

## Session in Review March 2019

Session met March 12, with Erik Hanson as moderator.

Stan White presented some of the principles of stewardship that are implied by I Peter 4:10; “faithful stewards of God’s grace”. Stewardship means: a. caretaking over activity, b. we are more than what we do, c. relationships are a priority, d. it is a culture. Stan concluded with prayer.

Session approved minutes and ministry reports for Session, Trustees, Deacons, KidTrek, Leadership Development, MESH, Missions, Roots, and Student and Family. The February 28, 2019 Covenant Partnership Report indicates there are 1167 covenant partners.

### **Session discussions and decisions:**

A draft of a conflict of interest policy is being prepared. The basic principle is that any conflict or potential conflict of interest should be disclosed. These might include processing any commercial transactions in which a Session member or family member might benefit or if a Session member is part of an organization doing business with the church. The goal is to have a draft policy for the next meeting.

Sam Oltmans shared an email sent to the Moderator and Session on behalf of the Roots Ministry Committee concerning upcoming changes in the Sunday Morning Worship Bulletin. Erik will be meeting with the committee to discuss the new format and to hear and respond to their concerns.

In executive session, Trustees presented a report from the First Pres Preschool Board. Session voted to concur with the Preschool Board’s recommendation. A team was formed to coordinate a communication plan regarding the future of the preschool.

Erik provided an update on the Facility planning process and the Capital Campaign. Requests for proposals went out to 8 architectural firms with 7 expressing interest in preparing a proposal. The Facilities Team has met with 4 of the firms and plans to meet with the remaining 3. A team is being formed to put together a complete funding picture for a capital campaign. Doug Turner and a colleague will be in town to help us develop teams for various aspects of the process.

Erik presented the revised timeline and plans for his upcoming Sabbatical. The timeline postpones the sabbatical from 2019 to April 2020 through August 2020. A grant has been applied for that offers additional opportunity for study abroad. Session voted to concur with the Personnel Committee approval for the delay in the beginning of the sabbatical and the proposed plans.

Stewardship update – The specific stewardship season will kick off following Easter for four weeks with a focus on developing stewardship practices over the entire year.

### **Staff Reports**

Jane – There are 21 people participating in the new Covenant Partners class. An important aspect of this is getting the new Covenant Partners connected to the life of the church. Participation in the Ash Wednesday services was particularly meaningful.

Cathy – Working with Boulder International Film Festival staff gave a wonderful opportunity to show how the First Pres staff is able to work with and support the homeless that regularly frequent our facility.

Carl – Carl recently finished teaching 2018-19 Men's Life. He very much enjoyed spending 10 days in Hawaii.

Daniel – Daniel recently returned from a trip to Cuba where he met with Pastor Santiago. He also looked into making connections with other partners in Cuba.

Erik – Training with new elders is coming up and wants to get the one page write-ups for the Session committees and other Session tasks to use in the training. He is leaning into Lent by getting up earlier and spending concentrated time in prayer.

The meeting adjourned with the singing of the Doxology.