

New Covenant Presbyterian Church
Summit, MS
Session Minutes
January – December 2021

NEW COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING January 10, 2021

A regular Meeting of the Session of New Covenant Presbyterian Church (NCPC) was held at 3:00 PM, Sunday, January 10, 2021, at the church, with TE Brian McCollough acting as Moderator.

Ruling Elders present were Benton Gibson, Harry Young, Rusty Marslis, Dr. J. M. Brock, Mike Storey, and Ken Shepard, along with TE Brian McCollough.

TE Brian McCollough opened the meeting with the reading of scripture from Amos, Chapter 4. and prayer.

On a motion made, seconded, and approved, previous meeting minutes for December 13, 2020 were adopted.

On a motion made, seconded, and approved, Director of Music, Danny Bullock's salary was adjusted to \$500 per month.

TE Brian McCollough reported on his activities for the previous month and outlined his plan for the coming months. Wednesday night bible study will resume on January 27th.

By unanimous consent RE Harry Young was appointed as the voting commissioner for the next meeting of Presbytery.

The next regular meeting of the session, by common consent, was scheduled for Sunday, February 14th, 2021, 3:00 PM, at the church.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned with prayer by RE Ken Shepherd.

Respectfully submitted,

Benton Gibson, Clerk

NEW COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING February 7, 2021

A Called Meeting of the Session of New Covenant Presbyterian Church (NCPC) was held at 12:00 PM, Sunday, February 7, 2021, at the church with TE Brian McCollough acting as Moderator.

Ruling Elders present were Benton Gibson, Harry Young, Rusty Marslis, Dr. J. M. Brock, and Ken Shepard, along with TE Brian McCollough. Absent was RE Mike Storey.

TE Brian McCollough opened the meeting with prayer.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the mandatory wearing of masks for the purpose of protection from the Covid 19 virus and the non-compliance of some members and visitors.

After discussion of the matter, it was agreed unanimously that the current mandatory requirement should be eliminated and the all church attendees should be encouraged to wear masks for the protection of fellow attendees, but it should not be required or be considered a point of church discipline for members that choose not to comply.

This Called Meeting was adjourned with prayer by RE Benton Gibson.

Respectfully submitted,

Benton Gibson, Clerk

NEW COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MINUTES OF JOINT & REGULAR MEETING March 7, 2021

A joint Meeting of the Session and Deacons of New Covenant Presbyterian Church (NCPC) was held at 2:00 PM, Sunday, March 7, 2021, at the church with TE Brian McCollough acting as Moderator.

Ruling Elders present were Benton Gibson, Harry Young, Rusty Marslis, Dr. J. M. Brock, Mike Storey, and Ken Sheppard, along with Deacons; Jim Johnson, Steve Blue, Dr. Chris Charles, and Keith Miller, and youth minister, Danny Ruth

A discussion was conducted concerning the amount of work hours and rate of compensation for the current church office administrator. At the recommendation of the Deacons and a unanimous vote of the Deacons and Session, the church office administrator will be allowed to work up to 40 hours per week, at a rate of \$15.25 per hour beginning immediately.

The joint meeting was closed with prayer by RE Benton Gibson.

TE Brian McCollough opened the Regular Meeting with prayer.

On a motion made, seconded, and approved, previous meeting minutes for February 21, 2021 were adopted.

TE Brian McCollough reported on his activities for the previous month.

Youth Minister, Danny Ruth gave a report on the youth ministry activities and plans for Florida youth retreat June 14-18, 2021.

As required, the annual corporation meeting for New Covenant Presbyterian Church of Pike County, Inc. was set for March 28, 2021, following the regular morning service.

The next regular session meeting was scheduled for April 11, 2021 at 2:00 PM.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned with prayer by TE Brian McCollough.

Respectfully submitted,

Benton Gibson, Clerk

NEW COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING April 11, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Session of New Covenant Presbyterian Church (NCPC) was held at 2:00 PM, Sunday, April 11, 2021, at the church with TE Brian McCollough acting as Moderator.

