Unanimous) to allow the Stephen's ministry to hold their meetings at the church. The details will be worked out with Ed H and that the guidelines for social distancing, etc. will be adhered to.

8. Old Business (Tabled):

- a. Review and approval of the Mission's Council Policy and Procedures
- b. Review and approval on the Revised Constitution and By-laws.
- c. Request to support another Cub Pack (Steve Shimp). See attached report.

9. Closing Prayer: Bill E.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pastor Eddie, Moderator  
Art H., Clerk of Session



## New Hope Presbyterian Church (EPC)

**RptMS01- Monthly Membership Statistics for: April 2020**

<b>Active Membership as of the Beginning of Month</b>		<b>1,030</b>
New Members this Month	0	
<b>Membership (Unadjusted)</b>		<b>1,030</b>

<b>Membership Removals for the Month</b>		
Members Deceased this Month	0	
Members Transfer Out this Month	2	
Members- Session has Approved to Remove	1	
<b>Total Removals for this Month</b>		<b>-3</b>

<b>** Total Active Members as of the End of Month</b>	<b>1,027 **</b>
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<b>Active Affiliates as of the Beginning of Month</b>		<b>33</b>
New Affiliates this Month	0	
<b>Affiliates (Unadjusted)</b>		<b>33</b>

<b>Affiliate Removals for the Month</b>		
Affiliates Deceased this Month	0	
Affiliates Transfer Out this Month	0	
Affiliates- Session has Approved to Remove	0	
<b>* Total Removals for this Month</b>		<b>0</b>

<b>** Total Active Affiliates as of the End of Month</b>	<b>33 **</b>
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<b>*** Total Active Membership:</b>	<b>1,060 ***</b>
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## New Hope Presbyterian Church of SWFL, Inc.

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## Balance Sheet

Cash Basis

As of April 30, 2020

	Apr 30, 20
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Checking/Savings	
11001 · Busey Operating	282,658.24
11005 · Finemark Checking	138,618.77
11009 · Petty Cash	200.00
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>421,477.01</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>421,477.01</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
13003 · Office Equipment	49,011.94
13010 · Church Organ	736,149.04
13101 · Land Acquisition	2,451,549.32
14101 · Pre-Project Capital Costs	146,401.37
15101 · New Building Costs	7,754,368.97
19101 · Accumulated Depreciation	-72,739.56
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>11,064,741.08</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>11,486,218.09</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Other Current Liabilities	
22001 · Federal Tax Payables	377.22
22002 · FICA/Medicare Payables	-177.22
22101 · Retirement/IRA Payable	401.17
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>601.17</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>601.17</b>
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>	
24001 · Capital Building Mortgage	415,725.48
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	<b>415,725.48</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>416,326.65</b>
<b>Equity</b>	
30001 · General Fund	149,856.27
31001 · Amortized Capital Reserve Fund	50,000.00
31201 · Operational Contingency	4,868.00
31301 · Land/Facilities/Equip/Furnish	9,879,018.06
31302 · Organ Fund	736,149.04
31401 · Campus Debt Reduction Fund	9,372.70
32001 · Worship Fund	
32101 · Worship/Music Fund	2,640.98
32201 · Organ Maintenance Fund	16,531.64
32301 · Memorial Fund	1,979.10
<b>Total 32001 · Worship Fund</b>	<b>21,151.72</b>
33001 · Preschool Fund	199.63
34001 · Kid's Ministry Fund	
34101 · Kids Ministry General	6,865.02
34201 · Kids Sunday AM Offering	-12.19
34301 · Kids Special Projects/Events	104.92
<b>Total 34001 · Kid's Ministry Fund</b>	<b>6,957.75</b>
35001 · Student Ministry Fund	
35101 · Student Ministry General	3,134.21
35201 · Student Events	1,351.32
35202 · Student Projects	268.35
35301 · Student Retreat	50.00
35402 · Student HS Trip	1,258.68

