

CONCHO VALLEY ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SESSION MINUTES FOR 2019
AND
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
(MARCH 3, 2019)

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SESSION MEETING MINUTES
CONCHO VALLEY ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (CVOPC)
JANUARY 12, 2019

- 1) **Preliminaries.** CVOPC having been organized by a special meeting of the Presbytery of Southern California (PSC) on December 8, 2018, Pastor Stephen Larson, acting as Moderator pro tem, called the first meeting of the new session to order at 9:00 am at the church building in Concho, Arizona. He began the meeting by reading Acts 20:25-35 and prayer was offered by RE Bruce Ferg.
- 2) **Attendance.** Session members present were TE Stephen Larson and RE's Darrall Dennee, Bruce Ferg, Josh Grimsley, and Pete Schelin; none absent. Present as visitors were CVOPC members Danielle Grimsley, Gerry Hunsicker, and Steve Neuzil; by common consent, all were given privileges of the floor.
- 3) **Docket.** A docket for the meeting was adopted, as amended.
- 4) **Elections.** TE Larson was nominated to serve as moderator of the session. There being no other nominations, he was declared elected. RE Ferg was nominated to serve as clerk of the session. There being no other nominations, he was declared elected.
- 5) **Minutes.** This being the first meeting of the session, none to be reviewed.
- 6) **Communications Received.**
 - a. Letter from CVOPC member Karla James (1/8/19), stating that she has been received into membership at the First United Presbyterian Church, Nampa, ID.
 - b. Email from Steve Neuzil (1/8/19), submitting his resignation from the various administrative positions and responsibilities he has filled while CVOPC was in mission status, including corporation Statutory Agent, Director, and Treasurer.
 - c. Email from the Stated Clerk, Presbytery of Southern California (1/5/19), issuing the call for the first stated PSC meeting of 2019, to convene Feb. 1, 2019, accompanied by the proposed docket and some communications.

d. Email from Luke E. Brown, OPC General Assembly Statistician (1/5/19), requesting submission of sessional statistical reports by Feb. 16, 2019.

7) **Financial Report.** The year-end financial report emailed to each elder by Danielle Grimsley was received as information.

8) **Notes for the record.** The Lord's Supper was celebrated on Jan. 13, 2019.

9) **New Business.**

a. Re Steve Neuzil's communication: Moved, seconded, and passed to accept Mr. Neuzil's resignation, with thanks for his years of past service to CVOPC and willingness to assist in transitioning all his various positions and responsibilities to other persons. RE Dennee agreed to replace Mr. Neuzil as Treasurer and Danielle Grimsley agreed to continue as Financial Secretary. Moved, seconded, and passed that the authorized signatories on the CVOPC checking account will be RE Dennee, RE Schelin, and Mr. Neuzil in the event that neither of the elders is available when immediate issuance of a check becomes necessary. The clerk is directed to ascertain what steps are necessary to effect these changes in the documents filed with the Arizona Corporation commission.

b. Re Karla James' communication: Moved, seconded, and passed to remove Ms. James' name from the membership roll of CVOPC pursuant to BD II,B,3,d,3, inasmuch as Ms. James joined the First United Presbyterian Church, Nampa, ID, without previously communicating to the session her desire to become affiliated with that body or requesting to be dismissed to it. The clerk is directed to communicate this action to Ms. James.

c. Other membership issues [during this discussion the visitors were excused]: Members Blaine and Maggie Pearce and Jesse Richards not having attended for extended periods of time, and the session having received information that they each have expressed the intention not to return to CVOPC, it was moved, seconded, and passed that the clerk should write to them, seeking verification of their intentions, in order that the session may deal with them appropriately pursuant to the provisions of BD II,B,3,d.

- d. Arizona Missions Committee. Pastor Larson having informed the session that several other Arizona churches are in the process of preparing a petition to the PSC that the presbytery form a separate Missions Committee with responsibility for church extension activities in Arizona, it was moved, seconded, and passed that the session of CVOPC indorses the presentation of such a petition.

10) Pastor's Report. Pastor Larson's report was received.

11) Commissioner selections. It was moved, seconded, and passed that RE Schelin be designated the CVOPC ruling elder commissioner to the PSC February 1, 2019, meeting, and that RE Ferg be designated as the alternate. Pastor Larson will volunteer to be a teaching elder commissioner from the PSC to this year's OPC General Assembly (Dallas, TX; June 5-11).

12) Coming events. Due to the vacation of the ordinary supply, Pastor Larson will preach at the Williams mission point on Jan. 23 and Feb. 3, 10, and 17.

13) Next session meeting. By common consent, the next meeting was scheduled for 9:00, Feb. 9, 2019, at the CVOPC building.

14) Adjournment. On motion the meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Larson, at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Ferg
Clerk of Session

SESSION MEETING MINUTES
CONCHO VALLEY ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (CVOPC)
FEBRUARY 9, 2019

- 1) **Preliminaries.** The Moderator, Pastor Stephen Larson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the church building in Concho, Arizona. He began the meeting by reading Mt. 20:20-28 and prayer was offered by RE Pete Schelin.
- 2) **Attendance.** Session members present were Pastor Larson and RE's Darrall Dennee, Bruce Ferg, Josh Grimsley, and Pete Schelin; none absent. Present as visitors were CVOPC members Robin Laber and Steve Neuzil; by common consent, they were given privileges of the floor.
- 3) **Docket.** A docket for the meeting was adopted, as amended.
- 4) **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting of January 12, 2019, were read and approved, as amended.
- 5) **Communications Received.**
 - a. Email from Gerry Hunsicker (evening of 1/12/19), accompanied by the syllabus of the comparative religion course he has taught and outline of a 2-hour presentation of the course content, which he is willing to present to the session. Received as information. On motion, agreed that the session will arrange with Mr. Hunsicker a future time to hear his presentation.
 - b. Oral request by Skeeter Brewer and Jamie Altes (regular attenders), to Pastor Larson (1/19/19), that they be married by him in the church on March 9, 2019. – Action recorded below in “Elder Reports.”
 - c. Email from the Stated Clerk, Presbytery of Southern California (1/30/19), conveying an updated call for the PSC meeting to convene Feb. 1, 2019, accompanied by an updated docket and additional communications (minutes, committee reports, etc.). – Received as information.
 - d. Email from TE Peter Moelker (2/4/19), who became PSC Stated Clerk at the meeting of 2/1/19, introducing himself and conveying an addition to the Ministerial Oversight Committee report. – Received as information.

- e. Mailed packet (2/4/19), registration information regarding the PSC Women's Retreat, April 4-7, 2019. – To be posted and disseminated.
 - f. Email from Lisa Moelker (2/8/19), on behalf of the PSC Ladies Refresh Committee, regarding organization of women's activities to be offered during the third stated PSC meeting, Oct. 17-19, 2019. – To be disseminated to interested ladies.
 - g. Letter from the OPC Committee on Foreign Missions. – Received as information.
 - h. Letter from Mid-America Reformed Seminary, Dyer, IN, responding to Pastor Larson's inquiry regarding potential summer interns. – Received as information.
- 6) Financial Report.** The January financial report prepared by Danielle Grimsley was received as information.
- 7) Notes for the record.** Pastor Larson and RE Ferg attended the PSC meeting on February 1, 2019 (RE Ferg sitting as the designated alternate commissioner because RE Schelin was unable to attend). Pastor Larson was chosen as a commissioner to the General Assembly meeting (Dallas, TX; June 4-11, 2019). and RE Ferg was elected to a 3-year term on the PSC Judicial Committee.
- 8) Pastor's Report.**
- a. On motion, passed to modify the order of morning worship for Sunday, Feb. 10, 2019, only, to permit Pastor Larson to leave earlier and preach at the Williams mission point in accordance with that group's regular meeting time (the regular pulpit supply being unable to attend).
 - b. Contrary to previous plans, Pastor Larson will not be preaching in Williams on Feb. 17, 2019.
 - c. Pastor Larson reported on various on-going church activities and cessation of attendance by some non-member attenders.
- 9) Elder Reports.** [During this discussion the visitors were excused.]
- a. Elders Dennee and Ferg reported on their visit with Skeeter Brewer and Jamie Altes on Jan. 30, 2019, regarding their request to be married in the

church by Pastor Larson and related matters. Pastor Larson and RE Schelin also had visited with the couple since their request to Pastor Larson. On motion, passed to grant the request and directing RE Ferg to make an announcement concerning the wedding during the worship service on Feb. 10, 2019, including the session's reasons for finding it appropriate to agree to it.

b. The clerk read drafts of letters to be sent by the session to Karla James, Blaine and Maggie Pearce, and Jesse Richards, regarding their respective membership situations. Moved, seconded, and passed to send the letters to Karla James and the Pearces as written, and the letter to Jesse Richards as amended. [At this point the visitors were permitted to return.]