Ruling Elders present were Benton Gibson, Rusty Marslis, Dr. J. M. Brock, and Ken Sheppard, along with Deacon, Chris Sheppard, and youth minister, Danny Ruth. Michele McCollough was a guest for a portion of the meeting to discuss plans for Vacation Bible School and other children's activities. RE Harry Young and RE Mike Storey were absent.

TE Brian McCollough opened the Regular Meeting with the reading of scripture and prayer.

On a motion made, seconded, and approved, previous meeting minutes for March 7, 2021 were adopted.

TE Brian McCollough reported on his activities for the previous month.

Michele McCollough volunteered to oversee Vacation Bible School for July 21-23, and was approved as the coordinator on a motion made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Michele McCollough volunteered to oversee Wacky Wednesday, a Wednesday night activity for third through sixth grade youth beginning May 26 through July 28. She was approved to organize and supervise this activity on a motion made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Youth Minister, Danny Ruth submitted guidelines for Florida youth retreat, June 14-18, 2021 and they were approved on a motion made, seconded, and unanimously approved..

The next regular session meeting was scheduled for May 16, 2021 at 2:00 PM.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned with prayer by RE Ken Sheppard.

Respectfully submitted,

Benton Gibson, Clerk

NEW COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING MAY 15, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Session of New Covenant Presbyterian Church (NCPC) was held at 2:00 PM, Saturday, May 15, 2021, after the conclusion of the annual Officer's Retreat, at the church with TE Brian McCollough acting as Moderator.

Ruling Elders present were Benton Gibson, Rusty Marslis, Dr. J. M. Brock, Harry Young, Mike Storey and Ken Sheppard, along with youth minister, Danny Ruth.

TE Brian McCollough opened the Regular Meeting with the reading of scripture and prayer.

On a motion made, seconded, and approved, previous meeting minutes for April 11, 2021 were adopted.

TE Brian McCollough reported on his activities for the previous month.

By common consent, the request for wearing of masks by the congregation was dropped and the return to our regular method of distribution of the elements for communion by elders, beginning June 6, 2021, was approved.

Youth Minister, Danny Ruth discussed details of the Florida youth retreat.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to extend an invitation to Grace Presbytery to hold their scheduled January 11, 2022 meeting at NCPC.

The next regular session meeting was scheduled for June 13, 2021 at 2:00 PM.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Benton Gibson, Clerk

NEW COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING JUNE 13, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Session of New Covenant Presbyterian Church (NCPC) was held at 2:00 PM, Sunday, June 13, 2021, at the church, with TE Brian McCollough acting as Moderator.

Ruling Elders present were Benton Gibson, Rusty Marslis, Dr. J. M. Brock, Harry Young, and Ken Sheppard, along with youth minister, Danny Ruth. RE Mike Storey was absent.

TE Brian McCollough opened the Regular Meeting with the reading of scripture and prayer.

On a motion made, seconded, and approved, previous meeting minutes for May 15, 2021 were adopted.

TE Brian McCollough reported on his activities for the previous month and provided a proposed church schedule for June through December of 2021.

On a motion made, seconded, and approved, Sunday night worship was scheduled to resume September 19, 2021.

On a motion made, seconded, and approved, passing of the collection plates will resume at the next Sunday morning worship service, June 20, 2021.

Youth Minister, Danny Ruth discussed final details of the Florida youth retreat and outlined subject matter being taught to the youth on Sunday mornings. Danny Ruth exited the meeting at this point.

Jim Covinton, NCPC Treasurer, arrived at the meeting and gave a review of church finances in preparation of a potential call of Danny Ruth as an associate pastor.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to extend a call to Danny Ruth as an associate pastor of NCPC at an annual salary of \$60,000. The description of this call are attached to these minutes.

The next regular session meeting was scheduled for July 11, 2021 at 2:00 PM.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned with prayer by RE Rusty Marsalis.

