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Terry L. Scott

Signature

By (if applicable)

TERRY L. SCOTT

Print Name

Signature

By (if applicable)

Print Name

**Amazing Grace Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Joint Session-Deacon Meeting
December 9, 2014**

The Moderator, the Rev. Mr. Roger Korsten, called the meeting of the Session and Deacons to order in the sanctuary of Amazing Grace Evangelical Presbyterian Church at 6: 10 p.m. with prayer before dinner.

Those present: The Moderator: Rev. Roger Korsten; Clerk, Alice Kalonick; Elders: Mark Atherton, Karen Dengel, Bob DeWitt, Gordon Jardy, Matt Kross, Sandy Meyer, Jim Nelson, Dick Reed, Terry Scott & Debby Tanner; and incoming Elders: Bob Kyllonen & Russell Newman. Deacons: Carl Campbell, Carol Clardy, Doug Conner, Debbie Haun, , Alice Kalonick, Linda King, Kay Kyllonen & Erin Spencer; and incoming Deacons: Pat Conner & Jeanne Kamiab Guests: Roger Dengel & Marge Nelson
Excused: Deacons, Patti Hull & Linda Komara
Absent: Elder Martii Lazar & Deacon Robyn Reilly

Joint Celebration

At 6:55 p.m. The Session and Deacons repeated, "We the Session and Deacons of Amazing Grace Evangelical Presbyterian Church gather this evening to Worship the Lord together as we prayerfully Lead God's people in the Will of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit" and the 2014 year verse, "See I am doing a new thing. Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" Isaiah 43:19.

Thanks were then offered to the outgoing Elders: Mark Atherton, Karen Dengel, Martii Lazar & Jim Nelson and to the outgoing Deacons: Carl Campbell, Debbie Haun, Patti Hull & Linda King for their years of faithful service.

Deacon Alice Kalonick reported on the very successful Thanksgiving basket collection for 11 families this year.

The Elders and Deacons were encouraged to attend the Sunday services on December 14, 2014 (Congregational meeting to elect new officers) and January 4, 2015 (Ordination / Installation of those officers) and to prepare for the first Annual Congregational Meeting of Amazing Grace Evangelical Presbyterian Church set for Sunday, January 25, 2015. Committee chairs were reminded to submit their reports for the annual report as soon as possible to the new email address which is now operational.

At this point the Deacons and Elders separated to continue their work.

We Celebrate our Past

Clerk's Report:

Baptisms: None

Communion: On December 7, 2014, 92 were served.

Deaths: Helen Scaffide, a long-time member of Highland Sixth and one of our shut-ins, passed away on November 30, 2014. A memorial service will be held at a later date in 2015.

Weddings: Catharine Pochervina and Raymond Marshall, Jr. will be married at Amazing Grace on Saturday, December 20, 2014.

Correspondence: A notice of a Church Vitality Seminar being offered at Westminster EPC in Canton, OH on Saturday, February 7, 2015 was received.

On November 9 the Session met with the New Members class. Accepted into membership were: Robert and Rose Breckenridge, Sherry Hayes, Suzanah Ljubas-Kolar, Debbie Melaragno, Elena and Russell Newman, Shannon Rice and Maria Stevens. Pastor Korsten met with Ray Haren separately. Connie Meyer asked to be moved from an affiliate member to an active member. Andrea Milnar asked to become an affiliate member.

On November 16 at the New Birth Celebration, Pastor Korsten and the current Elders and Deacons were installed by Forrest Norman III, Moderator of the Presbytery of the Alleghenies. The new name of the church, Amazing Grace Evangelical Presbyterian Church, was announced after the vote by the congregation. One hundred fifty nine members expressed their desire and became charter members of Amazing Grace EPC. It was m/s/c to accept the official name of the church as Amazing Grace Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

The Highlights of 2014 were accepted as received by email. It was noted that many events of the year were truly amazing. The church raised the \$220,000 needed to pay for the deed without the need to borrow any money. The official name of the church became Amazing Grace Evangelical Presbyterian Church. The flat portion of the roof was replaced, again without the need to borrow any money. It was felt that the Highlights should be placed in the Annual Report for all to read.

Treasurers' Assistant schedules for 2015 were passed out. Email addresses for new officers were requested along with any changes to the present members' addresses.

It was m/s/c to accept the minutes of the Session meeting of November 11, 2014.

Presbytery Report: Elders Matt Kross and Dick Reed attended and reported: A retreat is being planned for Pastors, January 11-13. Approval is needed by the Presbytery of the Alleghenies at their next meeting to adopt and endorse a course for EPC pastors with Trinity School of Ministry. A World View Academy geared to youth with ways to live out their faith is being planned. The webinar presented by Forrest Norman on protection for the churches asked to perform same-sex marriages is available for viewing by the Session. Again the POA encouraged Sessions to encourage their pastors to take their allotted vacation time. Three more teaching elders (pastors) were examined. A faith budget was approved. The Per Member Giving supports this budget. There are now 64 member churches in the POA along with 5 transitional churches. The POA also supports a ministry in Sierra Leone which includes 6 churches and schools. The next meeting of POA is February 27-28 in Wexford, PA. Two ruling elders (At this time it was thought that a better name might be servant elders.) will be chosen to represent Amazing Grace in January or February.