10)New Business.

a. Women's Bible Study: Robin Laber reported that the current study on the Attributes of God will be completed in approximately a month. For the next study she recommended that she lead "Personal Evangelism Made Less Difficult" by George Miladin, materials for which are available on the OPC website. On motion, agreed that she be authorized to do so.

b. Stewardship of bank account: Moved, seconded, and passed to authorize Treasurer Dennee to move a prudent amount of cash out of the CVOPC bank account into interest-bearing CDs and report back to the session.

c. CVOPC credit card: Moved, seconded, and passed that the authorized users of the CVOPC credit card shall be Treasurer Dennee, Steve Neuzil, Donna Grimsley, and Danielle Grimsley. They are permitted to make routine modest purchases at their own discretion, but must consult with the session regarding contemplated purchases that are unusual or involve significant expenditures.

d. Book distribution racks. Moved, seconded, and passed authorizing the purchase and installation in the church foyer of two additional book racks, at an approximate cost of \$230.

e. Summer intern. Moved, seconded, and passed authorizing Pastor Larson to make application to the OPC Christian Education Committee to assist CVOPC in finding an intern, to serve during the summer of 2019.

f. Diaconal policy: Moved, seconded, and passed authorizing Pastor Larson to allow needy persons to use the church's shower facility, under special circumstances and with appropriate safeguards.

g. Budget: Moved, seconded, and passed to recommend that the

congregation pass the proposed 2019 budget prepared by Pastor Larson as amended, at the annual congregational meeting, with information about the budget to be distributed before the meeting is held.

h. Annual meeting: Moved, seconded, and passed to call the annual congregational meeting, to be held in the church's adult Sunday School room at 9:30 a.m., on February 24, 2019. It will be announced at the morning worship service on the two preceding Lord's Days (2/10/19 and 2/17/19), and the stated purpose will be "the Annual Congregational Meeting."

i. Session minutes: Moved, seconded, and passed that, after they have been reviewed and approved, the minutes of session meetings will be posted by the clerk on the bulletin board in the church foyer, with the exception of diaconal, disciplinary, or other matters which are not appropriate for public dissemination.

11) Next session meeting. Moved, seconded, and passed to ordinarily hold future session meetings at the church following a Lord's Day morning worship service. By common consent, the next meeting was scheduled for March 3, 2019.

12) Adjournment. On motion, the meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Larson at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Ferg
Clerk of Session

SESSION MEETING MINUTES

CONCHO VALLEY ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (CVOPC)

MARCH 3, 2019

- 1) **Preliminaries.** The Moderator, Pastor Stephen Larson, called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m. at the church building in Concho, Arizona. He began the meeting by reading I Peter 5:1-4 and prayer was offered by RE Darrall Dennee.
- 2) **Attendance.** Session members present were Pastor Larson and RE's Darrall Dennee, Bruce Ferg, Josh Grimsley, and Pete Schelin; none absent.
- 3) **Docket.** A docket for the meeting was adopted.
- 4) **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting of February 9, 2019, were read and approved, as amended.

5) **Communications Received.**

- a. Email from Abby Harting, OPC Christian Education Committee (2/19/19), requesting clarification of financial details in CVOPC's application for a summer intern. – Answered by Pastor Larson (2/20/19).
- b. Email from the Stated Clerk, Presbytery of Southern California (2/27/19), noting the updated PSC website and the need for an additional ruling elder representative to the June 2019 OPC General Assembly, accompanied by an updated list of PSC committee assignments and a prayer letter from missionaries Jerry and Marilyn Farnik. – Received as information (Farnik letter to be posted on the church bulletin board).

6) **Financial Report.**

- a. Treasurer Dennee reported that, in accordance with the session's authorization (Sess. Mins. 2/9/19, page 2019-7, Item 10b), \$75,000 of CVOPC cash had been used to purchase a 7-month interest-bearing certificate of deposit for the church at Washington Federal Bank.
- b. Treasurer Dennee further reported that limited-authority "employee" cards could be obtained for authorized users of the CVOPC credit card. To implement the session's intention to safeguard use of the credit card (Sess. Mins. 2/9/19, page 2019-7, Item 10c), it was moved, seconded, and passed

to obtain such cards for Donna Grimsley and Danielle Grimsley to use for routine church supply purchases, restricted to a maximum of \$300 per purchase and without authority to make cash withdrawals.

7) Notes for the record.

a. The Lord's Supper was celebrated on February 10, 2019.

b. Because the Annual Congregational Meeting scheduled for February 24, 2019, could not be held due to the number of members prevented from attending church by snow conditions, by unanimous consent of the session the meeting was rescheduled for March 3, 2019, and held that day.

c. Subsequent to the PSC Clerk's email of February 27, 2019, RE Pete Schelin volunteered to be, and was designated by the PSC Moderator as, a commissioner to the 2019 General Assembly.

8) Pastor's Report.

a. On his request, moved, seconded, and passed authorizing Pastor Larson to utilize Heidelberg Catechism Question/Answer Number 1 as a confession of faith during worship services.

b. Pastor Larson reported on inquiries from members about use in worship services of hymns that are not included in the Trinity Hymnal. Moved, seconded, and passed that upon receipt of any specific requests the texts of the hymns shall be circulated to all members of the session, who can indicate by email their views on whether the requests should be approved.

c. Pastor Larson also reported about various areas of ministry, particularly noting that the Williams mission point is progressing well (regular attendance of 27 in worship services and 24 in adult Sunday School classes, and sufficient internal income to meet its expenses).

9) Clerk's Report.

a. Regarding previous session actions regarding absent members (Sess. Mins. 2/9/19, pages 2019-6-7, Item 9b), RE Ferg reported that the letter to Karla James approved by the session concerning her becoming a member of a PC/USA congregation in Nampa, ID, was mailed to her on Feb. 11, 2019. He further reported that the letters (including authorized corrections) to Blaine and Maggie Pearce and Jesse Richards, inquiring about their

intentions regarding continued membership in CVOPC, were mailed on Feb. 11 and Feb. 15, respectively, but no replies had been received from them.

b. RE Ferg further reported that the annual statistical report had been timely emailed to the OPC Statistician on Feb. 15, 2019, and a copy of the report mailed to the PSC Clerk on February 18, 2019.

10) New Business.

Moved, seconded, and passed to recognize that the publication and distribution of Bibles and Christian literature, in English and other languages, in which Pastor Larson previously has been personally engaged, is an official ministry and outreach of CVOPC, which shall receive financial support from the church, and that Pastor Larson's labors in administering such outreach are part of the call extended to him by CVOPC.

11) Next session meeting. By common consent, the next regular meeting was scheduled for April 14, 2019.

12) Adjournment. On motion, the meeting was closed with prayer by RE Josh Grimsley at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Ferg
Clerk of Session

**SESSION MEETING MINUTES (SPECIAL MEETING)
CONCHO VALLEY ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (CVOPC)**

APRIL 7, 2019

- 1) Preliminaries.** On March 31, 2019, RE Darrall Dennee reported to the gathered elders that the class he had been conducting for prospective new members (Directory of Worship IV, A, 2) had been completed. By unanimous consent, the session agreed to hold a called meeting following the worship service on April 7, 2019, to conduct interviews of the persons desiring to join CVOPC, which was announced to the congregation during the worship service on Mar. 31, 2019.

Accordingly, the Moderator, Pastor Stephen Larson, called the special meeting to order at 12:40 p.m. on April 7, 2019, at the church building in Concho, Arizona, offering the opening prayer.

