

Stated Session Meeting Minutes for September 19, 2022

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

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

Examination of Potential New Members:

James Cover - Reaffirmation of faith
Paulette Jackson- 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

MOTION: To invite elders-elect Paul Farrell, Alex Kenefic, Brad Hunter and Emily Wegg to attend the meeting. The motion was passed by common consent.

Devotional: Dave Breen shared personal reflections upon the end of his term on Session. Proverbs 13:20; Proverbs 18:20.

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.

Clerk's Communications and Reports:

- Attendance Figures for June 26, 2022 through September 11, 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 Called Session Meeting for May 8, 2022: Reviewed by Session and ordered by common consent.

Minutes for Stated Session Meeting for June 27, 2021: Reviewed by Session and ordered by common consent.

Minutes for Congregational Meeting for August 7, 2022: Reviewed by Session and ordered by common consent.

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda for September 19, 2022 was approved and ordered by common consent.

New Business:

Motion: To add Juneteenth to the official FPC holiday calendar. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Motion: To approve the adult leaders of Sunday school, Bible studies, Spiritual Formation and Community Groups (List is attached at end of docket). The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Motion: To approve the Child Protective Policy for FPC employees. The motion was ordered by common consent.

Motion: To approve the concept of repurposing the Northminster House for use by the Urban Renewal Center, which has received a major grant to train pastor candidates, including pastoral education. FPC shall contribute an amount for renovations not to exceed \$50,000 without seeking approval. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Staff Reports:

Preschool and Children and Family Ministries Report: The preschool is doing very well and is fully staffed. The Sunday School participation during the 10:00 o'clock is very good. Hunter reviewed the FPC Children's Spiritual Benchmarks Handout and the Our Journey: Growing in the Faith Together Handout. It was noted that 70% to 80% of children's church participants have a preschool connection.

Director of Online Ministry Report: Joel reported that the online ministry continues to grow and is doing very well. In-person and online attendance continues to reflect that FPC is growing a strong online community. Physical attendance continues to recover to pre-pandemic levels. Strong numbers in September so far. The FPC website continues to develop with added features. The new online devotionals are exceptional and drawing an increasing number of views.

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

Valena acknowledged that the part-time sabbatical was a real gift. She has returned to full time status. The online teaching is going well. Community Hour program continues to have strong attendance and is growing. The FPC deacon ministry will restart for the fall. The choir continues to grow.

Jim Wood

"Fall Kick Off Sunday" went very well with strong participation. Online ministry continues to work very well with growing participation. The Sunday email with recommended readings has been very well received. Community Hour participation continues to grow and has become very successful. Tree of Lives is going great with two upcoming mission trips on the schedule. Work with the city of Norfolk continues to advance with grants from the city being put to good use.

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