

## **Stated Session Meeting Minutes for October 17, 2022**

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

A quorum was noted with the following Session members present: Jeff Abney, Grayson Bryant, Brian Collins, Creighton Holt, Valena Hoy, Brad Hunter, Alex Kenefic, Carl Leimer, Peggy Mackey, Rashell Matthews, Joel Phillips, Page Weaver, Jim Wood

### **Examination of Potential New Members:**

Jordan Reece - Reaffirmation of Faith

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

### **Guests:**

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

Lee Ann Warstler, Administration and Finance Director

**Devotional:** Page Weaver shared thoughts about Martin Luther's hymn "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." She discussed insights from C.S. Lewis about creating space for God in our life.

**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 overall. Lee Ann also reviewed the audit document from PB Mares item by item.

### **Clerk's Communications and Reports:**

- Attendance Figures for September 11, 2022 through October 9, 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 September 19, 2022:** Reviewed by Session and ordered by common consent.

**Minutes for Called Session Meeting for September 22, 2021:** Reviewed by Session and ordered by common consent.

**Consent Agenda:** The Consent Agenda for October 17, 2022 was approved and ordered by common consent.

## **New Business:**

**DISCUSSION:** The request for support to relocate the Ahmadis. (**The request document details were attached at the end of the docket**)

**MOTION:** That Session agree for First Presbyterian Church, Norfolk to sign as a GUARANTOR on a lease agreement for a larger apartment for the Ahmadis (with session prior approval for further funding commitments). The motion was passed by unanimous consent.

**MOTION:** To permit the Senior Pastor to sign the contract on behalf of the church pending any funding approvals if necessary. The motion was passed by unanimous consent.

**MOTION:** That Session approve the Ministry Position Description for the Assistant to the Preschool Director/Director of Family and Children's Ministries. (Position Description and meeting minutes are attached at the end of the docket). The motion was passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** To receive the financial review from PB Mares and the subsequent report from the Finance Team. The motion was passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** To hear back from the Finance Team in a month with their summary of findings regarding their examination of the PB Mares review. The motion was passed unanimously.

## **Staff Reports:**

**Preschool and Children and Family Ministries Report:** Hunter noted that the preschool is still in need of a music teacher. The Trunk or Treat event is set and volunteers are asked to make their car trunks available. Children's Church is going very well at the Community Hour. Kenya was great. Joy Village kids are moving up and moving on with success. MOPS is doing great, with great help from Rashell.

**Director of Online Ministry Report:** Joel reviewed online numbers. He said online viewership continues to grow.

**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 Community Hour programming is doing very well. Holiday plans are in the works. Joanne is doing a great job with the choir, which continues to grow in numbers. Valena's online devotional continues to grow its audience.

### Jim Wood

The Kenya mission trip was a great success. Tree of Lives continues to impact lives. Some Joy Village residents have reached graduation age and will progress on to the next stage of their lives.

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

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Mark Fulton, Clerk of Session

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Rev. Jim Wood, Senior Pastor