- 2) Attendance.** Session members present were Pastor Larson and RE's Darrall Dennee, Bruce Ferg, Josh Grimsley, and Pete Schelin; none absent.
- 3) Docket.** An order for conducting the interviews was adopted.
- 4) Interviews.** The persons listed below were interviewed individually or as couples if married, including giving personal professions of faith (Directory of Worship IV, A, 3) and answering questions showing assent to the required membership vows (Directory for Worship IV, E and F). Following the interviews, it was moved, seconded, and passed, approving each one for membership. Their pertinent information is as follows:
- a.** Peter Robert Haines and Jennifer Naomi Haines (nee Cummins), both baptized – by reaffirmation of faith.
 - b.** Yun Sil Kean (nee Kong, widow of James L. Kean), baptized – by reaffirmation of faith.
 - c.** Tom Sean Rustin, baptized – by confession of faith.
 - d.** Jon Kelly Boone, baptized – by reaffirmation of faith.
 - e.** Wanda Joan Garcia (nee Hill), baptized – by reaffirmation of faith.

f. Skeeter William Brewer and Jamie Lynn Brewer (nee Altes), both baptized – by reaffirmation of faith. The Brewers have three children, who will be received with them as non-communing members (Directory of Worship IV, A, 6 and 7): Renee Marie, born Dec. 10, 2006, and Jeremiah Zackary, born June 11, 2009, both baptized on July 5, 2015; Elizabeth Ann, born Jan. 28, 2008, who will be baptized when the other Brewers are received.

5) Reception Proceedings. Moved, seconded, and passed that the impending reception of these persons will be announced to the congregation at the worship service on April 14, 2019, in accordance with Directory of Worship IV, A, 3, with such reception to take place at the worship service on April 28, 2019, or later, if necessary to accommodate the families involved or for other reasons.

6) Adjournment. On motion, the meeting was closed with prayer by RE Darrall Dennee at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Ferg
Clerk of Session

SESSION MEETING MINUTES

CONCHO VALLEY ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (CVOPC)

APRIL 14, 2019

- 1) **Preliminaries.** The Moderator, Pastor Stephen Larson, called the meeting to order at 1:50 p.m. at the church building in Concho, Arizona. He began the meeting by reading Acts 20:25-32 and prayer was offered by Ruling Elder Pete Schelin.

- 2) **Attendance.** Session members present were Pastor Larson and RE's Darrall Dennee, Bruce Ferg, Josh Grimsley, and Pete Schelin; none absent.

- 3) **Docket.** A docket for the meeting was adopted, as amended.

- 4) **Minutes.** The minutes of the monthly scheduled session meeting of Mar. 13, 2019, were read and approved as presented. The minutes of the special called session meeting of April 7, 2019, were read and approved, as amended.

- 5) **Communications Received.**
 - a. Email from the Stated Clerk, Presbytery of Southern California (3/6/19), conveying information about the annual PSC youth Backpacking Adventure, scheduled for July 21-27, 2019 – received as information.
 - b. Email from Katrina Zartman, Office Secretary for the OPC Committee on Foreign Missions, inquiring whether CVOPC wished to host missionary Mike McCabe and his family, on July 7, 2019, at which time he could give a presentation about OPC missionary work in Asia – moved, seconded, and passed to receive the McCabe family and provide housing for them during the visit.
 - c. Email from the Stated Clerk, PSC (3/26/19), conveying information about the mission work in Yuma, Arizona; the indefinite suspension from ministry of TE Timothy Black, imposed by the OPC Presbytery of the Southwest; and the NAPARC ministerial fellowship meeting scheduled for Apr. 17, 2019, in Ontario, CA – received as information.
 - d. Email from the Stated Clerk, PSC (4/4/19), conveying the official call for

the Second Stated Meeting, on May 3-4, 2019, accompanied by a proposed docket, list of communications received, and letter from the OPC Committee on Appeals & Complaints, regarding the deadline for presbyteries to submit case information for presentation to the General Assembly – received as information.

e. Information obtained by RE Ferg regarding the annual Living Hope Center “Baby Bottle” fund drive (May 12- June 16, 2019) – moved, seconded, and passed to support and provide information about the fund raiser to the congregation, RE Ferg to obtain a sufficient quantity of the bottles to distribute to persons desiring to participate.

6) Financial Report.

a. Treasurer Dennee report: Bookkeeper Danielle Grimsley has requested relief from her duties; moved, seconded, and passed to thank her for her service, and to install Peter Haines as Bookkeeper, effective upon his upcoming public reception into membership in CVOPC.

b. The financial reports submitted by Danielle Grimsley for the months of February and March, 2019, were received as information.

7) Notes for the record.

a. The Lord’s Supper was celebrated on Sunday, April 14, 2019.

b. The names of the persons to be received into membership who were interviewed by the session on April 7, 2019 (Sess. Mins. 2019-12) were announced.

8) Pastor’s Report.

a. **Sunday order of worship/Sunday School:** Moved, seconded, and passed, authorizing Pastor Larson to use appropriate portions of the Heidelberg Catechism (beside Q/A 1) and of the Westminster Confession of Faith as “confessions of faith” in the Sunday order of worship. Agreed by common consent to announce the need for someone to replace Danielle Grimsley in helping with the children’s Sunday School class.

b. **Members:** updates on some were received as information.

c. **Regular Attenders:** updates on some were received as information.

d. Summer Intern: Based on inquiries and recommendations by Pastor Larson

and RE Schelin, moved, seconded, and passed to invite Elijah DeJong, student at

Mid-America Reformed Seminary, to serve as a paid summer intern at CVOPC

late May-Aug. 2019), and to invite Luke Walkup, also a student at MARS, if Mr.

DeJong is not available.

e. Mrs. Linda Larson's health: Pastor Larson informed the session that Mrs.

Larson has been diagnosed with cancer and that an operation to remove her right

kidney has been scheduled for May 16, 2019, in California. In light of this

development and the expected length of Mrs. Larson's recovery time, neither

Pastor Larson nor RE Schelin will attend the June 2019 General Assembly, as

previously planned. PCA pastor Stu Sherrard being available, moved, seconded,

and passed to invite Pastor Sherrard to supply the pulpit on May 19, 2019, and

Pastor Larson will make further inquiries about pulpit supply for subsequent

Sundays. RE Ferg agreed to teach the Adult Sunday School class for Pastor

Larson on May 19 and 26.

9) New Business.

a. Moved, seconded, and passed electing RE Ferg as commissioner to the Second Stated Meeting of the PSC, May 3-4, 2019.

b. Moved, seconded, and passed to authorize the American Legion to hold meetings of it's support group for veterans suffering from PTSD at the church on Tuesday evenings, with Pastor Larson to supervise access to the building.

c. Moved, seconded, and passed to authorize TE David Thibault (pastor of Grace OPC, Costa Mesa, CA) and his family to overnight at the church building

during their vacation, on June 19, 2019.

d. Moved, seconded, and passed, authorizing the wedding of Laura Dennee (daughter of RE Dennee) and Jake Babbitt to be conducted at the church on November 30, 2019, officiated by a Christian minister known to the family.

e. Moved, seconded, and passed that, as a matter of diaconal policy, only church members and regular attenders will be permitted to use the church shower and laundry facility, under conditions at the discretion of Pastor Larson.

10) Next session meeting scheduled. Moved, seconded, and passed to set the next monthly meeting for Sunday, May 12, 2019, following the worship service and fellowship meal.

11) Adjournment. The meeting was concluded with prayer at 3:50 p.m., with prayer by RE Grimsley.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Ferg
Clerk of Session

SESSION MEETING MINUTES

CONCHO VALLEY ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (CVOPC)

May 12, 2019

- 1) Preliminaries.** The Moderator, Pastor Stephen Larson, called the meeting to order at 12:55 p.m. at the church building in Concho, Arizona. He began the meeting by reading I Peter 1:6-11, and prayer was offered by RE Josh Grimsley.
- 2) Attendance.** Session members present were Pastor Larson and RE's Darrall Dennee, Bruce Ferg, Josh Grimsley, and Peter Schelin; none absent.
- 3) Docket.** A docket for the meeting was adopted.
- 4) Minutes.** The minutes of the session meeting of April 14, 2019, were read and approved.

5) Communications Received.

- a. Email from the Stated Clerk, PSC, dated April 16, 2019, conveying Draft Minutes of the PSC First Stated Meeting of 2019, and notice that the Presbytery of Northern California/Nevada is seeking candidates to become its Regional Home Missionary – received as information.
- b. Email from the Stated Clerk, PSC, dated May 1, 2019, conveying an updated docket and list of communications received, for the Second Stated Meeting, to be held on May 3-4, 2019, with notices of a special season of prayer and worship to be held by the presbytery at 10:00 a.m. on May 3, and of the need for addition TE and RE delegates to represent the PSC at the 2019 General Assembly – received as information.
- c. Email from Barbara Neuzil, forwarding a notice of a pending class action and settlement against SquareTrade, Inc., which concerns CVOPC because Mrs. Neuzil had purchased a SquareTrade extended warranty for the church's copy machine – no action necessary.

