

Stated Session Meeting Minutes for February 21, 2022

Session convened at 6:00 p.m. and opened in prayer.

A quorum was noted with the following Session members present: Jeff Abney, Lakishia Biggs, Dave Breen, Brian Collins, Mical Crumbly, Mark Fulton, Creighton Holt, Valena Hoy, Peggy Mackey, Joel Phillips, Kristine Rand, Page Weaver, Jim Wood

Examination of Potential New Members:

Jonathan Fermin-Reyes — Affirmation of Faith

MOTION: To approve all candidates. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Guests:

Lee Ann Warstler, Administration and Finance Director

Hunter Johnston, Preschool Director and Director of the Children and Family Ministries

Devotional: Jeff Abney shared his "devotion to a personal journey." Recent life-changing events have led him to consider the question: What does it look like to be more faithful? He shared his thoughts about devotion to becoming a better Christian.

Financial Report: The financial report was reviewed by Lee Ann Warstler. She reported that both FPC and FPP continue to be in a good financial position.

Clerk's Communications and Reports:

- Attendance Figures for January 30, 2022 through February 13, 2022.
- Membership Gains and Losses Figures
- Upcoming Session Meetings and Calendar Reminders
- Births and Deaths Information
- Baptisms and Weddings Conducted
- New Members and Transfers/Removals Noted

Minutes for Stated Session Meeting for January 31, 2021: Reviewed by Session and ordered by common consent.

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda for February 21, 2022 was approved and ordered by common consent.

New Business:

New Masking Policy: A motion was made to make masking optional for all church activities. The preschool is exempted from this motion and will establish its own policy regarding masking going forward. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Budget Approval: A motion was made that Session approve the 2022 annual budget after a first reading at the last Session meeting. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Staff Reports:

Preschool and Children and Family Ministries Report: Hunter gave a brief report on both. Preschool enrollment is going very well. The preschool has applied for a Children Stabilization Grant. COVID restrictions are evolving as the situation evolves. Confirmation is going very well. Youth group is growing under Jackson's leadership. Many participants are from outside the church thanks to youth efforts. Vacation Bible School is coming in July. Massanetta Springs Family Weekend is set for August.

Director of Online Ministry Report: Joel commented on the continuing success of the FPC online ministry. He said that it is evolving into a collaborative effort with other ministry areas. The AV team (students from Regent University) are doing an excellent job in developing and improving the online worship experience. Conference capability is expanding to integrate with Zoom.

PEVA Commissioner Report: None

Team Reports / Committee Minutes, URC/N.E.S.T. Report: Attached at end of docket.

Pastors' Reports:

Valena Hoy

New Lenten sermon series is being developed. Maundy Thursday service will include new elements. Music in both services is going very well. Valena continues to serve on the PEVA Commission on Ministry. The Deaconate is very active. The Community Hour attendance is very strong and growing. We are still looking for someone to fill the parish visitor position.

Jim Wood

Sunday services continue to go very well. FPC 101 was well attended. Jim thanked Joel for his efforts in developing the FPC online experience. The annual chili fundraiser for youth was the best ever. All of the food costs were covered by a donation.

Adjournment: Meeting was closed in prayer and adjourned at 7:50 pm by common consent.

Mark Fulton, Clerk of Session

Rev. Jim Wood, Senior Pastor