

SESSION MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2025

The Stated Session meeting of Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church, Puyallup, Washington, began at 7:00 p.m. in the church library. A quorum was present.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. John Asher. Pastor John read a reflection entitled “The Dualistic Mind” adapted from Richard Rohr, *A Spring Within Us: A Book of Daily Meditations*.

ROLL CALL:

Don Bennett	Present	Andy McClure	Present
Ron Hale	Present	Merry Pantaleo	Present
Jennifer Hawley	Present	Kim Randall	Excused
John Asher	Moderator		

CLERK'S REPORT: Ron Hale moved, Jenn Hawley seconded, and Session voted to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2025 meeting. Session has not yet elected a Clerk. Don Bennett, Merry Pantaleo, and Pastor John have met to approach candidates on Session's behalf.

FOR THE RECORD:

- Communion was celebrated at the Sunday February 2, 2025 worship services by Rev. John Asher.
- Received an announcement from Olympia Presbytery about formation of the Peacemaking/Matthew 25 Task Force. Sessions are invited recommend members to join the task force who are committed to social justice work.
- Received a letter from Rick Paylor requesting to resign his membership in the congregation of Shepherd of the Hill.

BUDGET (JANUARY 2025)

Budget Data	Budget	Monthly	YTD
INCOME	357,900	25,995	25,995
EXPENSES	378,899	28,606	28,606

CONSENT ITEMS:

Session voted to approve:

FROM PASTOR JOHN:

- Approve four days of study leave from Tuesday, March 4, 2025 to Friday, March 7, 2025.
(Note: Pastor John will lead the Ash Wednesday service on March 5, 2025 during this local study leave.)

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

FROM PASTOR JOHN:

- Don Bennett moved, Andy McClure seconded, and Session voted to approve Rick Paylor's resignation of membership.
- Andy McClure moved, Ron Hale seconded, and Session voted to delegate to Pastor John Asher and Jenn Hawley to form a Personnel Committee to review the proposed changes to the Personnel Manual to bring it in line with the new governance structure.
- Merry Pantaleo moved, Jenn Hawley seconded, and Session voted to approve a new process for approving minutes to be posted online in a timely manner. Minutes of Session meetings will be considered approved by Session, absent any corrections or objections within one week after distribution of the draft minutes to Session by email.
- Deferred naming officers of the corporation and Presbytery Commissioner until its March meeting.

The meeting was closed in prayer.

The next session meeting will be Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at Shepherd of the Hill.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. John Asher, Moderator