Respectfully submitted,

Benton Gibson, Clerk

NEW COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING June 27, 2021

A Called Meeting of the Session of New Covenant Presbyterian Church (NCPC) was held at 11:45 AM, Sunday, June 27, 2021, at the church with TE Brian McCollough acting as Moderator.

Ruling Elders present were Benton Gibson, Harry Young, Rusty Marslis, Dr. J. M. Brock, and Mike Storey, along with TE Brian McCollough. Absent was RE Ken Sheppard.

TE Brian McCollough opened the meeting with prayer.

The purpose of the meeting was to meet with potential member, Sedrick Tate, who had expressed a desire to become a member of New Covenant Presbyterian Church.

After a discussion with Mr. Tate about his Christian journey and his reasons for requesting membership in NCPC, a motion was made, seconded, and approved that he be accepted as a member of NCPC, by transfer of membership from Shady Grove Baptist Church.

Mr. Tate answered in the affirmative to all questions of membership asked by TE Brian McCollough.

This Called Meeting was adjourned with prayer by RE Mike Storey.

Respectfully submitted,

Benton Gibson, Clerk

Session Minutes – July 11, 2021
NEW COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING JULY 11, 2021

A regular meeting of the Session of NCPC was held on Sunday, July 11, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the church. TE Brian McCollough served as moderator.

Ruling Elders present were Harry Young, Ken Sheppard, and Jim Brock, Jr. Youth minister Danny Ruth was also present. Ruling Elders absent were Mike Storey, Benton Gibson, and Rusty Marsalis.

Brian McCollough gave instruction on church discipline from the Book of Church Order.

It was determined that a Quorum was present.

The docket was adopted as printed and attached to these minutes as a matter of record.

The minutes from the June 13 and June 27 of the Session were approved.

The Pastor's contact report was given by the Pastor and is attached as part of these records.

The Pastor will be on vacation July 12 – July 18, 2021. There will no staff meeting on July 12, 2021. Ken Sheppard will be teaching on Wednesday, July 14, 2021. Danny Ruth will be preaching on July 18, 2021.

Davis Morgan, (RUF USM) will be preaching on August 1, 2021.

Officer nomination season will begin August 8, 2021, with sermons on officer calling and qualifications on August 15, 22 & 29. Officer nominations will be closed August 29, 2021. Officer training will be done by the Pastor during the Sunday School hour beginning in September. On Sunday, August 8 there will be a Sunday worship service with a sermon on Church Service & Ministry, followed by a covered dish noon meal entitled, *Serve Sunday*.

Mid-week fellowship meal will begin again on Wednesday, August 11 with the beginning of teaching *Pilgrims Progress*.

The Bird Family will be interviewed for membership after Sunday morning worship on August 1.

Danny Ruth is to preach on the 3rd and 5th Sunday evenings, and will be first choice for filling in for the Pastor when he is gone. It is estimated that Brian will preach 81 times a year, and Danny Ruth 25 times a year.

Danny Ruth gave the Student Ministry update which is attached and made part of this record.

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The Pastor gave a Children's Ministry update which is attached and made part of this record. There will be a congregational meeting regarding Danny Ruth's call on July 25, 2021.

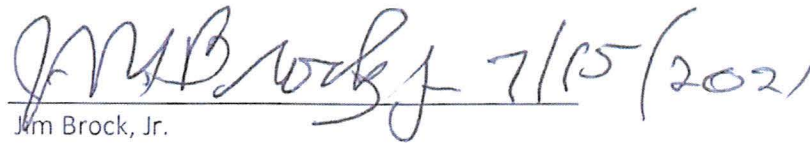
It was approved to receive Polly Thomasson as member by letter of transfer.

The next Session meeting is Sunday, August 15, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the church.

Meeting was closed with prayer by Ken Sheppard.

End of dictation on regular scheduled Session meeting at New Covenant Presbyterian Church, for July 11, 2021. J.M. Brock, Jr. dictating. Date of dictation July 11, 2021.

End of dictation, thank you very much.


