

Stated Session Meeting Minutes for May 16, 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, Grayson Bryant, Brian Collins, Mark Fulton, Valena Hoy, Peggy Mackey, Rashell Matthews, Joel Phillips, Jim Wood

Examination of Potential New Members: None

Guests:

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

Kristen Abney, Moderator of Deacons

Devotional: Robin Cowherd shared insights based on 2 Corinthians 1:3-7. He said that as "wounded healers," we can comfort others in the midst of our weakness. He related his insights to the work of our deacons.

Deacon Report: Kristen Abney shared information about the work of FPC deacons, including statistical information about deacon contacts, both directed and self-initiated. Further discussion focused on expanding deacon contact opportunities during church services.

Financial Report: Jim gave a brief review of the financial report.

Clerk's Communications and Reports:

- Attendance Figures for April 24, 2022 through May 8, 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 April 25, 2021: Reviewed by Session and ordered by common consent.

Minutes for Called Session Meeting for May 8, 2022: Reviewed by Session and ordered by common consent.

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda for May 16, 2022 was approved and ordered by common consent.

New Business:

Motion: That Session approve Pastor Valena Hoy's request to use one-half of one of her sabbatical leaves on a part-time basis of 25-hours per week from June 1 to August 31,2022. (See committee minutes at end of docket) The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Motion: That Session approve the Ministry Position Description for the Chancel Choir Supplemental Singer II. (See committee minutes position description at end of docket) The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Motion: That Session approve the Ministry Position Description for the Adult Choir Supplemental Singer. (See committee minutes position description at end of docket) The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Motion: To return to pre-covid serving of Communion starting on June 5 with the following recommendations: 1) 9:00 service – serving by Deacons and Elders of bread in baskets and juice in cups which congregation will come forward to receive. 2) 8:00 and 11:00 - return to using Communion cups and bread that will be passed through the pews by Deacons and Elders. (See team minutes at end of docket) The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Staff Reports:

Preschool and Children and Family Ministries Report: Hunter reported that 13 confirmands completed their confirmation process and were welcomed at Sunday's services. Noel continues to do a great job and is working on the Vacation Bible School program. Children's Ministry is doing really well. Preschool is finishing out the year and staffing for the summer model. Scarlett will be on medical leave for the summer.

Director of Online Ministry Report: Joel reported that the online ministry continues to grow and is doing very well. Savannah, the AVA team leader, is graduating from Regent University. However, she has decided to stay on at FPC and lead the AVA team. In-person and online attendance continues to reflect that FPC is growing in a hybrid direction.

PEVA Commissioner Report: None this month.

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

Pastors' Reports:

Valena Hoy

The summer program is in process. Community groups are doing well and growing. The book "Distracted" by Bob Goff will be suggested as a Bible study resource for the summer. Pastoral care is going well. We have hired a parish associate.

Jim Wood

Jim and Sheryl will be traveling to Eastern Europe in June to work with a ministry team. Jim also commented on the success of confirmation. The Rise Against Hunter project was a huge success. More than \$14,000 was raised to support it. The recent special organ concert was terrific and well attended. Antipas is doing a great job at the Urban Renewal Center and becoming a key contact for city officials. Jim noted that 12% of the navy's aircraft carrier commanding officers attend FPC. Jim celebrated his 23rd anniversary in the pulpit this past Sunday.

Adjournment: Meeting was closed in prayer and adjourned at 8:10 pm by common consent.

Mark Fulton, Clerk of Session

Rev. Jim Wood, Senior Pastor