

Prairie Point Presbyterian Church

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Rules of Decorum

Rule 1st The church shall meet for worship on the second Saturday of each month

Rule 2nd A moderator shall be appointed to preside during worship hours. It shall be his duty to keep good order, to state and explain all questions which may come before the church, decide points of order and speak on all questions by calling a member to fill the chair, but shall not have the privilege of voting except in case of a tie. He shall then give the casting vote.

Rule 3rd A clerk shall be appointed to continue in office during the good ? of the church. It shall be his duty to keep faithful record of all the proceedings of the church in a book purchased by him for that purpose, and shall take charge of all the documents papers, etc., and keep them free always for the inspection of the church.

Rule 4th All questions shall be introduced into the church by motion and second, and then acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover.

Rule 5th No Brother shall speak more than three times on any question, unless to explain foregoing remarks, without have from the church.

Rule 6th Each Brother when speaking shall arise to his feet and address the moderator, shall use no indecorous nor unchristian language, shall use no other appellation than that of Brother or Sister and shall not ? on the slips, failings, or imperfections of any who may have preceded him.

Rule 7th All offences of a private nature shall be attended to after the manner laid down in the 18th of Matthew but public transgressors are to be rebuked before all that others may fear.

Rule 8th No member shall be allow to complain publicly of the proceedings of the church to her prejudice when it was his privilege to have complained before the church.

Rule 9th No member shall habitually neglect his church meeting without being dealt with as a delinquent.

Rule 10th Mode of procedure in business:

- 1st Invite visiting brethren and sisters in goo standing to seats with us.
- 2nd Open a door for the reception of members.
- 3rd Inquire after the peace of the Church.
- 4th Call for references.
- 5th Give opportunity for introduction of new business.

Rule 11th These rules may be amended at any Church meeting by a majority of two thirds of members present.

Rule 12th All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present but in case of receiving members and choosing of a pastor in this the voice of all must agree but it is to be understood that no member is at liberty to oppose his or her will to the Church as a body.

First Saturday in November 1861

The Church met and after service proceeded to business. First invite visiting brethren and sisters to seats with us. Second open a door for the reception of members. Third inquire after the fellowship of the church where as the matter of Brother Schwartz was taken up and the chair appointed John F. Clark and S. Webb to invite him to our next meeting the foresaid business done by order of the church.

Standard Webb - Clerk
John D. Murphy - Moderator

July the 22nd 1882

Church met pursuant to adjournment and after service by Brother Shelton proceeded to business. First the minutes of the last meeting called for read and approved. Second reference called for the reference that of the committee appointed to revise the list of church members. Third the committee called for and reported as follows. We your committee beg leave to submit the following report. The United Baptist Church of Jesus Christ called Pleasant Grove having appointed a committee to revise the list of church members do find the status of the church to be as follows: Virginia Slocum and Sinthann and Diana Goings having removed from the bounds of this church. Nancy Slocum, Nett Hill and James Davis having gone to other churches. Lida Oho (author's note name was not completed and was struck through) not of our faith and order leaves the membership as found on opposite page.

S. Webb, T. L. Kinchalo, J. G. Hill committee

Fourth the report was received and the committee discharged. Firth By order of the church James Davis, Nancy Slocum, and Nett Hill was dropped from the list and considered no more members with us. Sixth adjourned to our next in course.

Done by order of the church

Brother Shelton - Moderator
J Hill - Clerk