

# Minutes for Stated Session Meeting

Sunday, March 15, 2020 / 12:30pm / Zoom

*Excused: DeeDee Murphy*

*Absent: Jarvis Ellis, Claire Dishman*

- Beth called the meeting to order at 12:30pm
- Beth asked to approve prior minutes, David Roberts motioned, and the minutes were approved unanimously
- Ellen Herbert led opening devotional prayer
- Gabriel Ramirez provided an update from the Finance Committee
  - 3 separate proposals were approved by the Finance Committee during their separate Committee meeting
    - Proposal 1 moved funds from a undesignated memorial fund to an Operating Reserve Account to maintain 3 months expenses
    - Proposal 2 allowed a certain (to be determined in the future), percentage of any surplus pledge revenues at the end of the year to be designated to a new account for NDPC Ministry internal grants
    - Proposal 3 stated that consideration of funds from the NDPC Ministry internal grants will be submitted to session for review and potential approval
- Almost all the meeting focused around discussions about COVID-19
  - David L had 3 stated purposes for the Church during this crisis:
    - Support public health
    - Tend to the needs of members and care of the Congregation
    - Tend to the needs of the Community
  - NDPC staff and Mary Anona will continue to work remotely

- Nancy Gathany will reach out to member organizations
- Discussed using Zoom technology for various group meetings throughout the Church. Worship Committee is going to further discuss
- Mary Anona discussed Congregational Care Lists. The purpose is to annually have Session members reach out (and hopefully speak with) to all Church members to discuss individual needs and let people know the Church is here to help if needed. Updated Congregational Care Lists will be distributed shortly
- We need to get creative in how we operate Church in a remote environment
- From a prior “emergency” called meeting, Session voted to move in-person worship to a virtual only platform through Sunday, March 29. The vote was unanimous.
- Beth adjourned the meeting with prayer