

**SPRINGHILL CHURCH - SESSION MEETING MINUTES**  
*Loving people into a relationship with Christ*  
**Date, Place/Time: March 22, 2017, at the Bozeman Site, at 6:30 PM**

- **Session Meeting opened with Prayer Sam Knight (Moderator).**
- **Session Members Present:** Merlin Nelson, Clint Croft, Leslie Garner, Julia Hardaway, Karen Cargill, Lynn Owens, Fred Neth, Ginny Richards, Lead Pastor Sam Knight.
- **Session Members Absent:** Dan Hertel, Joe Nelson, Rick Ramler
- **Staff Members Present:** Ryan Cook (Family Ministry Pastor) and Dean Hampton (Legacy Site Pastor)
- **Visitor(s) Present:** Don Lucia (Elder Elect), Marsha Montgomery (Deacon Elect), Jim Bader (Deacon Elect)
- **Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes from the called Session Meeting on February 22nd and March 8th were approved as changed.
- **Correspondence:** None

**Examination of Elected Officers:**

- **Testimony was heard from the elected Church officers: Marsha Montgomery, Don Lucia and Jim Bader**

**Proposal 1:** The motion was made and seconded to sustain the election of the officers elect whom had shared their testimony. After a brief discussion and time of prayer the motion passed unanimously.

**Reports presented:**

- Dashboard metrics for last month
- Finance Team Report *\*Prayer for wisdom on our financial decisions as we approach end of fiscal year 2016\**
- Clerks Report *\*Prayer for Andrew Brunson and resolution to his situation\**
- Equipping Report
- Missional Report
  - *Keith Peeler has accepted the call to be the Missional Pastor.*
- Worship Report
- Family Ministry Report
- Barnabas Base Camp Report
- Leadership Team Report

**Proposal 2:** Recommendation from Family Ministries team to hire Kara Norton as Children's Director. After prayer and brief discussion the motion passed unanimously.

- **Time was spent in Prayer over the various known needs of the congregation.**

## Financial Report Summary: (Fiscal Operations Budget with Mortgage Payment)

	<u>February Actual</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Total Income:	\$ 55,195	\$779,163	\$ 826,939
Total Expenses:	\$ 82,394	\$584,381	\$ 744,327
Net Operating Income:	\$(27,199)	\$194,782	\$ 82,611
Mortgage (Principal):	\$ 6,332	\$ 58,747	\$ 46,153
Net Cash Flow:	\$(33,532)	\$136,035	\$ 36,457

Note: Mortgage Interest included in Total Expenses

Month End Mortgage Balance: \$1,928,162

### What should we report to the congregation from this Session meeting?

Session agreed to communicate the following items:

1. The Elders voted unanimously to extend a call to **Kara Norton to serve as Director of Children's Ministry** for Springhill Presbyterian. Kara will be introduced Sunday in the worship services. Kara, husband Ryan and their daughter Sydney have been at Springhill for almost two years and are excited to serve the church in the capacity.
2. At a special called meeting of the Session, March 8, 2017, the Missional Pastor Search Team recommended the Rev. Keith Peeler to serve. The Elders voted unanimously to call Rev. Peeler to serve as a Staff Pastor in this capacity. **Keith and his wife Megan will be in worship on April 2, where he will be formally introduced as the Missional Pastor for Springhill Presbyterian Church.**
3. The Worship Pastor Search Team are in the next steps with a small group of very strong candidates. Please continue to pray for this search team as they discern God's will.

#### Worship Pastor Search Committee:

- *Merlin Nelson*
- *Rachel Osen*
- *Robyn Erlenbush*
- *Dave Stanish*
- *Bryan Kelsey*
- *Keith Anderson*
- *Kody Van Dyke*
- *Kristen Robinson*

4. The Session of Elders have overseen a restructuring of the Deacon Board to support the Deacon Ministries of Springhill Presbyterian. Working with the Session's Ministry Teams - Worship, Equipping, Missional, Leadership and Operations - all of the Deacon ministries have been assigned to the appropriate Ministry Team. The Deacons will meet quarterly for training, mutual encouragement and prayer as well as the regular Ministry Team meetings each month. Deacon Jim Bader was elected by the Board of Deacons to serve as Moderator and Deacon Marsha Montgomery was elected to serve as Recording Secretary.

5. As you know, we have been praying for an EPC Pastor who was arrested and imprisoned in Turkey during the recent political unrest in that country. **The Elders encourage you to continue to pray for Rev. Andrew Brunson and his family.**

- **Executive Session:** Session entered executive session. (Ryan Cook and Dean Hampton Recused themselves for executive session.)
- **Executive Session:** Session exited executive session.

**Proposal 3:** Motion was made and seconded to designate a portion of Dean's income toward housing allowance. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Meeting Closed with Prayer:** Session the Meeting was closed with prayer by Fred Neth.
- **Next Meeting Dates:**
  - Prayer & Vision Meeting on April 12th, 2017 at 6:30 pm at Bozeman Site.
  - Business Meeting on April 26th, 2017 at 6:30 pm at Bozeman Site.

**Respectively Submitted by:**

**Attested By:**

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**Clint Croft, Clerk**

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**Sam Knight, Moderator**