Team Building

Christian Education: No report, but it was noted that the children's pageant on Sunday was well received.

Church Growth: Elder Karen Dengel reporting. Committee chairs were asked to take charge of supplying information and pictures for the website (amzingepc.com) and Facebook .

Discussion was held on whether a survey of the congregation on what they would like to see happen in different areas should be done and whether it should be directed or open ended. It seemed to be the feeling of Session that it should be directed. Areas for consideration should be how to involve people in such ministries as: the Caregivers' Dinner and Dialog, a mental health ministry and Art within the church. All could be done as an outreach of Christ's love to the community.

It was suggested that the church sign contain a question of the week that would be answered on the website to draw people into the church. Elder Jim Nelson said he would be willing to spearhead this ministry in 2015 after his retirement.

Church Life: Elder Debby Tanner reporting. The Christmas Dinner on Sunday, December 7 was great. It was m/s/c to have the Annual Congregational Meeting preceded by the Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner on Sunday, January 25, 2015.

Church Life would like to become involved with other groups and ministries. The art class being offered by member Cathy Kozich is looking into making prayer journals. Another area mentioned was visitation with people in nursing homes.

It was also mentioned that the Women's Retreat held last February was well received and should be held again. Leadership is needed for the planning.

Mission Committee: Elder Mark Atherton reporting. The committee is meeting next week to allocate any extra mission money that can be used by the end of the year. It was m/s/c to allow the Mission Committee to designate who the loose offering on Christmas Eve should be given at their meeting. This will then be placed in the bulletin.

Young Lives is in need of meals for their meetings. It will be looked into seeing if this is something the church might be able to do on possibly a monthly schedule. It was noted that there is no stove where they meet.

Personnel Committee: Elder Sandy Meyer reporting. It was m/s/c to give Office Administrator Carol Schmauder a \$1000 Christmas bonus. In appreciation for his volunteer work with the Youth this year Jeff Spencer was given a \$200 Amazon gift card. He will be recognized during a worship service also.

Nominating: Elder Sandy Meyer reporting. The last position for Elder, class of 2017, will be filled by Karen Dengel. The slate will be presented at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 14, 2014.

Property & Finance: Elder Bob DeWitt reporting. It was noted that the net worth is now \$27,000. In the past it has been about \$100,000 more. The committee recommends

that \$60,000 to \$75,000 should be the amount available (equivalent to the expenses for 2-3 months) and if there is more it should be used for missions. It was noted that in 2014 we have spent around \$600,000 which includes the deed purchase and the roof. The normal expenses are in the \$250,000 range. All of this money was raised by the congregation without the need to borrow any money. There is an additional \$10,000 due on the roof that will be paid in 2015.

Options for retrofitting the present church sign with the name change were shown.

Mock-ups will be prepared. A new sign is being researched for a later date.

Elder Terry Scott reported on his work on the financial reporting system. We have had the Power Church program for the past 2 years, but the financial piece had not been used. He hopes to have it functional for the Treasurer to start 2015. It should streamline the work and make the reports clearer. Committees were asked to be more diligent with invoices since it was discovered that some bills were being paid twice. It was also noted that the tax id number was not on file with all companies that we deal with so we have been paying taxes that were not owed. That has been corrected.

The Articles of Incorporation papers will be filed with the state along with a copy of these minutes to reflect the name change from Highland Sixth Presbyterian Church to Amazing Grace Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

A new tax id number will be obtained if it is needed after the new Articles of Incorporation are received from the state.

Worship: Elder Gordon Jardy reporting. The committee has 6 members and represents a diversity of opinions. The committee is working to discern what should be a part of the worship service and how to grow attendance.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Korsten reported he is considering I Peter 5:10 for the 2015 year verse and plans to do a sermon series on Nehemiah. Pastor Korsten said that he had received a phone call about a potential gift of stock and an invitation to attend a Christmas party with the law firm that advised us during the negotiations with the Presbytery and the deed purchase.

Old Business: The latest figures for 2015 pledges are approximately \$140,000 from about 40 giving units. All Session members were asked to make sure that all doors are locked upon leaving the building.

New Business: Committee assignments will be given out at the January meeting. Members of Session were asked to contact Pastor Korsten with where they feel God is leading them to serve.

A question was raised about the new email addresses and website. The rationale for using amazingepc.com rather than using the church name amazinggrace was given. It was noted that the website should be .org since we are a nonprofit church. This change should not be a problem. It was also noted that the name of the church newsletter (Highlighter) should be changed. A possible new name suggested was Grace Notes.

We Give Thanks to God and Go Out in God's Name

Next Session Meeting: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Highlighter Deadline: Monday, December 15, 2014.

Next Presbytery Meeting: POA– Friday & Saturday, February 27-28, 2015 at North Park Church in Wexford, PA.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Pastor Korsten at 9:10 p.m.

Attested by:

Alice Kalonick
Clerk of Session