



**STATED MEETING OF SESSION**  
**New Hope Presbyterian Church (EPC)**  
**Tuesday, Jan 17, 2023**

**Our mission: To glorify God and make disciples by living out the gospel together.**

**Minutes**

Teaching Elders:				TE	Pastor Mike Jones	P
				TE	Pastor Ben Borsay	P
Class of 2023		Active Ruling Elders Class of 2024		Class of 2025		
Jerry Elliott	P	Doug Keno	P	Art Hunkins	P	
Carolyn Melton	P	Sandy Knipe	P	Jim LaRue	P	
David Milligan	P	Mark Myers	P	Jon Witenko	P	
		Ken Walker	P	Candy Engelman	P	
		Rodney Woosley	P			
P=In-person; Z=Zoom; EA= Excused Absence; A=Absent				Quorum		Yes

Also Present: Chuck Knox (Treasurer)

- 1) Season of Prayer (6-6:15pm) - Pastor Mike  
Covering a number of different areas: Ukraine and persecuted believers;  
City, State and Nation; for our church and unity; Mission Fest; Sr Pastor search committee;  
Staff, Leaders and congregation; and praying for one another
- 2) Pastor Mike's Report (Moderator)
  - a) Recommend nominees to fill the positions on:  
**Personnel committee:** MSC (Jim L./Art H/U): Candy Engelman (Chair), Doug Keno and Florence Antuono  
**Finance committee:** MSC (Jim L/Ken W/U): Jerry Elliott (Chair), Paul Gorny and Jennifer Porter  
**Trustee:** MSC (Carolyn M/Art H/U): Jason Harre (left vacant by Dan Miller)  
**Clerk of Session:** MSC (Doug K/KenW/U): Art Hunkins
  - b) Need Elder representative for Connection night on Wed Feb 8<sup>th</sup> (will contact Elders)
  - c) Guest speaker, Mark Farrell of Tampa Covenant Church EPC on March 5<sup>th</sup>  
with Three Circles Evangelism. There will be a method workshop following the services.
  - d) Ian response team update: Brief update given by Pastor Mike
- 3) Vice Moderator Pastor Ben Borsay Report
  - a) A mini workshop on leadership and church unity.  
Referred to a book by Sigval M. Berg called "SWING"

- 4) Clerk of Session Report:
    - a) MSC (Ken W/Doug K/U) Approved the Nov 15, 2022 Session Minutes (see attachment)
    - b) MSC (Jon W/U) Approved the "Rpt MS01 Monthly Statistics summary" for end of Dec 2022 (see attachment)
    - c) Looking for four (4) Elders to attend the Feb17th and 18<sup>th</sup> (Fri/Sat) Presbytery meeting at Tampa Covenant church. Will contact the Elders individually.
    - d) Heads-up: Looking for four (4) Elders to attend the 43<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly (GA) on June 20-22<sup>nd</sup> (Tues-Thurs) at the Cherry Hills Community Church, Highland Ranch, Colorado Will contact the Elders individually.
    - e) Correspondence
      - i) To accept the following resignations from Session: MSC (Jerry E/David M/U):
        - (1) Elder Jim Glatz (see attached resignation letter)
        - (2) Elder Kathy Orr (see attached resignation letter)
        - (3) Elder Gayle Bundschu (See attached resignation letter)
        - (4) Elder Ken Seim (See attached resignation letter)
  - 5) Sr Pastor Search Committee Report- Three motions were presented for Session approval (see attachment)
- Motions:** (Note: since the following motions were submitted by a committee only a 2<sup>nd</sup> was needed.)
- 1) MSC (Jerry E/U) Approved: Session waive the standing 30-day rule for voting on a recommendation and accept Senior Pastor Search Committee unanimous recommendation to award a contract for New Hope Presbyterian Church senior pastor search process to NL Moore & Associates. Details to be negotiated, contingent on Session approval of funding in separate motion.
  - 2) MSC (Jim L/U) Approved: Since time is of the essence regarding filling the position of senior pastor, Session approves a non-budgeted expense in order to enable negotiation and execution of a contract to the senior pastor search firm recommended by the Senior Pastor Search Committee and accepted by Session at the current, January 17, 2023 Session meeting. Funding in the amount of \$46,000 for services and reimbursable expenses is available in the General Reserves account.
  - 3) MSC (Candy E/U) Approved: A travel expense reimbursement budget be set aside for finalist candidate (and spouse) travel and related expenses to Fort Myers and selected Senior Pastor Search Committee member(s) to travel to final candidate(s) home church(es), if determined necessary to confirm recommendation of top-ranked candidate. Funding in the amount of \$5,000 is available from the General Reserves account.
- 4) Treasurer's Report (see attachment)- Chuck Knox  
Chuck went over the financial position of the church, noting the year-end deficit of -46,386. He also noted that the church was blessed with some substantial giving during the month of December.
  - 5) Finance Committee Report (see attachment)- Ken Walker  
Still working on the 2023 budget.
  - 6) Membership Committee report – Not available at this time

- 7) Unfinished Business
  - a) None
- 8) New Business:
  - a) The Clerk brought up a recommendation to help offset the current deficit. He suggested that it be moved to the following Executive meeting.
- 9) Other Reports (FYI) – Committees/Council/Ministries Minutes & Reports
  - a) Deacons – Steve McKinnon
  - b) Director of Family/Student/Children/Early Childhood Ministries (one all-inclusive report)- Michelle Myers
  - c) Director of Facilities – Ed Harger –
  - d) Director of Missions/Outreach – Jim Mayer –
  - e) Director of Student Ministries Search Committee update- Jon Witenko
- 10) Adjournment- Closed in prayer by Candy E.
- 11) Meeting moved to an Executive Session

Submitted by:

Pastor Mike Jones, Moderator

Art Hunkins, Clerk of Session