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As of April 30, 2020

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35411 · Student Trip Scholarship	2,453.89
<b>Total 35001 · Student Ministry Fund</b>	<b>8,516.45</b>
36001 · Adult Class Funds	
36102 · Adult New Community Class	1,655.42
<b>Total 36001 · Adult Class Funds</b>	<b>1,655.42</b>
36201 · Womens Ministry Fund	
36211 · COF World Mission	2,099.53
36212 · COF Deborah Circle	311.38
36214 · COF Lois Circle	267.07
36215 · COF Rebekah Circle	818.00
36222 · Womens Mission	1,999.81
36231 · Womens Retreat Registrations	425.93
36232 · Womens Retreat Donations	229.43
<b>Total 36201 · Womens Ministry Fund</b>	<b>6,151.15</b>
36301 · MOPS Fund	
36311 · MOPS AM	6,931.99
36321 · MomsNext AM	2,498.04
36331 · Moms @ Night	1,727.86
<b>Total 36301 · MOPS Fund</b>	<b>11,157.89</b>
37001 · Missions Fund	
37121 · Local Brittany Apartments	1,789.68
37131 · Local Dunbar Booster Club	5,354.52
37161 · Local Verity	40.00
37301 · Supporting Ministry Fund	3,062.61
37321 · Supporting Mission Kid Care	375.00
37501 · Outreach Ministry Fund	5,202.96
37511 · Outreach ECHO	1,710.00
37700 · Mission Trips Fund	
37701 · Mission Trip DR 2020	159.50
<b>Total 37700 · Mission Trips Fund</b>	<b>159.50</b>
37711 · Mission Trips Scholarships	861.14
37801 · Mission Projects	43,662.95
<b>Total 37001 · Missions Fund</b>	<b>62,218.36</b>
38011 · Care & Compassion Fund	29,285.58
38201 · Single Moms Ministry	1,392.00
38901 · Memorial Garden Perpetual Care	35,537.94
Net Income	56,403.48
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>11,069,891.44</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>11,486,218.09</b>

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**New Hope Presbyterian Church of SWFL, Inc.**  
**Session General Fund Financials vs Budget**  
**April 2020**

	<u>Apr 20</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>	<u>Jan - Apr 20</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>	<u>Annual Bud...</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>							
<b>Income</b>							
40000 · General Budgeted Income	167,577.12	211,012.50	79.4%	667,328.54	676,224.80	98.7%	1,981,161.00
40011 · Interest Income	200.00			602.72			
42000 · Worship	100.00			690.00			
44100 · Kids Ministry	155.15			4,831.22			
45000 · Student Ministries	0.00			320.07			
46000 · Adult Ministry	0.00			679.00			
46200 · Womens Ministry	10.00			1,065.00			
46600 · Family Ministries	0.00			716.00			
46800 · Hospitality	0.00			1,417.75			
51000 · Missions	0.00			369.00			
58500 · Deacons Ministry	0.00			200.00			
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>168,042.27</b>	<b>211,012.50</b>	<b>79.6%</b>	<b>678,219.30</b>	<b>676,224.80</b>	<b>100.3%</b>	<b>1,981,161.00</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>168,042.27</b>	<b>211,012.50</b>	<b>79.6%</b>	<b>678,219.30</b>	<b>676,224.80</b>	<b>100.3%</b>	<b>1,981,161.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>							
62000 · Worship/Music	1,196.16	0.00	100.0%	9,356.51	23,600.00	39.6%	23,600.00
63000 · Christian Education							
63100 · Preschool	383.66	0.00	100.0%	4,970.85	10,200.00	48.7%	10,200.00
64100 · Kids	3,194.38	0.00	100.0%	8,505.18	29,350.00	29.0%	29,350.00
64801 · RightNow Media	699.98	0.00	100.0%	1,749.95	4,200.00	41.7%	4,200.00
64901 · Child Protection Services	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	500.00	0.0%	500.00
65000 · Student Ministries	1,677.30	0.00	100.0%	7,858.87	38,800.00	20.3%	38,800.00
66100 · Adult Ministry	199.92	0.00	100.0%	1,711.49	750.00	228.2%	750.00
66200 · Womens Ministry	897.87	0.00	100.0%	2,314.56	1,000.00	231.5%	1,000.00
66400 · MOPS/MomsNext/MomsPM	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00
66500 · Men's Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00
66600 · Family Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.0%	1,452.13	7,100.00	20.5%	7,100.00
<b>Total 63000 · Christian Education</b>	<b>7,053.11</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>28,563.03</b>	<b>91,900.00</b>	<b>31.1%</b>	<b>91,900.00</b>
66800 · Hospitality/Fellowship	728.75	0.00	100.0%	5,323.55	11,550.00	46.1%	11,550.00
70000 · Missions & Outreach							

