

SESSION MINUTES FOR MARCH 18, 2025

The Stated Session meeting of Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church, Puyallup, Washington, began at 7:07 p.m. in the church library. A quorum was present.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. John Asher. Pastor John leads a devotional on Luke 13: 6-9. Jesus tells the parable of the barren fig tree, illustrating that those who do not bear fruit (repent and follow God) will be cut down, but are given a chance to change and produce fruit through God's grace

ROLL CALL:

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

CLERK'S REPORT: The minutes from February 18, 2025 were submitted by mail on February 21, 2025 and were approved on February 28, 2025

FOR THE RECORD:

- Communion was celebrated in the Sunday, March 2, 2025 worship service by Rev. John Asher

BUDGET (February 2025)

Budget Data	Budget	Monthly	YTD
INCOME	\$32,425	\$24,865	\$50,860
EXPENSES	\$31,581	\$29,326	\$57,931

CONSENT ITEMS:

Session voted to approve:

FROM PASTOR JOHN:

- Approve five days of vacation from Sunday, April 6 - 11, 2025. (Excludes Monday, which is a day off for Pastor John.)

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

From Merry Pantaleo, Don Benett and Pastor John:

- A new approach to the position of Clerk has been introduced. The Clerk of Session will serve a one-year term, which may be renewed or reappointed annually from among the current serving Elders.
- Andy McClure was nominated and accepted the role of Clerk of Session for 2025.

Action: It was moved by Ron Hale that we accept the new term for Clerk of Session and appoint Andy McClure as Clerk for the 2025 term. Merry Pantaleo seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

From Don Bennett and Pastor John:

- Add the following language to the Session Manual under '1.2 Session Officers':
Session officers are elected by the Session annually, except for the Moderator. The Clerk, Treasurer, and Presbytery Commissioner shall be ruling elders from the congregation who are currently serving a term on the Session or who have previously been ordained to the ordered ministry of ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Action: It was moved by Don Bennett that we accept the new language in the Session Manual under '1.2 Session

Officers.’ Kim Randall seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

- As Trustees of the Shepherd of the Hill Corporation, the following serving Elders have been nominated to serve in Officer roles:

President: Don Bennett

Vice-President: Kim Randall

Secretary: Andy McClure

Action: It was moved by Andy McClure to accept the nominations of Corporation Officers. Kim Randall seconded the motion. The motion was approved

- The role of Presbytery Commissioner, as outlined in the Session Manual (1.2), was discussed, and Kim Randall was nominated to serve in this position for the 2025 year.

Action: It was moved by Merry Pantaleo to accept the nomination of Kim Randall to serve as Presbytery Commissioner for the 2025 year. Andy McClure seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- There is a need to reschedule our next regularly scheduled Session meeting from April 15, 2025 to April 22, 2025, to better accommodate schedules.

Action: It was moved by Kim Randall to change the date of our next Session meeting from April 15, 2025 to April 22, 2025. Don Bennett seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

The next session meeting will be Tuesday April 22, 2025 at Shepherd of the Hill.

The meeting was closed in prayer.

The Session Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andy McClure, Clerk of Session