6) Financial Report.

- a. Treasurer Dennee reported that, pursuant to the Session's prior action (Mins. 4/14/19, page 2019-15, Item 6(a)), Peter Haines has accepted the position of CVOPC Bookkeeper.
- b. Moved, seconded, and passed, authorizing Treasurer Dennee to obtain a QuickBooks subscription for the church, to aid in financial record-keeping.

7) Notes for the record.

- a. The Lord's Supper was celebrated on May 12, 2019.
- b. Having previously been examined by the session (Special Session Meeting of April 7, 2019, Sess. Mins. 1019-12-13), at the Lord's Day service on April 28, 2019, Peter and Jenifer Haines, Jon Boone, and Yun Sil Kean were received into membership at CVOPC by reaffirmation of faith, and Tom Rustin was received by confession of faith [Directory for Worship IV, E and F]. At the Lord's Day service on May 5, 2019, Wanda Joan Garcia and Skeeter and Jamie Brewer were received into membership at CVOPC by reaffirmation of faith, together with the Brewers' previously baptized covenant children Rene and Jeremiah, and their daughter Elizabeth Brewer was received as a covenant child by baptism. [Directory for Worship IV, E and IV, A, 6-7.]

c. Pastor Larson and RE Bruce Ferg attended the Second Stated Meeting of the PSC on May 3, 2019; by vote of the members of the PSC Judicial Committee, RE Ferg was elected Chairman of that committee.

8) Pastor's Report. In view of Pastor Larson's need to attend to Mrs. Linda Larson in connection with her surgery scheduled in California on May 16, 2019, and during her recovery period of uncertain length, adjustments to ordinary church activities were discussed and agreed to by unanimous consent:

a. Sunday order of worship/Sunday School: In accord with the session's previous invitation (Sess. Mins. 4/14/19, 2019-16, Item 8(e)), Pastor Stu Sherard has agreed to conduct the Lord's Day service on May 19, 2019. Intern Elijah DeJong has agreed to conduct the service on May 26, 2019. RE Ferg will lead the adult Sunday School class until such time as Pastor Larson wishes to resume doing so.

b. Midweek prayer meeting/Bible study: Because RE Schelin will not be available to lead the meeting on May 22, 2019, moved, seconded, and passed to invite Jerry Hunsicker to present a lesson on that day.

c. Greek class: Cancelled until Pastor Larson has returned from California and is able to resume teaching.

d. Good News Club: Ended for the summer as the school is out of session.

e. Intern: Elijah DeJong and his wife Greta will arrive in Concho on May 22, 2019. They will be greeted and attended to by Donna Grimsley. Housing has been located for them in the apartments at 86 Clubhouse Lane, Concho, Arizona – moved, seconded, and passed authorizing Treasurer Dennee to pay the monthly rent (\$550/month). Since the DeJongs do not own a vehicle, moved, seconded, and passed to attempt to find a reliable vehicle which the church can purchase for them at a cost of no more than \$3500; in the interim a member is providing a van for their use.

9) New Business.

Moved, seconded, and passed, agreeing to the proposed contract with Ramon's Landscaping, LLC, for specific landscaping projects around the church building, at a total cost of \$2832.00.

10) Next session meeting scheduled. Moved, seconded, and passed, setting the next regular meeting for June 9, 2019, following the worship service and fellowship meal.

11) Adjournment. The meeting was closed with prayer by RE Dennee at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Ferg,
Clerk of Session

SESSION MEETING MINUTES

CONCHO VALLEY ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (CVOPC)

June 23, 2019

- 1) Preliminaries.** Due to unexpected health issues concerning Mrs. Larson, rendering it necessary for her and Pastor Larson to go to California, the session meeting scheduled for June 9, 2019 could not be held. By unanimous consent, it was rescheduled for June 23, 2019. On that date, the

Moderator, Pastor Stephen Larson, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. at the church building in Concho, Arizona. He began the meeting by reading I Peter 5:1-14 and offering prayer.

2) Attendance. Session members present were Pastor Larson and RE's Darrall Dennee, Bruce Ferg, Josh Grimsley, Peter Schelin; none absent. Visitors present were Intern Elijah DeJong, CVOPC Bookkeeper Peter Haines, and members Donna, Danielle, and Danny Grimsley; moved, seconded, and passed to give the visitors the privileges of the floor.

3) Docket. A docket for the meeting was adopted, as amended.

4) Minutes. The minutes of the session meeting of May 12, 2019, were read and approved.

5) Communications Received.

a. Email from the Stated Clerk, PSC, dated June 11, 2019, forwarding a request for prayer from Dr. Robert Strimple, for his daughter Heather who suffered serious injuries in an automobile accident on June 10 -- received as information.

b. On June 9, 2019, the CVOPC ruling elders met with several ladies of the church to receive information concerning upkeep of the church building. At that same time, RE Josh Grimsley stated his willingness to serve as the substitute teacher for the children's Sunday School class.

6) Financial Report.

a. Treasurer Dennee reported:

1. A vehicle for the DeJongs had been located and purchased, using the \$3500 from CVOPC which had been authorized by the session (Sess. Mins. 5/12/19, 2019-18, Item 8e) and additional funds from the DeJongs.

2. Donna Grimsley had requested that a second rocker be purchased for use in the cry room; moved, seconded, and passed authorizing her to do so.

3. An initial payment of \$800 had been made pursuant to the landscaping contract accepted by the session (Sess. Mins. 5/12/19, 2019-19, Item 9), and the bulk of the work had been completed; the balance would be paid upon installation of the timing mechanism for the irrigation system.

b. The financial report for April 2019, submitted by Danielle Grimsley, was received as information.

7) Notes for the record.

- a.** Intern Elijah DeJong and his wife Greta arrived in Concho on May 22, 2019.
- b.** In Pastor Larson's absence, Intern DeJong preached and led the worship services on May 26 and June 9, 2019, and conducted the service under Pastor Larson's observation on June 23, 2019.
- c.** The Lord's Supper was celebrated on June 16, 2019.

8) Clerk's Report.

- a.** No response has been received to the letter sent to Blaine and Maggie Pearce (Sess. Mins. 2/9/19, 2019-3, Item 9c, mailed Feb. 11, 2019), concerning their expressed desire to sever relations with CVOPC and their attendance at another church. Moved, seconded, and passed to erase their names from the membership roll, in accordance with Book of Discipline Chapter II,B,3,d (2) and (3). Jesse Richards has failed to respond to a letter regarding his extended absence from, and lack of communication with, the church (Sess. Mins. 2/9/19, 2019-3, Item 9c, mailed Feb. 15, 2019). However, Pastor Larson recently having had informal contact with him, moved, seconded, and passed to table the question of erasing his name from the roll until further efforts can be made to resolve the situation.
- b.** Attendance reports prepared by Theresa Dennee for the first quarter of 2019 indicate the following monthly averages: January: church – 33, adult SS – 33; February: church – 32, adult SS – 30; March: church – 36, adult SS – 33.

9) Pastor's Report.

a. Sunday order of worship/Sunday School:

1. Ruth Rowe has requested permission to change the current time-consuming procedure of baking the communion bread; moved, seconded, and passed authorizing her to explore use of purchased bread or crackers.
2. Moved, seconded, and passed, agreeing that the session will review the texts of hymns from outside the Trinity hymnal which Pastor Larson suggests for use in the worship services.
3. Donna Grimsley reported that the number of children in her Sunday School class likely will be increasing, with an age spread of 5 years to 15

years, which would warrant dividing it into two classes. Moved, seconded, and passed to seek volunteers to help teach and assist in the divided classes.

4. Moved, seconded, and passed to have a single adult Sunday School class, rather than two alternative classes being presented simultaneously, with the exception that a new members class and/or an officer training class (to be led by Pastor Larson if such classes appear to be warranted) may be conducted at the same time as the main class.