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**Session General Fund Financials vs Budget**  
**April 2020**

	<u>Apr 20</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>	<u>Jan - Apr 20</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>	<u>Annual Bud...</u>
71000 · Local Outreach	123.57	0.00	100.0%	8,998.76	38,000.00	23.7%	38,000.00
73100 · Supporting Roles	7,750.00	0.00	100.0%	15,500.00	31,000.00	50.0%	31,000.00
75000 · Outreach	0.00	0.00	0.0%	26,125.00	104,500.00	25.0%	104,500.00
76000 · Missionary Care & Trips	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	15,000.00	0.0%	15,000.00
77001 · Administration	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	1,500.00	0.0%	1,500.00
77011 · Mission General Spending	1,580.25	0.00	100.0%	1,608.96	5,000.00	32.2%	5,000.00
77021 · Mission Events	0.00	0.00	0.0%	822.28	5,000.00	16.4%	5,000.00
<b>Total 70000 · Missions &amp; Outreach</b>	<b>9,453.82</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>53,055.00</b>	<b>200,000.00</b>	<b>26.5%</b>	<b>200,000.00</b>
<b>78100 · Care Ministries</b>	<b>2,083.33</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>8,941.39</b>	<b>29,500.00</b>	<b>30.3%</b>	<b>29,500.00</b>
78500 · Deacons	51.60	0.00	100.0%	777.15	3,050.00	25.5%	3,050.00
79000 · EPC Support	2,833.33	0.00	100.0%	12,125.96	38,000.00	31.9%	38,000.00
88000 · Facilities & Campus	7,912.69	0.00	100.0%	50,260.53	188,070.00	26.7%	188,070.00
88500 · Administration	12,647.60	0.00	100.0%	36,180.65	135,890.00	26.6%	135,890.00
89001 · Mortgage Principal and Interest	14,000.00	0.00	100.0%	56,000.00	168,000.00	33.3%	168,000.00
90000 · Personnel	91,044.34	0.00	100.0%	362,681.77	1,091,601.00	33.2%	1,091,601.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>149,004.73</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>623,265.54</b>	<b>1,981,161.00</b>	<b>31.5%</b>	<b>1,981,161.00</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>19,037.54</b>	<b>211,012.50</b>	<b>9.0%</b>	<b>54,953.76</b>	<b>-1,304,936.20</b>	<b>-4.2%</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>19,037.54</b>	<b>211,012.50</b>	<b>9.0%</b>	<b>54,953.76</b>	<b>-1,304,936.20</b>	<b>-4.2%</b>	<b>0.00</b>



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New Hope Presbyterian Church of SWFL, Inc.  
Session Restricted: Transactions  
April 2020