Jim Brock, Jr.

Session minutes were typed by Cassandra Cabral on July 14, 2021 from Jim Brock, Jr.'s recorded dictation of the July 11, 2021 Session meeting.



NEW COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING AUGUST 4, 2021

A Called Meeting of the Session of New Covenant Presbyterian Church (NCPC) was held via telephone conference call at 5:30 PM, Wednesday, August 4, 2021, due to a COVID outbreak originating at NCPC's recent Vacation Bible School. Due to the risk of infection, an in-person meeting was judged not to be prudent.

The meeting was opened with prayer by TE Brian McCollough.

Ruling Elders present were Benton Gibson, Rusty Marslis, Dr. J. M. Brock, Harry Young, Mike Storey and Ken Sheppard, along with TE Brian McCollough.

A motion was made, seconded and adopted to resume the regular Sunday school and Lord's Day Worship services on Sunday August 8, 2021, and Wednesday night services beginning the following Wednesday, August 11, 2021, under the following guidelines to be furnished to the membership of NCPC via the weekly e-mailed news letter:

We will resume normal activities this coming Sunday, August 8.

- Adult and children's Sunday school classes will meet at their normal times.
- Mid-week activities will resume Wednesday, August 11.
- While Danny Ruth recovers, we request all youth to attend one of the adult Sunday school classes and the mid-week prayer and Bible study.

Temporarily, we will adjust some of our worship practices.

- The offering plate will again be placed at the entrance to the sanctuary from the narthex.
- Singing will be modestly truncated.
- When we observe the Lord's Table, pre-packaged elements will be used.
- Masks and social distancing are encouraged, but not required.

So you may make an informed decision about attendance at worship, we are providing the following guidance from the Mississippi State Department of Health.

Mississippi is experiencing high levels of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations due to the delta variant. The delta variant is much more contagious, and spreads twice as easily compared to other strains. Outbreaks have been identified in youth camps, faith-based gatherings, funerals and social events.

MSDH recommends the following steps to control the spread of COVID-19:

- Get a COVID-19 vaccination if you are eligible.
- Wear a mask in all indoor public settings, even if you are vaccinated.
- If you test positive for COVID-19, even if fully vaccinated, you should isolate for at least 10 days from the beginning of your symptoms (or from your test date if you have no symptoms.)

If you are exposed to someone with COVID-19, you should get tested 3-5 days following exposure. If you are not fully vaccinated, you should quarantine for at least 10 days after exposure (fully vaccinated persons do not have to quarantine after exposure, but should get tested).

- If you are 65 years of age or older, you should avoid all indoor mass gatherings, even if you have been vaccinated.
- If you have a chronic medical condition, you should avoid all indoor mass gatherings, even if you have been vaccinated.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn.

RE Benton Gibson closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Benton Gibson, Clerk

NEW COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING AUGUST 8, 2021

A Called Meeting of the Session of New Covenant Presbyterian Church (NCPC) was held at 11:45 AM, Sunday, August 8, 2021, at the church with TE Brian McCollough acting as Moderator.

Ruling Elders present were Benton Gibson, Harry Young, Rusty Marslis, and Ken Sheppard, along with TE Brian McCollough. Absent were RE Mike Storey and RE Dr. J. M. Brock, Jr.

TE Brian McCollough opened the meeting with prayer.

The purpose of the meeting was to meet with potential members, Christopher Bird, Cole Bird, Arden Bird and Sems Bird, who had expressed a desire to become members of New Covenant Presbyterian Church.

After a discussion with members of the Bird family about their Christian journey and their reasons for requesting membership in NCPC, a motion was made, seconded, and approved that they each be accepted as members of NCPC, by transfer of membership from Three Rivers Presbyterian Church, Covington, Louisiana.

Christopher Bird, Cole Bird, Arden Bird and Sems Bird each answered in the affirmative to all questions of membership asked by TE Brian McCollough.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved.

This Called Meeting was adjourned with prayer by RE Harry Young.