- b. Ladies' Bible Study:** The final meeting of the current study was held on June 18, 2019; Robin Laber intends to resume meeting and lead a new study (subject to be determined) in September.
- c. Midweek prayer meeting/Bible study:** On May 22, 2019, member Jerry Hunsicker led the meeting. Since May 29 Intern DeJong has been leading the meetings, with a series of lessons on the Messianic Psalms. Moved, seconded, and passed to seek volunteers to help oversee the children in attendance at the meetings.
- d. Williams Mission:** John Kistler, who has been doing the regular preaching in Williams, has accepted a call to a church in California and will leave Arizona on December 31, 2019. The Prescott OPC church's yearlong intern may be available to do some preaching from January to June 2020.
- e. Intern:** Mr. DeJong reported on his teaching, preaching, and visitation activities under Pastor Larson's supervision.
- f. Other:** OPC Missionary Mike McCabe and his family will visit Concho on July 6-7, 2019; he has agreed to speak to the adult SS class and preach during the Sunday worship service.

10) New Business.

- a.** Moved, seconded, and passed, directing the clerk to subscribe on behalf of the church for 12 copies of Ligonier Ministries' monthly "Table Talk" magazine, for distribution as part of the church's literature ministry.
- b.** Moved, seconded, and passed, directing the clerk to contact New Horizons magazine and request that 5 copies be sent monthly to the church, for free distribution, in addition to the copies sent directly to members.
- c.** Regarding the arrangements for church upkeep raised by the ladies: moved, seconded, and passed to seek volunteers for some routine weekly tasks related to fellowship time refreshments, etc.; to limit Ruth Rowe's responsibilities to

weekly cleaning and upkeep of the classrooms, pastor's office, and sanctuary, and preparation of the communion elements; and to hire Jamie Brewer to clean the bathrooms/kitchen/fellowship hall weekly.

d. Moved, seconded, and passed to direct the Treasurer to pay to the respective Presbytery of Southern California and OPC General Assembly committees the amounts authorized in the 2019 annual CVOPC budget.

11) Next session meeting scheduled. Moved, seconded, and passed, setting the next regular session meeting for July 7, 2019, following the worship service and fellowship meal.

12) Adjournment. The meeting was concluded with prayer by RE Grimsley at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Ferg
Clerk of Session

SESSION MEETING MINUTES

CONCHO VALLEY ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (CVOPC)

July 21, 2019

- 1) **Preliminaries.** Because of RE Darrall Dennee's unforeseen inability to attend the meeting scheduled for July 7, 2019, by common consent it was rescheduled to July 21, 2019. On July 21, 2019, the Moderator, Pastor Stephen Larson, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m., at the church building in Concho, Arizona. He opened the meeting by reading Romans 12:1-5 and offering prayer.
- 2) **Attendance.** Session members present were Pastor Larson and RE's Darrall Dennee, Bruce Ferg, Josh Grimsley, Peter Schelin; none absent. Visitors present were Intern Elijah DeJong, CVOPC Bookkeeper Peter Haines, and members Donna and Danny Grimsley; moved, seconded, and passed to give them the privileges of the floor.
- 3) **Docket.** A docket for the meeting was adopted.
- 4) **Minutes.** The minutes of the session meeting of June 23, 2019, were read and approved.

5) **Communications Received.**

Email from the Stated Clerk, PSC, dated June 28, 2019, forwarding a report from Jerry and Marilyn Farnik, missionaries to the Czech Republic, accompanied by a prayer supplement concerning the Farniks' ministry and Team Praha's planned summer activities -- received as information.

6) **Financial Report.**

a. Bookkeeper Peter Haines submitted monthly financial reports for May and June 2019, and a consolidated report on the first half of calendar year 2019 -- received as information.

b. Treasurer Dennee's report:

1. The contracted landscaping work (Sess. Mins. 5/12/19, 2019-19, Item 9) has been completed and the balance of the cost has been paid.

2. Moved, seconded, and passed, directing that arrangements be made with Washington Federal Bank to issue employee debit cards on the Concho Valley OPC church account, with a limit of \$500 each, to Peter Haines and Donna Grimsley.

7) Notes for the record.

a. OPC missionary, Pastor Mike McCabe, visiting CVOPC with his family, addressed the adult Sunday School class and led the worship service on July 7, 2019.

b. The Lord's Supper was celebrated on July 14, 2019.

8) Clerk's Report.

Pursuant to the session's action removing Blaine and Maggie Pearce from the CVOPC membership roll (Sess. Mins. 6/23/19, 2019-21, Item 8a), a letter informing them of this action was mailed to them on July 3, 2019. It was returned to the church as undeliverable, although it was sent to the same address in Saint Johns, AZ, as the session's letter of Feb. 11, 2019, which was not returned. Pastor Larson having stated that he has another possible mailing address, the letter notifying the Pearces of their removal from the roll will be re-sent, to that address.

9) Pastor's Report.

a. Sunday order of worship/Sunday School:

1. Moved, seconded, and passed to restructure the children's Sunday School into three classes: the youngest children (age 2 through second grade) will be taught by Donna Grimsley, assisted by Joanie Garcia; there currently being no third graders, the fourth through sixth grade children will be taught by RE Josh Grimsley, assisted by Danielle Grimsley; children in seventh grade through high school will be taught by Peter and Jennifer Haines. Elder Josh Grimsley will be the contact elder for children's Sunday School matters.

2. RE Ferg will begin the new adult Sunday School class on July 28, 2019; during his occasional anticipated absences, RE Schelin will lead that class.

3. Pastor Larson anticipates beginning a new members class within the next few weeks.

b. Members: Rosemary Elizabeth Ann Grimsley, daughter of members Josh and Danielle Grimsley, was born on July 12, 2019; it is planned that she be baptized on July 28, 2019.

c. Regular Attenders: Pastor Larson reported briefly on contacts with various regular attenders, some of whom likely will attend the new members class.

d. Ladies' Bible Study: N/A

e. Midweek prayer meeting/Bible study: Intern DeJong is continuing to teach on the Messianic psalms and will do so until the end of his internship period.

f. Greek class: resumed meeting on July 18, 2019.

g. Good News Club: Meetings will resume in August, after commencement of the new school year.

h. Williams Mission: N/A

i. Intern Report: Intern DeJong reported that he has continued regular home visitations with Pastor Larson, while preparing for part of his licensure exam by his overseeing presbytery. His scheduled date to depart Arizona is Monday, August 26, 2019; before then he will preach three more times, to complete his series on the book of Ruth.

10) Old Business.

Parking lots: Moved, seconded, and passed, authorizing Treasurer Dennee to contract with an appropriate vendor for a sufficient amount of material to resurface the parking lots.

11) Next session meeting scheduled. By common consent, the next regular meeting was scheduled for August 18, 2019.

12) Adjournment. The meeting was concluded at 3:25 p.m., with prayer by RE Josh Grimsley.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Ferg
Clerk of Session

SESSION MEETING MINUTES
CONCHO VALLEY ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (CVOPC)
(August 18, 2019)

- 1) **Preliminaries.** The Moderator, Pastor Stephen Larson, called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m., at the church building in Concho, Arizona. He began the meeting by reading James 1:19-27 and prayer was offered by RE Schelin.
- 2) **Attendance.** Session members present were Pastor Larson and RE's Darrall Dennee, Bruce Ferg, Josh Grimsley, and Pete Schelin; none absent. Visitors present were Intern Elijah DeJong, Bookkeeper Peter Haines, and member Danny Grimsley. Moved, seconded, and passed to give the visitors the privilege of the floor.
- 3) **Docket.** A docket for the meeting was adopted.
- 4) **Minutes.** The minutes of the session meeting of July 21, 2019, were approved as previously distributed.
- 5) **Communications Received.**
 - a. Email from the PSC Stated Clerk, dated Aug. 9, 2019, noting arrangements for the next presbytery meeting, scheduled for Oct. 18-19, 2019, and conveying a letter from the OPC Presbytery of the Northwest, regarding the deposition and suspension of Eric Tuininga – received as information.
 - b. Email from the PSC Stated Clerk, dated Aug. 15, requesting prayers for TE David Haney (heart attack) and TE Jack Sawyer, Jr. (unexpected death)

and their families – received as information. On Aug. 17, TE Haney’s family gave internet notice that he had passed away on Aug. 16.