	TOTAL
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
44100 · Kids Ministry	2,758.24
45000 · Student Ministries	1,001.90
46200 · Womens Ministry	25.00
49101 · Building Fund Pledge	3,065.00
49801 · Columbarium Income	2,500.00
51000 · Missions	
51100 · Local Missions Income	3,580.25
57000 · Missions Misc	25,377.20
<b>Total 51000 · Missions</b>	28,957.45
58100 · Caring Ministries	7,007.00
<b>Total Income</b>	45,314.59
<b>Gross Profit</b>	45,314.59
<b>Expense</b>	
63000 · Christian Education	
64100 · Kids	5,682.76
66400 · MOPS/MomsNext/MomsPM	140.79
<b>Total 63000 · Christian Education</b>	5,823.55
70000 · Missions & Outreach	
71000 · Local Outreach	3,177.06
73100 · Supporting Roles	769.50
75000 · Outreach	1,900.00
76000 · Missionary Care & Trips	-875.00
77011 · Mission General Spending	2,362.45
<b>Total 70000 · Missions &amp; Outreach</b>	7,334.01
78100 · Care Ministries	
78101 · Care and Compassion	1,000.00
<b>Total 78100 · Care Ministries</b>	1,000.00
89801 · Memorial Garden-Perpetual Care	15.09
<b>Total Expense</b>	14,172.65
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	31,141.94
<b>Net Income</b>	31,141.94

May 20, 2020

From: Jordan Bates, Director of Student Ministries

To: Session

RE: Student Ministry April/May Update for Session:

- Jordan and Zack have continued to post two minute Daily Devotions on Instagram @nhpstudents to encourage students to be in God's Word throughout the week.
- May 6 we hosted a "Senior Night" to honor and celebrate seniors and look back on the time they have spent in student ministry. We showed pictures from their time in youth group and videos of people saying what they love about them. It was a very special time and our seniors expressed their thanks to everyone who impacted them during their time in student ministry at New Hope.
- We've extended our "Common Ground gathering" on Wednesdays through the month of May. Students tune into our live youtube video (on our Experience New Hope Youtube channel) then they join their small group on zoom. This month we've tried to incorporate themes/lessons in line with our vision frame (particularly with the 'outcome' of purposeful living). Our last "Common Ground" will be on May 27.
- Between Jordan and Zack and the adult small group leaders, we are actively reaching out to every student in our ministry via texts/calls/social media/zoom.
- Zack is continuing to spend much of his work week doing video/production tasks to support the overall vision of New Hope but is still a part of helping Jordan lead the student ministry. \*He has been working overtime every week since the beginning of this covid crisis, and we are trying to limit his video/production responsibilities so he is not overworked and so that he can do more in student ministry, particularly in contact work.
- With the input of their student ministry leaders, Jordan and Zack are beginning to think ahead and plan possible student summer events in smaller groups potentially beginning in late June/early July (hopefully they will be able to host larger group events later in the summer, but that is still unknown).

## **Children's ministry report (Debbie Norris)**

**May 2020**

**To Mars and Beyond VBS** has been rescheduled to 2021. With 400 children plus 150 volunteers, we were unable to social distance. By mid-March, 162 children had registered, many were visiting families. Brad worked hard to refund registration fees.

**Camp Kid Jam** was cancelled this summer. The deposit that was made last October was used to pay for the annual curriculum subscription, with the remainder refunded. Children were very disappointed, especially 5<sup>th</sup> graders as it was their last year. These registrations were also refunded.

Over **Mother's Day** weekend, carnations were delivered to over 90 elementary children to give to their mothers. It was a wonderful time to see many of our families face to face and chat with them to see how they are holding up. Jill Sorbello volunteered to deliver to 15 homes, while I was able to do the others. Some of our families live very far away and pass many different churches to worship at New Hope. Now – what to do for fathers in June?

**Focus is the theme of our Summer Series.** Kids are learning about Faith which is “believing in what you can't see because of what you can see.” The children's team is working on a plan to provide supplemental materials for families.

The weekend after public schools are out, the plan is to have a photo scavenger hunt for families. One of the stops is the church to receive an activity book. The following week, there will be daily Bible verses and fun activities to focus on the big idea “You can know Jesus even if you've never seen Him” plus a video with a veteran Bible teacher to share the salvation message.

