

SPRINGHILL CHURCH - SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Loving people into a relationship with Christ
Date, Place/Time: April 26, 2017, at the Bozeman Site, at 6:30 PM

- **Session Meeting opened with Prayer by Don Lucia.**
- **Session Members Present:** Lead Pastor Sam Knight (Moderator), Karen Cargill, Fred Neth, Rick Ramler, Merlin Nelson, Ginny Richards, Julia Hardaway, Leslie Garner, Don Lucia and Clint Croft
- **Session Members Absent:** Joe Nelson, Lynn Owens, Dan Hertel
- **Staff Members Present:** Ryan Cook (Family Ministry Pastor) and Dean Hampton (Legacy Site Pastor)
- **Visitor(s) Present:** Keith Anderson (Deacon Elect)
- **Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes from the called Session Meeting on March 22nd were approved as changed.
- **Correspondence:**
 - Letter regarding Andrew Brunson

Examination of Elected Officers:

- **Testimony was heard from an elected Church officer:** Keith Anderson

Proposal 1: The motion was made and seconded to sustain the election of officer elect, Keith Anderson, after hearing this testimony. After a brief discussion and time of prayer the motion passed unanimously.

Reports presented:

- Dashboard metrics for last month
- Finance Team Report **Spent time in prayer for God's wisdom, purpose and focus regarding financial need of the Church**
- Clerks Report
- Leadership Report
- Equipping Report
- Missional Report **Prayer for wisdom was given prior to discussion of Missional Pastor Candidate**
- Worship Report
- Family Ministry Report
- Barnabas Base Camp Report
- Leadership Team Report

Proposal 2: Motion was made and seconded to ratify email approval of new members who have been interviewed by an Elder: *Anthony Howell, Katie Howell, Peggy Biekert, Lyle Biekert, Rich Viet, Colleen Viet, Richard Hudson, Cheryl Hudson, Cecilia Peluola, Jack Farrell, Bill Fowler, Diane Fowler and Helena Groves.* The motion passed unanimously.

Proposal 3: Motion was made and seconded to approve additional new members pending an interview with an Elder: *Beau Freund, Doug Hartzheim, Margo Hartzheim, Deb Young, Joe Velli, Deb Velli, Duane Ray, Carly Ray, Andi Inlow, Jen Cook, Lauren Ciarrone.* The motion was passed unanimously.

Session spent time in prayer over the new members and thanking God for them

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

	<u>March Actual</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Total Income:	\$ 85,080	\$864,245	\$ 916,098
Total Expenses:	\$ 82,305	\$666,674	\$ 834,710
Net Operating Income:	\$ 2,774	\$197,571	\$ 81,387
Mortgage (Principal):	\$ 9,336	\$ 68,084	\$ 51,922
Net Cash Flow:	\$ (6,561)	\$129,487	\$ 29,465

Note: Mortgage Interest included in Total Expenses

Month End Mortgage Balance: \$1,918,825.87

Proposal 4: Motion was made and seconded to approve the feasibility study by Missional Leadership Team on a Community Garden Project. The motion was approved unanimously.

Proposal 5: Motion was made and seconded to change the Student Ministry Director position description as presented by Ryan Cook. The title will change from “Interim Student Ministry Associate” to “Director of Student Ministry.” *This changes the position from “Interim” to “Permanent”. It also provides an opportunity to finish Biblical Education by providing some reimbursement after completion.* There was a discussion and time of prayer prior to the vote. The motion passed unanimously

Proposal 6: Motion was made and seconded to release Chesa Sullivan of her Deacon roll as requested. Chesa will still be an active member. She had a career change and is no longer able to serve in this capacity. The motion passed unanimously.

****Session agreed that the various Leadership Teams can be chaired by non Elders. However Elders must be involved to give guidance and input from Session.***

Proposal 7: Motion was made and seconded to approve Issam Naser to speak on May 7th. There was a brief discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Proposal 8: Motion was made and seconded to approve an additional loan of \$3000 to Barnabas Base Camp to cover taxes and pool repair. Bringing the total loan from Springhill to Barnabas to \$8,000. The terms will be defined in a promissory note with repayment contingent upon sale. There was a thorough discussion and then the motion was passed unanimously.

Ryan Cook Recused Himself for the following proposal

Proposal 9: Motion was made and seconded to call a congregational meeting to change status of Ryan cook to Associate Pastor versus Staff pastor. There was a thorough discussion followed by time of prayer. The motion was passed unanimously.

Proposal 10: Motion was made and seconded to reinstate the membership of Lori Matindal. The motion passed unanimously.

Session Spent time in Prayer over the known needs of the congregation.

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

1. The Session approved Pastor Issam Naser to preach in all services on May 7. Pastor Naser is the ministry director in Lebanon that Leslie Garner and Jennifer Knight worked with in conjunction with Vision Beyond Borders while on their recent mission trip. Pastor Naser is currently traveling in the USA with one of his sponsoring ministries, Mission One.
2. The Elders have called a congregational meeting on **May 7 at 12:30 pm at the Bozeman Site**. The purpose of the meeting is to change the call status of Pastor Ryan Cook from a Staff Pastor to an Associate Pastor within the guidelines of the denominational polity of the EPC. Pastor Ryan is being examined before the Presbytery on May 10 at a meeting in Denver. Changing his call status allows Pastor Ryan to be an EPC Pastor and member of the Presbytery.
3. Please continue to pray for Worship Pastor Search Team as they discern God's will.

Worship Pastor Search Team members: *Merlin Nelson, Rachel Osen, Robyn Erlenbush, Dave Stanish, Bryan Kelsey, Keith Anderson, Kody Van Dyke, Kristen Robinson.*

4. The Elders encourage you to continue to pray for Rev. Andrew Brunson and his family. Updates on Andrew Brunson are on the resource page www.epc.org/forgottenamericaninturkey . Feel free to share this page with your your social media networks.

- **Meeting Closed with Prayer:** Session the Meeting was closed with prayer by Dean Hampton
- **Meeting Closed:** 9:30pm
- **Next Meeting Dates:**
 - Prayer & Vision Meeting on May 10th, 2017 at 6:30 pm at Bozeman Site.
 - Business Meeting on May 24th, 2017 at 6:30 pm at Bozeman Site.
 - *Elders are encouraged to attend the 5:30pm Deacons meeting prior to May 24th business meeting*

Respectively Submitted by:

Attested By:

Clint Croft, Clerk

Sam Knight, Moderator