Respectfully submitted,

Benton Gibson, Clerk

NEW COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 15, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Session of New Covenant Presbyterian Church (NCPC) was held at 2:00 PM, Sunday, August 15, 2021, at the church, with TE Brian McCollough acting as Moderator.

Ruling Elders present were Benton Gibson, Rusty Marslis, Dr. J. M. Brock, Harry Young, and Ken Sheppard. RE Mike Storey attended via phone.

TE Brian McCollough opened the Regular Meeting with the reading of scripture and prayer.

On a motion made, seconded, and approved, previous meeting minutes for June 13, 2021, July 11, 2021, July 23, 2021, July 27, 2021, August 4, 2021, and August 8, 2021 were adopted.

TE Brian McCollough reported on current COVID and CDC recommendations for large group activities.

On a motion made, seconded, and approved, a Congregational Meeting was set for August 22, 2021 for the purpose of calling Danny Ruth as the associate pastor of NCPC. His annual salary is to be increased to \$60,000 and will take effect immediately after approval by the congregational meeting.

On a motion made, seconded, and approved, a Congregational Meeting was set for September 26, 2021, immediately following the morning worship, for the purpose of changing the annual meeting date of the church corporation, New Covenant Presbyterian Church of Pike County, Inc., to the month of March, to allow sufficient time for the presentation of the financial report of the previous year.

The next regular session meeting was scheduled for September 12, 2021 at 2:00 PM.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned with prayer by Dr. J. M. Brock.

Respectfully submitted,

Benton Gibson, Clerk

NEW COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Session of New Covenant Presbyterian Church (NCPC) was held at 2:00 PM, Sunday, September 12, 2021, at the church, with TE Brian McCollough acting as Moderator.

Ruling Elders present were Benton Gibson, Rusty Marslis, and Ken Sheppard. RE Mike Storey attended via phone.

TE Brian McCollough opened the Regular Meeting with the reading of scripture and prayer.

On a motion made, seconded, and approved, previous meeting minutes for August 15, 2021, were adopted.

On a motion made, seconded, and approved, minutes for the Deacon's meeting of August 15, 2021, were adopted.

TE Brian McCollough reported on activities and contacts made during the previous month.

Wednesday evening worship will resume on at 6:30 PM, September 15, 2021, following a nightly meal from 5:15 to 6:15 PM. Meal cost will be \$5.00 each, not to exceed \$20 per family.

Officer nominations for a three year term beginning 2022 were accepted by Keith Miller as a Deacon and Benton Gibson as a ruling elder.

On a motion made, seconded, and approved, to strongly recommend the use of masks while attending Sunday and Wednesday worship services and sitting by family groups. Announcements of this recommendation is to be made from the pulpit and via the church newsletter, due to the contagious ability of the Delta virus strain of COVID.

The next regular session meeting was scheduled for October 10, 2021 at 2:00 PM.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned with prayer by RE Rusty Marsalsis.

Respectfully submitted,

Benton Gibson, Clerk

NEW COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

A Called Meeting of the Session of New Covenant Presbyterian Church (NCPC) was held at 8:30 AM, Sunday, September 19, 2021, at the church, with TE Brian McCollough acting as Moderator.

Ruling Elders present were Benton Gibson, Rusty Marslis, Dr. J. M. Brock, and Mike Storey.

TE Brian McCollough opened the Called Meeting with prayer.

A discussion of COVID and the review of recommendations was conducted. No action was taken.

The Called Meeting was adjourned with prayer by RE Dr, J. M. Brock.

Respectfully submitted,

Benton Gibson, Clerk

NEW COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 17, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Session of New Covenant Presbyterian Church (NCPC) was held at 2:00 PM, Sunday, October 17, 2021, at the church, with TE Brian McCollough acting as Moderator.

Ruling Elders present were Benton Gibson, Rusty Marslis, Mike Storey, Dr. J. M. Brock, and Ken Sheppard, along with Youth Minister, Danny Ruth. RE Harry Young was absent.