Weeks 2-8 will feature 2 days of teaching with activities in between as families settle into summer. Your prayers are coveted for the Holy Spirit to work in families hearts and for their active involvement!

**Children's Ministry reopening** – we are awaiting Session's reopening plan, plus state and local guidelines. The leadership team is discussing what measures will be taken to keep children and volunteers safe when that occurs. Children are more prone to bear hugs, wrestling, and close conversations than to social distancing. There is an abundance of webinars plus information in the children's ministry groups on room arrangements, non-contact check in, sanitation and more!

Our current goal is supporting family worship at home and one day, at church.

**Innovation** – our curriculum provider shared a message asking churches to think differently about Sunday. The generation coming up may have a faith in God yet not attend church. Attendance is declining around the country as families skip “Sunday at church” for a variety of reasons. Several thought leaders have observed the crisis accelerated this problem, rather than caused it.

The question was posed, what would it look like if the church began to minister in love to the families who are “Sunday at home” families. It was an uncomfortable thought at first, yet other thought leaders are echoing this same question of the importance of online presence.

**2020: Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails. Proverbs 19:21**

*Is the Lord drawing us back to the centrality of worship?*

**Minutes for Mission Council Meeting**  
**March 9, 2020**

**Members Present:** Bill Ashton, Robin Flanagan, Art Hunkins, Bonnie Hunkins, Ken Seim, Jim LaRue, Jim Mayer, and Bob White

**Members Absent:** Pam LaRiviere, Olivia Myers and Veronica Towe

The meeting was opened in prayer at 6:00 pm by Ken Seim. Then the opening devotional was given by Jim Mayer from the first chapter of *Across the Street and Around the World*. The emphasis was on stepping out to share your faith.

Jim Mayer shared thank you notes from Lifeline and ECHO.

**Old Business**

- a. Ken Seim reviewed the Mission Council Monthly Financial Report for January.
- b. A motion was made by Art Hunkins, seconded by Jim LaRue and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the February meeting.
- c. The weekly prayer call will continue on Thursday mornings at 9:00 am.
- d. The various liaisons reported on their missionaries and outreach contacts (see attached file). Prayer requests are to be sent to Jim Mayer to be added to the prayer list for the Thursday morning prayer call.
- e. Jim Mayer announced that 40 Day for Life is looking for people to volunteer to pray in front of Planned Parenthood thru 4/6. Volunteers can join with Westminster Presbyterian Church on Wednesdays.
- f. City Gate still needs volunteers to wash clothing on Tuesday afternoons.
- g. Jim Mayer is working with Pastors Mike and Eddie on Mission Moments and the best format to present them.

**New Business**

- a. Jim Mayer announced that there is a fundraising gala for Samaritan Health & Wellness on March 28 if anyone is interested in attending, please contact Jim M.
- b. Matt & Erin Boden will be visiting on July 25-26. Jim Mayer will talk to Jordan about having something geared toward getting the kids involved with missions during their visit.
- c. Jim Mayer presented Dan Miller's request from Lance Edwards dealing with grant writing and financial help. Robin said she could help with editing the grant. The request for financial assistance was tabled until the next meeting while additional information is gathered.
- d. Jim Mayer announced that many volunteers are needed for the Mission at the Airport event on Saturday, May 16, from 10 am – 6 pm and Sunday, May 17, from 2 -6 pm.
- e. Jim Mayer presented a financial request from Luke & Alyssa Miller which was tabled until the next meeting. Jim Mayer will talk to Griffiths (who this couple works with) to get some more information about them and their ministry.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 13, 2020, at 6:00 pm. The devotional & prayer leader will be Art Hunkins.

