

**Minutes of the Stated Meeting  
Monday, March 14, 2005**

1. Called to Order: Meeting was called to order at Reformed Presbyterian Church of West Chester at 7PM. Present were RE James Sauer, clerk, TE Wayne Brauning moderating. Also present for part of the meeting were Heritage Commissioners Don Post and Bob Carlson. Prayer offered by all present. Scripture portions read 1 Cor 1-2.

6. Motion received and affirmed: Whereas doubts have been raised and are circulating within our congregation as to the authority of the Immanuel Presbyterian Church Session to govern regarding several areas of concern and conduct-- Be it moved that we affirm the right of the Session of Immanuel Presbyterian Church to determine who shall, and who shall not teach in the church; and that the Session has the right and duty to pastorally encourage its members to repent of their sins and seek forgiveness of those whom they may have offended; and that the church has the right to protect the proper use of the church's name by members who are using it (even with a disclaimer) without the Session's permission.

7. Motion received and affirmed: The Session instructs Thomas Albrecht III and Sarah Albrecht to repent of the sins involved in the giving of the sadomasochist gag gift "Bondage for Beginners" at the June 19, 2004 Wedding Shower; and to write and call all adult persons present—and for the Albrechts to ask for forgiveness for their actions. This should be accomplished by April 15.

8. Motion received and affirmed: That Thomas Albrecht III and Sarah Albrecht remove the name Immanuel from their personal listserv and that failure to remove the name by April 15, 2005 will be considered an act of disobedience and a violation of their membership vows.

9. Motion received and affirmed: That Thomas Albrecht III and Sarah Albrecht are not approved by Session for any committee positions, teaching functions, nursery, or youth work at IPC until further notice (BOCO 12-5)—until the Session sees acts of repentance and reconciliation from the Albrechts.

10. Motion received and affirmed: That the Clerk through the Heritage Commission arrange a pastoral visit with Tom and Sarah Albrecht.

12. Motion received and affirmed—contingent on repentance and reconciliation from Sarah and Thomas Albrecht III—to be sent to the Heritage Presbytery.

Whereas the Session of Immanuel Presbyterian Church will by April 30<sup>th</sup> consist of one active Ruling Elder—

Whereas of May we will (Lord willing) have a new pastor who has only some knowledge of the the issues and incidents under concern, and will have tasks of transition and pastoral care of the church—

Whereas the Session wishes to avoid all partiality in adjudication—

Be it moved that Heritage Presbytery establish a commission to examine the issues involving Thomas Albrecht III and Sarah Albrecht in the "Bondage for Beginners" Shower Gift Incident of June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004; that they investigate to determine if Biblical repentance, forgiveness, and reconciliation have been achieved; that they investigate whether charges should be made against Thomas and Sarah Albrecht; and if so, that they draft the charges and prosecute the trial on behalf of Immanuel Presbyterian church.