

VII. The Session of First Presbyterian Church Pastor and Elders



Motion for Session (form)

Standing Rules for Session and Commissions: ([ONLINE HERE](#))

Session Actions on Bridge to the Future Campaign, Building Plans (below)

Minutes of Recent Meetings (not available online)

Note: Minutes of past Session meetings are available in the church office.

To: Pastor
cc: Clerk of Session

Motion for Session

I/we, _____ (individual, committee or commission)

Move that:

(Be clear and specific – include dates)

Brief rationale (optional):

If the motion is coming from a committee or commission...

This motion was approved by the

_____ Committee/Commission at its

_____ (date) meeting.

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____

*Please be sure this motion reaches the Pastor no later than **7 days before the meeting** at which the motion is to be considered (email submissions are acceptable). Please provide a copy to the Clerk of Session at the same time. Motions submitted later than 7 days before the meeting may be added to the agenda under "New Business" and may be handled if time permits.*

Example:

I/we, the Nominating Committee,

Move that session set the date of November 14th, 2004, 11:50 AM (approximately) for the Annual Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing elders and deacons, class of 2006 and 2007 and Nominating Committee members for 2005.

Approved by the Nominating Committee, at its Sept. 14, 2004 meeting.

Submitted by: John Q Presbyterian Date: Sept. 15, 2004

Session Actions Regarding Capital Campaign & Building

June 29, 2006 Minutes

Motion: Motion prevailed that we move the capital campaign to the spring, 2007.

July 20, 2006 Minutes

Motion: The Facilities Commission moves that we borrow \$18K from the Building Fund for the purpose of replacing the roof on the CE building. The funds would be repaid from the funds raised during the 2007 Capital Fund Campaign. **Motion prevailed.**

Motion: I, Jeannette Anglin, Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, move that the Building Funds be moved to a Debt Reduction Custodial (Demand) account at the Synod of the Pacific in order for the fund balance to be earning interest. **Motion was seconded and prevailed.**

September 14, 2006 Minutes

Session Voted with points to prioritize the Facilities Related Strategic Objectives

Strategic Objectives: Ministry Support-Facilities	Priority / Urgency 1=Low 10=High
• <i>Develop and implement an ongoing maintenance plan for current campus facilities.</i>	9.7 (68)
• <i>Develop a financial plan for 1) repaying the Sanctuary mortgage; 2) upgrading current facilities and 3) building a new facility. (listed separately)</i>	9.7 (68)
• <i>Develop a Master Plan for building out our current campus (2.75 acres) that includes parking & storage needs, and a new building for ministry.</i>	7.7 (54)
• <i>Review, arrangements for sharing facilities space with Happy Day and Hope Counseling. Involve all parties. Revise as necessary and formalize.</i>	7.4 (52)
• <i>Develop a plan for acquiring alternative space (leased or purchased) beyond our current campus, including parking, midweek meetings, expansion of Happy Day Presbyterian School.</i>	5.3 (37)

September 21, 2006 Minutes

Motion: Motion prevailed to approve the Strategic Plan for the next three years to include:

- Mission Statement
- For each of five areas: Worship; Ministry Support – Facilities; Discipleship – Christian Education; Discipleship – Leadership & Staffing; Evangelism.
 - Vision Goal
 - Scripture
 - Strategic Objectives

Oct. 24, 2006 Minutes

Motion passed to adopt the following goals for the Spring Capital Funds Campaign:

3-Year Capital Campaign & Building Project

INCOME

Church Pledge/Giving Goal:	\$900,000
Building Fund	\$50,000

Happy Day Donations or Loan	\$500,000
New Church Loan	\$150,000
TOTAL INCOME OVER THREE YEARS	\$1,600,000

PROJECT EXPENSES

Projects:

		<i>All figures are approximations</i>
1. Pay off the Sanct. loan principle:		\$358,000
2. Pay principle and interest on loan until it can be paid off	\$50,000	
3. Make improvements on current facilities		\$162,000
4. Build new building		\$1,000,000
5. Cost of campaign		\$30,000
TOTAL EXPENSES		1,600,000

Motions Regarding School

September 21, 2006

Amended Motion: Motion prevailed that Happy Day Presbyterian School add second and third grades to its program for the 2007-2008 academic year with the following conditions: that they present monthly reports and come back with enrollment, a business plan, including financial reports and space location, by April.

December 14, 2006

Motion: Motion prevailed that Heritage School, grades 1-3, establish its own non-profit status in order to solicit tax-deductible donations, with the condition that the Board of Directors include two church members.

Other Motions

August 22, 2006 Minutes

Motion prevailed to accept the new Mission statement as follows:

Our Mission

First Presbyterian Church of Petaluma is a family of believers united by our love of Jesus Christ and our desire to be his disciples. Our relationship with God strengthens us and gives our lives purpose and direction. We welcome all people so that they may experience God's love and grace in a Christ-centered community and join us as we reach out to our world with the love of Jesus Christ.

December 14, 2006 Minutes

Motion: Motion prevailed to make regular Bible reading a major goal of First Presbyterian Church, Petaluma in 2007. We recommend that beginning in January, 2007 every member read 5 minutes a day, 5 days a week with the goal of reading the New Testament in 1 year.

October 16, 2008 Minutes

12.2. Nursery construction.

Action: Carried to approve relocation of the nursery from the Agape House to the end of the CE Wing. The budget is \$10,000 for the renovation which includes a contingency of 10% and is funded by the Bridge-to-the-Future fund. The project includes a new permanent wall to divide the nursery from classrooms with an 8 foot sliding glass door for access and visibility between the rooms, paint, carpet, new doors, new windows.