Bob White closed the meeting in prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Hunkins

**Minutes for Mission Council Meeting**  
**New Hope Presbyterian**  
**April 13, 2020 at 6pm via Zoom**

**Members Present:** Bill Ashton, Robin Flanagan, Art Hunkins, Bonnie Hunkins, Ken Seim, Jim LaRue, Jim Mayer, and Bob White

**Members Absent:** Pam LaRiviere, Olivia Myers and Veronica Towe

The meeting was called to order by Jim Mayer at 6:04pm via Zoom.

The opening devotional was given by Art Hunkins on second chapter in "Across the Street and Around the World" which gave hints on how to reach out to foreign cultures.

Old Business

- The Mission Council Monthly financial review was given by Ken Seim.
- The following cancelations due to the coronavirus were noted:
  - The last week of the 40 Days for Life was canceled.
  - Fundraising Gala for Samaritan Health was canceled.
  - Visit of Bodens in July has been canceled
  - Mission at the Airport Event has been canceled.
- Holding the Moving Up Ceremony for Colonial 5<sup>th</sup> Graders is still uncertain based on restrictions due to the virus.
- The outcome of the meeting with Dan Miller, Jim Mayer, Ken Seim, Wendell Leimbach and Lance Edwards was presented. It looks like Wendell can be a big help to Lance.

New Business

- There was a discussion about what should be done with \$25K. returned from Next Level, but no decisions were made.
- We discussed the idea of helping the Bodens with the cost of providing food for refugees and the Griffiths with the cost of paying the salaries of their staff while the group homes are closed due to the Coronavirus, but but no decision was made.

(The week following our meeting, the Executive Committee made a recommendation to the council via email to send \$1,000 to each of these two partners. A majority of respondents agreed with this recommendation, so a request has been sent to Brad Starner to cut these checks.)

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 11, 2020 at 6:00 pm. The devotion and opening prayer will be given by Jim LaRue

Ken Seim closed the meeting in prayer at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Hunkins



# Presbytery of Florida & The Caribbean

Evangelical Presbyterian Church

2221 Old Bainbridge Road  
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May 20, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

This weekend's presbytery meeting was an historic one for a couple of reasons. First, this was our first-ever videoconference meeting. When last I looked, 93 of us were present in the meeting. This was one of the smoothest meetings I have ever attended of any presbytery. Many voices of thanks are due to Dale van Gelder of FPCO who did all of the technical work to prepare the meeting and to manage it as we conducted business. We also owe our appreciation to Mike Gillett, our chair of the Committee on Administration. He spent hours planning this meeting and arranging how details will be handled.

Second, and most significant, this was an historic occasion for us as we took action to engage in two missions of promise. One of those is the calling by our presbytery of TE Michael Smith who is planting a new church in Jacksonville. We have no EPC congregations in this town. Michael will be starting from scratch. Check out the Jacksonville website: [thejaxproject.org](http://thejaxproject.org).

The other exciting action taken is the calling of TE Gabe Swing as an evangelist in Marsh Harbor in the Bahamas. Gabe has been serving this island church as an associate at St Andrews Kirk. Before Hurricane Dorian arrived, Gabe was almost ready to particularize this church. With the devastation about 90% of the inhabitants left the island. Gabe is returning to live there and devote himself to this work. The church, Kirk of the Pines, has a building (one of the few surviving the hurricane), and it appears that as infrastructure is restored the population is returning. This provides a very promising ministry for Gabe.

If one is to ask: what is the mission of our presbytery? It is to make disciples through planting churches! This is our priority. Just last October we hired TE Shayne Wheeler to serve as our church planting director. Who would have known that we would engage in two such promising missions so soon?

Our work has just begun. These ministries need the support of all of our churches as well as many individuals to meet their needs before viability occurs. Financial support from presbytery is merely seed money. I encourage you to add presbytery church planting to your budget for future giving.

Finally, I want to thank you for your tireless service to our Lord through His church. This season of the virus has changed how we all worship which has added stress to your lives. I appreciate you for your faithfulness!

In Him,

Bill Reisenweaver, Moderator