

The Downtown Presbyterian Church
Abridged Session Meeting, July 24th, 2022 Minutes

An abridged online meeting of the Session of The Downtown Presbyterian Church was held on July 24th, 2022.

In Attendance: Erin Bell (clerk), Tom Byl, Betty McConnell, Denny Harris, Samera Zavaro and Rev. Larissa Romero (moderator) Excused: Jake Byl, Tom Wills, Rachel Hayes (treasurer)

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Larissa Romero at 3:05.

Opening prayer: Rev. Larissa Romero

Approval of agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda from Ms. Zavaro, second by Mr. T. Byl; the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Reminder from the DPC treasurer that the current budget, while on budget, is not sustainable.

Clerk's Report:

A letter of transfer has been received from Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church for Jonathan & Brenda Hutchins.

Motion to approve the baptism of Frida Democracia Romero-Schmidt from Erin Bell, second by Ms. Zavaro; the motion carried.

Action Items from Committees (reports will be shared and reviewed in an upcoming meeting):

Rev. Romero and Ms. Zavaro shared insights from the Mutual Ministry Review. The Interim Pastor Contract for 2022-2023 was constructed to reflect information shared by the congregation through the MMR process. Nothing within the 2021-2022 contract has been removed; some of the Pastoral Competencies have been re-ranked to better determine where the interim pastor will prioritize her time and energy. The Interim Pastor's contract has been further amended to provide a 3% increase in the annual salary (housing & income) for the Interim Pastor.

Motion from Mr. Harris to permit Ms. Zavaro to vote in proxy for Mr. T. Wills and Mr. J. Byl; second by Mr. T. Byl; the motion carried.

Motion from Ms. Zavaro to approve the Interim contract for 2022-2023; second by Mr. Harris; the motion carried without opposition.

Motion from the Business Management Committee to draw \$20k for church operations from the DPC Corporation endowment; the motion carried.

Congregational Care & Life Issues:

Review of congregational care concerns and how best to care for our members.

Next meeting & Reminders:

- Next meeting: Monday, August 22nd at 6:30

Volunteers for Promoting Trust & Connection:

- Lead the next opening prayer: *volunteer pending*
- Update the congregation on issues addressed by the session in an upcoming worship service: Mr. Harris

Motion from Ms. Zavaro to adjourn at 3:52; second by Mr. Harris; the motion carried.

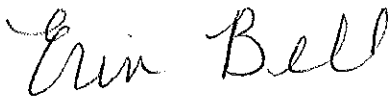
Ms. Bell led a closing prayer.



Rev. Larissa Romero

Moderator

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Erin Bell

Clerk of Session

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