6) Financial Report.

a. Treasurer Dennee report:

Washington Federal Bank has been unhelpful and inconvenient in conducting CVOPC business. Moved, seconded, and passed to move the church’s account to another institution as soon as practical, the first step being for one of the signers on the Washington Federal account to instruct the bank not to roll-over the CVOPC certificate of deposit when it matures in September, but rather transfer the funds into the CVOPC regular account.

b. Bookkeeper Peter Haines submitted a financial report for July and a consolidated report for the first seven months of 2019 -- received as information.

7) Notes for the record.

a. The Lord’s Supper was celebrated on August 11, 2019.

b. Rosemary Elizabeth Ann Grimsley, daughter of Josh and Danielle Grimsley (Sess. Mins. 7/21/19, 2019-25, Item 9b), was baptized by Pastor Larson on July 28, 2019.

c. Intern Elijah DeJong conducted the remainder of the worship service on July 28, 2019.

8) Clerk’s Report:

a. RE Ferg reported: The letter to Blaine and Maggie Pearce informing them that their names had been erased from the membership roll, which was returned as undeliverable after being sent to their address in Saint Johns (Sess. Mins. 7/21/19, 2019-25, Item 8), was re-sent to them at their address in Concho, on Aug. 13, 2019. On Aug. 16, Mrs. Pearce phoned RE Ferg, informing him that they had not received the session’s prior letters to them, but had received the re-sent letter explaining the session’s removal action. She confirmed that she and Blaine have joined a Methodist church in Show Low, which was supposed to communicate that fact to CVOPC, so that their removal from the CVOPC membership roll was correct.

b. RE Ferg further reported that neither he nor any other session member had received any communication from Jesse Richards. RE Grimsley undertook to text Jesse, specifically asking him about his intentions.

9) Pastor's Report.

a. Sunday order of worship: Having conducted the worship service on this date, Intern DeJong will do so again on Aug. 25, thereby completing his sermon series on the book of Ruth.

b. Sunday School: RE Grimsley and Peter Haines reported positively on their respective children's and youth classes. RE Schelin volunteered to teach the adult class during RE Ferg's travel absences on Sept. 15/22.

c. Members: nothing to add to the Clerk's report.

d. Regular Attenders: There is a good attendance at the new members class.

e. Ladies' Bible Study: Robin Laber will begin a new study in September, on a book of the Bible.

f. Midweek prayer meeting/Bible study: Following Intern DeJong's departure, RE Schelin will resume leading the meetings, continuing with studies in the Psalms.

g. Greek class: Due to scheduling conflicts, on hiatus until September.

h. Good News Club: Will resume meetings at the school on August 22.

i. Williams Mission: Good attendance continues (35 last week). Pastors Larson and Perkins (Prescott OPC) anticipate interviewing about 20 persons for membership. The Prescott year-long intern has been preaching on alternate Sundays and likely will become the regular supply during January-June 2020, after John Kistler's departure to California (the intern will be examined for licensure at the September meeting of his overseeing presbytery).

j. Intern report: Pastor Larson will proctor Intern DeJong's Hebrew examination, as part of Mr. DeJong's own licensure examination (to be conducted by his presbytery in September). He and Greta will depart Concho on Aug. 26, and he hopes to complete his seminary studies by May 2020.

k. Other: Pastor Larson reported on communications received regarding a new system of physical addresses being introduced by Apache County, which will affect the CVOPC property parcels in Concho but do not require any action by the church.

9) New Business.

Intern evaluations: by common consent, each elder will individually complete an evaluation form and return it to Pastor Larson, who forward them all to Mr. DeJong's seminary.

10) Next session meeting scheduled. By common consent, the next monthly session meeting was scheduled, to be held at the church following the fellowship meal on Sept. 29.

11) Adjournment. The meeting was concluded with prayer by Pastor Larson, at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Ferg
Clerk of Session

SESSION MEETING MINUTES

CONCHO VALLEY ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (CVOPC)

(September 29, 2019)

- 1) **Preliminaries.** The Moderator, Pastor Stephen Larson, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m., at the church building in Concho, Arizona. He began the meeting by reading Rev. 1:4-8 and prayer was offered by RE Josh Grimsley.

- 2) **Attendance.** Session members present were Pastor Larson and RE's Darrall Dennee, Bruce Ferg, Josh Grimsley, and Pete Schelin; none absent. Visitors present were members Peter Haines, Col. (ret.) Jerry Hunsicker, and Danny Grimsley; moved, seconded, and passed to give them the privilege of the floor.

- 3) **Docket.** A docket for the meeting was adopted.

- 4) **Minutes.** The minutes of the session meeting of Aug. 18, 2019, were approved as previously distributed.

- 5) **Communications Received.**
 - a. Email from the PSC Stated Clerk, dated Sept. 9, 2019, encouraging distribution of the third (Sept.-Dec.) 2019 issue of "The Guardian" (published by the joint Presbyterian and Reformed Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel) – received as information.

 - b. Email from the PSC Stated Clerk, dated Sept. 18, 2019, distributing information concerning the PSC's Third Stated Meeting of 2019 (Oct. 18-19) and requesting prayer for retired OPC pastor Carl Erickson (major surgery on Oct. 3) – received as information.

- 6) **Financial Report.**
 - a. Treasurer Dennee reported: the funds in the church's matured CD at Washington Federal Bank were transferred to the regular CVOPC account at Washington Federal. Moved, seconded, and passed to begin transitioning the church's business to the National Bank of Arizona, with RE's Darrall

Dennee and Bruce Ferg, and Bookkeeper Peter Haines, designated as signatories on the account.

b. Bookkeeper Haines submitted a financial report for the month of August which was received as information.

7) Notes for the record.

The Lord's Supper was celebrated on Sept. 8, 2019.

8) Clerk's Report.

a. RE Ferg reported: No response has been received to the session's letters and other attempts to contact Jesse Richards about his lengthy absence from CVOPC, including RE Grimsley's repeated recent attempts to connect with him by text messages. Moved, seconded, and passed that Mr. Richards' name be erased from the CVOPC membership roll, in accordance with the Book of Church Order, Book of Discipline II, B, 3, d(4).

b. RE Ferg further reported: As directed by the session (Sess. Mins. 6/23/19, 2019-22, Item 10a), contact was made with Ligonier Ministries regarding a church subscription to Table Talk magazine. A one-year subscription for 12 copies monthly will commence with the November issue, which will be mailed to the church in late October; the cost of \$144 (\$1 per copy per month) has been billed to the CVOPC credit card.

9) Pastor's Report.

a. Regular Attenders: the new members class continues to be well attended, and he is hopeful that several families will join upon completion of the class.

b. Ladies' Bible Study: Robin Laber has begun teaching through the Epistles of John.

c. Midweek prayer meeting/Bible study: moved, seconded, and passed that persons present must attend the Bible study portion of the meeting in order to participate in the meal/food distribution.

d. Greek class: weekly classes have resumed.

e. Good News Club: The year is off to a good start, with about 10 children attending.

f. Williams Mission: The Prescott OPC intern, who is assisting in the preaching at Williams, passed his licensure examination, and may be able to preach weekly at Williams after John Kistler departs until his internship concludes in June 2020.

g. Other: Pastor Larson will participate in the annual Concho Octoberfest activities on Oct. 5, manning his outreach and book distribution booth at Lions Park.

10) Old Business. Col. Hunsicker presented information to the session about various aspects of securing the CVOPC premises and worshipers, to assist the session's consideration of what further action in this regard may be appropriate.

11) New Business.

a. Moved, seconded, and passed, authorizing Donna Grimsley to purchase an additional baby-changing table, to be placed in the ladies' restroom.

b. Moved, seconded, and passed, authorizing the Concho Valley Garden Club to meet in the church on October 30, 2019.

c. Moved, seconded, and passed to schedule the annual Christmas caroling event for Dec. 22, 2019.

12) Next session meeting scheduled. By common consent, the next monthly session meeting was scheduled to be held at the church on Oct. 27, 2019, following the fellowship meal.

