

SPRINGHILL CHURCH - SESSION MEETING MINUTES

Loving people into a relationship with Christ

Date, Place & Time: November 29, 2017 at the Bozeman Site at 6:30 PM

- **Session Meeting opened with Prayer by Sam Knight.**
- **Session Members Present:** Lead Pastor Sam Knight (Moderator), Ryan Cook (Family Ministry Pastor), Karen Cargill, Fred Neth, Rick Ramler, Merlin Nelson, Ginny Richards, Julia Hardaway, Don Lucia, Clint Croft
- **Session Members Absent:** Joe Nelson, Lynn Owens, Leslie Garner, Dan Hertel
- **Staff Members Present:** Keith Peeler (Missional Pastor), Kevin Wiedenheft (Business Administrator)
- **Visitor(s) Present:** Henry Glenn, Jeff Kaufman
- **Approval of Minutes:**
 - Minutes from the October 25 session meeting were approved as changed.
- **Correspondence:**
 - None

Proposal 1: Moderator's motion to limit the meeting to end at 9:00 pm. The meeting could be extended with a motion and 2/3 vote for extension in 15-minute increments no more than twice (i.e. no later than 9:30 pm). The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Reports Received as written:

- Dashboard metrics for last month
- Finance Team Report **Spent time in prayer over financials, praising God for his provision and trustworthiness**
- Clerks Report
- Leadership Report
- Equipping Report
- Missional Report
- Worship Report
- Family Ministry Report
- Barnabas Base Camp Report
- Leadership Team Report
- Nominating Team **Spent time in prayer for the work of the nominations team, God's will for correct candidate**

Proposal 2: Motion was made and seconded to share the following statement with the congregation. The motion was passed unanimously as amended.

In light of the Texas church shooting earlier this month, several people in our congregation have asked what safety protocols have or have not been put in place. First, you should know that Session is very aware of the need for safety and security at Springhill Presbyterian Church. Springhill has had in place a security team for several years and approved a safety and security protocol over two years ago. That protocol includes the safety of our children, the safety of our church family, potential medical needs, and the security of our congregation. Part of that protocol includes having trained Deacons and Elders as

“Sentinels.” Sentinels are people who watch over the safety of our congregation and know the correct steps to follow in the event of a medical emergency or other incident. We also have an armed and trained security team. If you have any questions or concerns, seek out an Elder or Deacon. Copies of our safety and security protocols are in the church office.

Proposal 3: Motion was made and seconded to adopt a policy to encourage concealed weapon permit holders to make themselves known to the safety and security teams. This will not be done via public announcement but on a one on one basis. The motion passed unanimously.

Proposal 4: Motion was made and seconded to approve locking the west entrance at the Legacy location during services with signs directing people to enter through the East. After some discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Proposal 5: Motion was made and seconded to approve a recommendation from the worship team to reschedule communion to December 17 at both locations due to the children’s interactive service on December 10 in Bozeman. After some discussion, this motion passed unanimously.

Proposal 6: Motion was made and seconded to approve the following new members. The motion passed unanimously.

Amy Ostermiller
Shirley Van Dyke Kaufman
David & Jane Yearous
Lynn Kinnaman
Stuart & Janet Beiswanger

Shaun & Caroline Cok
Amanda Lindemuth
Kurtis Jackson
Duane & Carly Ray

Proposal 7: Motion was made and seconded to approve hosting a Week of Prayer and Fasting at the beginning of the New Year, on January 1-5, 2018. After a brief discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Proposal 8: Motion was made and seconded to approve an affiliated relationship with the “Raise the Roof” After a brief discussion, a consensus was reached that it was unnecessary to establish an official relationship. No action needed.

Proposal 9: Motion was made and seconded to approve recommendation from the Missional Team to decommission the Barn Dance as a Springhill event due to high cost, an unclear missional purpose and taxing overuse of volunteers and staff during the summer. After some discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Session spent time in prayer over the known needs of the congregation.

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

<u>Budget</u>	<u>October Actual</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>Fiscal YTD</u>
Total Income:	\$ 94,275	\$ 339,558	\$ 389,604
Total Expenses:	\$ 87,450	\$ 366,603	\$ 407,778
Net Operating Income:	\$ 6,825	\$ (33,952)	\$ (18,174)
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Mortgage (Principal):	\$ 7,003	\$ 26,046	\$ 25,348
Net Cash Flow:	\$ (178)	\$ (53,091)	\$ (43,522)

Note: Mortgage Interest included in Total Expenses

Month End Mortgage Balance: \$1,870,678

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

1. The Children's Ministry will be presenting a special interactive service on December 10 at all services. Due to this service, the Elders have moved the Celebration of the Lord's Table (Communion) to December 17 at the Bozeman site. The Celebration of the Lord's Table will be observed as previously scheduled at the Legacy site on December 17.

2. The Elders approved a Week of Prayer and Fasting at the beginning of the new year. Services will begin at 6:30 pm on January 1 at the Bozeman site. Then services will continue each day at noon on January 2 through January 5. Each evening Praise and Prayer services will be held. The prayer and fasting time will conclude with a service of reflection and celebration on Friday evening at the Bozeman site. More information regarding this event as well as the nature and purpose of fasting and prayer will be available in coming weeks.

3. Please see the Security announcement approved via Proposal #2.

- **Meeting Closed with Prayer:** Sam Knight closed the session meeting with prayer.
- **Meeting Closed:** 8:44 pm
- **Next Meeting Dates:**
 - Elder/Deacon/Staff Christmas party December 8, 2017 at 6:30 pm at Keith and Megan Peeler's home.
 - Business Meeting on December 13, 2017 at 6:30 pm at Bozeman Site.
 - Prayer and Vision Meeting on January 10, 2018 at 6:30 pm at Bozeman Site.
 - *Elders are encouraged to attend the staff meetings as they are able.*

Respectively Submitted By:

Attested By:

Clint Croft, Clerk

Sam Knight, Moderator