TE Brian McCollough opened the Regular Meeting with the reading of scripture and prayer.

On a motion made, seconded, and approved, previous meeting minutes for September 12, 2021 and September 19, 2021, were adopted.

On a motion made, seconded, and approved, the annual Thanksgiving meal scheduled for the Sunday preceding Thanksgiving was canceled due to concerns of possible COVID transmission.

On a motion made, seconded, and approved, the scheduled regular Wednesday night service before Thanksgiving is canceled.

TE Brian McCollough reported on activities and contacts made during the previous month.

Youth Minister Danny Ruth gave a update on current NCPC Youth Program.

The next regular session meeting was scheduled for November 14, 2021 at 2:00 PM.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned with prayer by RE Mike Storey.

Respectfully submitted,

Benton Gibson, Clerk

New Covenant Presbyterian Church

Minutes of Regular Meeting - November 14, 2021

A regular meeting of New Covenant Presbyterian Church (NCPC) was held at the church at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 14, 2021. TE Brian McCollough acting as Moderator. Ruling Elders present were Rusty Marsalis, Dr. J.M. Brock, Ken Sheppard, and Mike Storey, along with Danny Ruth, Youth Minister. RE's Harry Young and Benton Gibson were absent.

TE McCollough opened the meeting with a scripture reading, exhortation, and prayer.

RE Mike Storey was nominated and by unanimous made clerk pro tempore for the meeting. On a motion made, seconded, and approved, previous meeting minutes for October 17, 2021, were adopted. The session received as information the minutes of NCPC Diaconate meeting held on October 10, 2021.

TE McCollough reported on his pastoral activities and contacts made during the previous month. TE McCollough gave a report of the current COVID-19 data for Pike County. TE McCollough discussed the calendar of events for November and December 2021. By unanimous consent, the session agreed to continue utilizing pre-packaged elements for the Lord's supper, and to hold off on passing the tithes and offerings plates until further notice.

By unanimous consent, the session approved holding a Christmas Eve service (including communion) on Dec. 24, and the cancellation of Sunday school classes on December 26, 2021.

Danny Ruth reported on the Youth Ministry, including plans for the Youth to set up the Church's Christmas decorations before their friends-giving gathering at the Charles home on Saturday, 11/20/21.

By unanimous consent, the session agreed to wait on a 2022 budget proposal from the Diaconate before making any decisions regarding budget items.

TE McCollough presented the Children's Ministry report for November 2021. TE McCollough distributed and gave a brief overview of a Children's ministry proposal to be discussed by the session on the coming months.

On a motion made, seconded, and approved, the next regular session meeting was set for 2pm on Sunday, December 12, 2021, at the church. The regular meeting was adjourned with prayer by Danny Ruth.

Respectfully submitted, RE Mike Storey clerk pro tempore

NEW COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING December 12, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Session of New Covenant Presbyterian Church (NCPC) was held at 2:00 PM, Sunday, December 12, 2021, at the church with TE Brian McCollough acting as Moderator.

Ruling Elders present were Benton Gibson, Rusty Marslis, Dr. J. M. Brock, Harry Young and Ken Sheppard, along with youth minister, Danny Ruth. RE Mike Storey were absent.

TE Brian McCollough opened the Regular Meeting with the reading of scripture and prayer.

On a motion made, seconded, and approved, previous meeting minutes for November 12, 2021 were adopted.

TE Brian McCollough reported on his activities for the previous month.

A season of prayer for the needs of anonymous married couples, currently in counseling with TE Brian Mcollough, was requested and completed.

Danny Ruth, youth minister, gave a report on activities of youth and summarized future plans for growth of the youth program of NCPC.

On a motion made, seconded, and approved TE Brian McCollough was given permission to to pursue charter of a NCPC sponsored Trail Life Troop.

The next regular session meeting was scheduled for January 9, 2022 at 2:00 PM.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned with prayer by RE Ken Sheppard.

Respectfully submitted,

Benton Gibson, Clerk