13) Adjournment. The meeting was concluded with prayer by Peter Haines, at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Ferg
Clerk of Session

SESSION MEETING MINUTES

CONCHO VALLEY ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (CVOPC)

(October 27, 2019)

- 1) **Preliminaries.** The Moderator, Pastor Stephen Larson, called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m., at the church building in Concho, Arizona. He began the meeting by reading Philippians 4:1-9 and prayer was offered by RE Ferg.
- 2) **Attendance.** Session members present were Pastor Larson and RE's Darrall Dennee, Bruce Ferg, Josh Grimsley, and Pete Schelin; none absent. Present as a visitor was CVOPC Bookkeeper Peter Haines; moved, seconded, and passed to give him the privilege of the floor.
- 3) **Docket.** A docket for the meeting was adopted.
- 4) **Minutes.** The previously distributed minutes of the session meeting of September 29, 2019, were approved.
- 5) **Communications Received.**
 - a. Email from the PSC Stated Clerk, dated Oct. 15, 2019, regarding the upcoming 2019 Third Stated Meeting (includes updated proposed docket and list of communications; Stated Clerk's report; and 2020 proposed PSC budget) – received as information.
 - b. Email from the PSC Stated Clerk, dated Oct. 15, 2019, regarding two special called PSC meetings in Nov. 2019, to particularize the Anaheim Hills (CA) mission and install a new pastor at Calvary OPC (La Mirada, CA), and the installation of Rev. Craig Troxell as a teacher at Westminster Theological Seminary (Escondido, CA) in Dec. 2019 – received as information.
 - c. Email from the Arizona Corporation Commission, dated Oct. 3, 2019, reminding CVOPC to file its annual corporation report before Jan. 1, 2020 – by common consent, directing the clerk to comply with this requirement.
 - d. Letter from Danny Olinger, General Secretary of the OPC Committee on Christian Education, dated Oct. 4, 2019, regarding the 2019 OPC Thank Offering – received as information.

6) **Financial Report.**

Bookkeeper Peter Haines submitted a financial report for September 2019 -- received as information.

7) Notes for the record.

- a. The Lord's Supper was celebrated on Oct. 13, 2019.
- b. Pastor Larson, Ruth Rowe, and Jamie Brewer participated in the Concho Octoberfest activities on Oct. 5, 2019.
- c. Pastor Larson attended the PSC Third Stated Meeting, Oct. 18, 2019.

8) Pastor's Report.

- a. **Sunday order of worship:** Moved, seconded, and passed to appoint Ruth Rowe as permanent preparer of the communion elements.
- b. **Sunday School:** RE Ferg will be absent and unable to teach the adult class on Nov. 17 and Dec. 29; RE Schelin volunteered to lead the class on those dates.
- c. **Members:** (By common consent, this item was deferred until the end of the meeting, after Mr. Haines had departed, to permit discussion of a sensitive matter.)
- d. **Regular Attenders:** Pastor Larson anticipates that the new members class will meet for approximately four more weeks, and that several families will then seek membership.
- e. **Williams Mission:** Attendance continues healthy, averaging 25-40 each week.
- f. **Other:** Pastor Larson summarized several matters discussed at the PSC October meeting.

9) Old Business.

Security preparedness: Moved, seconded, and passed, establishing a committee consisting of RE Grimsley and Danny Grimsley to conduct an assessment of these matters by exploring the security needs of CVOPC and report back to the session.

10) New Business.

- a. Bookkeeper Haines agreed to prepare a draft 2020 budget, paying special attention to harmonizing the line items in the budget with the categories being used in the church's financial records.
- b. Moved, seconded, and passed, authorizing use of the church fellowship room for a ladies' tea, to be organized by Mrs. Larson and held on Nov. 23, 2019.
- c. Moved, seconded, and passed, authorizing Pastor Larson to communicate in writing to Mr. Elijah DeJong, expressing the session's unanimous approbation of his service as our summer intern and it's desire to have him return to Concho upon his graduation from seminary, as either a co-pastor or long-term intern.

11) Next session meeting scheduled. By common consent, the next monthly session meeting was scheduled to be held at the church on Nov. 24, 2019, following the fellowship meal.

12) Adjournment. The meeting was concluded with prayer by Mr. Haines, at 3:35 p.m. (Following Mr. Haines' departure, Item 9c above was discussed.)

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Ferg
Clerk of Session

SESSION MEETING MINUTES

CONCHO VALLEY ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (CVOPC) (November 24, 2019)

- 1) **Preliminaries.** The Moderator, Pastor Stephen Larson, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m., at the church building in Concho, Arizona. He began the meeting by reading Romans 14:8-12 and prayer was offered by RE Grimsley.
- 2) **Attendance.** Session members present were Pastor Larson and RE's Darrall Dennee, Bruce Ferg, Josh Grimsley, and Pete Schelin; none absent. Visitors present were CVOPC Bookkeeper Peter Haines, Rob Grimsley, and Danny Grimsley; moved, seconded, and passed to give them the privilege of the floor.
- 3) **Docket.** A docket for the meeting was adopted as amended.
- 4) **Minutes.** The minutes of the session meeting of Oct. 27, 2019, previously distributed, were approved as amended.
- 5) **Communications Received.**
 - a. Email from the PSC Stated Clerk, dated Oct. 28, 2019, explaining the denominational and presbytery per communicant member giving requests for 2020 – received as information.
 - b. Email from the PSC Stated Clerk, dated Oct. 28, 2019, distributing documents about the 2020 summer English Camp to be held in the Czech Republic – received as information.
 - c. Email from the PSC Stated Clerk, dated Nov. 6, 2019, conveying an invitation from Theophilus OPC (Anaheim, CA) to its Nov. 30, 2019, conference (“The Kingdom of God in the Book of Revelation”), and a letter from the Presbytery of the Southwest (OPC), announcing its erasure from the roll of the church of former evangelist Jason Kirlin,

based on his renunciation of the jurisdiction of the OPC and embrace of the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

d. Email from the PSC Stated Clerk, dated Nov. 12, 2019, requesting prayer for Pastor Joel Ellis (Reformation OPC, Apache Junction, Az) and his family, especially his daughter Ellen Beth, who was seriously injured in an auto accident on Nov. 11 – immediately forwarded to all session members, together with information received concerning a CaringBridge site established for Ellen Beth, which would be used to post updates about her.

e. Email from the PSC Stated Clerk, dated Nov. 23, 2019, conveying registration information about the PSC Winter Camps for young people – received as information and posted on the church notice board.

6) Financial Reports.

a. Treasurer Dennee reported that, pursuant to the session’s direction (Sess. Mins. 9/29/19, 2019-30, Item 6a), new checking and savings accounts for the church have been opened at the National Bank of Arizona, Show Low, AZ, by depositing the weekly offering to initiate the checking account and making a partial transfer of CVOPC funds from Washington Federal Bank to establish the savings account. RE’s Dennee and Ferg and Bookkeeper Haines are the authorized signatories on the accounts and will each receive a debit card on the church account; Donna Grimsley will receive an “employee” card, with a limit of \$500. RE Dennee anticipates that the CVOPC accounts at Washington Federal will be closed and all remaining funds transferred from it to NBA by the end of the calendar year, when all outstanding checks have cleared, automatic payment arrangements changed, etc.

b. Bookkeeper Peter Haines submitted a financial report for the month of Oct. 2019 -- received as information.

7) Notes for the record.

a. The Lord’s Supper was celebrated on Nov. 10, 2019.

b. The Ladies Tea was held at the church on Nov. 23, 2019.

8) Clerk’s Report:

RE Ferg reported: All 12 copies of the November and December Table Talk magazines were immediately taken as soon as made available. In light of this

favorable reception, moved, seconded, and passed, directing him to contact Ligonier Ministries and increase the CVOPC subscription to 16 issues per month.

9) Pastor's Report.

a. Sunday School: Pastor Larson expects to complete his new member class in December and has good hopes that several families and individuals involved in the class will seek membership. In the new year he intends to offer an officer training class. Jerry Hunsicker, a long-time user of Table Talk magazine, has offered to lead a group during the weekly Sunday School hour that will consist of persons desiring to discuss the materials provided in the magazine; moved, seconded, and passed, to accept his offer, to begin in the new year after the new members class is concluded.

b. Members: [Due to the sensitive nature of some matters, discussion of this item was deferred to the end of the meeting, following withdrawal of the visitors.]

c. Ladies' Bible Study: Having completed the study of the epistles of John, Robin Laber has begun leading a study of Paul's epistle to Titus.

d. Other:

i. Mr. Elijah DeJong is unable to respond to the session's invitation to him to return to CVOPC in some capacity following his impending graduation from seminary (Sess. Mins. 10/27/19, 2019-35, Item 10c), because of the uncertain status of another call that may be extended to him.

ii. There being a need for an updated directory of the church's members and regular attenders, Pastor Larson is circulating sheets containing current information among the congregation so that each person can check his own information for accuracy. When the information is completely updated, Pastor Larson will print up new directories in pamphlet format for distribution to the congregation.

10) Old Business.

a. Parking lot: RE Dennee reported that the area to be improved is approximately 22,000 square feet. By common consent, RE Grimsley will inquire about the cost of material sufficient to cover that area and the logistics involved in having it delivered and spread, and communicate the information to the other elders as soon as possible, in the hope that the work can be completed before winter weather conditions become prohibitive.

b. Security Committee: RE Josh Grimsley and member Danny Grimsley gave a preliminary oral report. They are preparing a plan for conducting fire drills in the church building, which will be emailed to the session for review. They also have decided to personally engage in some security training offered by Jerry Hunsicker, to assist in their analysis of what further steps might be implemented by the church to prevent and deal with violent intrusions.

11) New Business.

Moved, seconded, and passed to schedule the annual meeting of the congregation, including a meeting of the corporation to elect the corporate officers and conduct such other corporate business as the session may bring before it, for February 16, 2020, following the fellowship meal.

12) The visitors having been excused, the session discussed the member-related matters deferred from Pastor Larson's report (Item 9b above).

13) Next session meeting scheduled. By common consent, the next monthly session meeting was scheduled to be held at the church on December 15, 2019, following the worship service.

14) Adjournment. The meeting was concluded at 3:25 p.m., with prayer by RE Ferg.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Ferg
Clerk of Session

SESSION MEETING MINUTES

CONCHO VALLEY ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (CVOPC) (December 15, 2019)

- 1) **Preliminaries.** The Moderator, Pastor Stephen Larson, called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m., at the church building in Concho, Arizona. He began the meeting by reading Titus 1:5-9 and prayer was offered by RE Pete Schelin.

- 2) **Attendance.** Session members present were Pastor Larson and RE's Darrall Dennee, Bruce Ferg, and Pete Schelin; RE Josh Grimsley was absent (excused). Visitor present was member Jerry Hunsicker; moved, seconded, and passed to give him the privilege of the floor.

- 3) **Docket.** An abbreviated docket for the meeting was adopted, due to Pastor Larson needing to travel to Williams for new member interviews.

- 4) **Minutes.** The minutes of the session meeting of Nov. 24, 2019, were approved as previously distributed.

- 5) **Communications Received.**
 - a. Email from the PSC Stated Clerk, dated Nov. 29, 2019, announcing a Sunday School teacher training seminar to be hosted by Faith OPC (Long Beach, CA) on Jan. 11, 2020, and reminding of the installation service for Rev. A. Craig Troxell as a teacher at Westminster Theological Seminary (Escondido, CA), in the seminary chapel on Dec. 6, 2019 – received as information.

 - b. Email from the PSC Stated Clerk, dated Dec. 3, 2019, requesting prayer for RE A.M. (Mac) Laurie, on the passing of his wife Virginia – received as information.

 - c. Email from Diana Post, dated Dec. 6, 2019, informing that the 2020 PSC Women's Retreat will be held on April 17-19, 2020, at Camp Maranatha, Idyllwild, CA, the speaker to be Valerie Shepard (daughter of Elisabeth Elliot) – received as information, to be announced to the congregation.

 - d. Email from the PSC Stated Clerk, dated Dec. 10, 2019, requesting prayer

for El Camino OPC (Goleta, CA) and the family of Deacon Randy Stokes, Mr. Stokes having gone to be with the Lord, Nov. 25, 2019 – received as information.

6) Financial Report.

A financial report for the month of November 2019, submitted by Bookkeeper Peter Haines, was received as information.

7) Notes for the record.

a. The Lord's Supper was celebrated on Dec. 8, 2019.

b. Pastor Larson distributed Bibles and other literature during the Concho Christmas Bazaar, on Dec. 7, 2019.

8) Clerk's Report.

a. RE Ferg reported: in accordance with the session's direction (Sess. Mins. 10/27/19, 2019-33, Item 5c), he filed the CVOPC annual report to the Arizona Corporation Commission, for calendar year 2020, on Dec. 2, 2019.

b. RE Ferg further reported: in accordance with the session's direction (Sess. Mins. 11/24/19, 2019-37, Item 8), he contacted Ligonier Ministries and they will begin sending four additional copies of the Table Talk magazine each month.

9) Pastor's Report.

a. **Sunday order of worship:** Mrs. Robin Laber having volunteered to record the prayer requests offered during the worship services and distribute them by email to the congregation to use during the week, moved, seconded, and passed authorizing her to do so.

b. **Midweek prayer meeting/Bible study:** There recently have been several visitors (not current members or regular attenders) at the meeting. Jerry Hunsicker has agreed to begin teaching the Bible study beginning January 8, 2020; Mr. Hunsicker discussed his plans for the studies.

c. **Other:** The finalized church directory has been printed and distributed. In addition to the afternoon of caroling scheduled for Sunday afternoon, Dec. 22, there will be a Christmas Eve worship service at 6:00 p.m., Dec. 24.

10) Next session meeting scheduled. By common consent, the next monthly session was scheduled for Jan. 19, 2020, at the church, following the fellowship meal.

11) Adjournment. The meeting was concluded with prayer at 2:00 p.m., with prayer by RE Dennee.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Ferg
Clerk of Session

CONCHO VALLEY ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
MARCH 3, 2019

The session having determined that the obstacles to travel created by the heavy snow storm of February 21-22, 2019, would prevent the attendance of two elders scheduled to make presentations, and likely would prevent the attendance of a significant number of congregants, at the congregational meeting previously scheduled for February 24, 2019 [Sess. Mins. Feb. 9, 2019, 2019-7, Item 10h], it was agreed to delay the meeting to the next Lord's Day. The Annual Congregational Meeting of Concho Valley OPC therefore convened in the Adult Sunday School room, CVOPC, on March 3, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting was opened in prayer by Pastor Stephen Larson.

Pastor Larson, session moderator, was the Moderator of the meeting. RE Bruce Ferg, clerk of the session, was the Clerk for the meeting. [FG XVI, 4]

The Clerk determined that 14 communicant members, a quorum, were present. On motion, the congregation approved the agenda for the meeting. The congregation, on motion, approved granting privileges of the floor to any non-members wishing to speak.

On motion, the call for the meeting was found in order: the call was issued by the session [Sess. Mins. Feb. 9, 2019, 2019-7, Item 10h]; the meeting was publicly announced at Lord's Day worship services on February 10 and 17, 2019; and the stated purpose for the meeting was "the Annual Congregational Meeting." [FG XVI, 1 and 3]

Pastor Larson presented his 2018 ministry report and plans for the directions of his ministry in 2019.

RE Ferg presented a report from the session, including elders' participation in the first stated meeting of the Presbytery of Southern California (Feb. 1, 2019), the selection of Pastor Larson and RE Pete Schelin as PSC commissioners to the OPC General Assembly to be held in Dallas, TX during June 2019, and a summary of the CVOPC annual statistical report for 2018.

RE Peter Schelin reported on the weekly Wednesday night Bible study meetings.

RE Darrall Dennee and RE Ferg reported on plans for adult Sunday School classes they would be teaching, after completion of the new members class currently being taught by RE Dennee and Pastor Larson's class on Essential Truths of the Christian Faith by R.C. Sproul. RE Dennee plans to lead a class on Jerry Bridges' book, The Discipline of Grace, and RE Ferg will present a class on the Scriptural teaching about God's love and the believer's responsive love.

Robin Laber reported about the weekly Women's Bible Study. Following the soon conclusion of the current study about the attributes of God, she will lead a study of Personal Evangelism Made Less Difficult by George Miladin.

In the necessary absence of teacher Donna Grimsley, Pastor Larson reported about the children's Sunday School class.

Pastor Larson presented a report on CVOPC's finances during 2018 and the session's recommended budget for 2019.

At the time for discussion of Pastor Larson's salary, he and his family left the room. RE Josh Grimsley assumed the chair as Moderator, in accordance with the session's designation in its minutes of February 9, 2019. [FG XVI, 4]

On motion, the congregation approved the recommended budget, including total cash compensation for Pastor Larson of \$44,000 during 2019, as categorized in the budget documents distributed at the meeting.

Pastor Larson was recalled and resumed the chair. After hearing them read, on motion, the congregation approved the minutes of the meeting.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned, closed with prayer by Joanie Garcia at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

RE Bruce Ferg, Clerk of the Congregational Meeting