

Stated Session Meeting Minutes for March 20, 2023

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

A quorum was noted with the following Session members present: Jeff Abney, Brian Collins, Paul Farrell, Valena Hoy, Brad Hunter, Carl Leimer, Peggy Mackey, Rashell Mathews, Joel Phillips, Page Weaver, Emily Webb, Jim Wood

Examination of Potential New Members:

Taylor Caramore - Faith Reaffirmation
Elena Magee - Faith Reaffirmation
Maria Bosques - Faith Reaffirmation
Peggy Cannady - Letter of Transfer
Donald Cannady - Letter of Transfer

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: Joel Phillips - Becoming a Welcoming Church - Mock People Meeting

Music Taskforce Report: Emily Webb. Discussion about music program at the 9:00 service.

Financial Report: The financial report was reviewed by Lee Ann Warstler. She noted the FPC is seeing strong revenue and that expenses are down slightly. The preschool continues to do well.

Clerk's Communications and Reports:

- Attendance Figures for February 19, 2023 through March 13, 2023.
- 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 February 20, 2023: Reviewed by Session and ordered by common consent.

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda for March 20, 2022 was approved and ordered by common consent.

New Business: None

Staff Reports:

Preschool and Children and Family Ministries Report: Hunter reported that the preschool continues to operate at top capacity and all is going well. The children are responding well to the music program. Children and Family Ministries continue to see good attendance.

PEVA Commissioner Report: It was noted that the next meeting is Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 10 am at Williamsburg Presbyterian Church in Williamsburg, VA.

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

Pastors' Reports:

Joel Phillips

Joel noted the continued excitement in the church. Attendance has been good. He noted that there will be a men's breakfast on Saturday, April 1 at 8 am. He asked all members of Session to continue to pray for reaching out to new people. He noted that many visitors come already knowing a good deal about the church from the church website. He noted the final meeting of the Fleet Readiness Group for the USS George HW Bush carrier will be Thursday. Rise Against Hunger dates: April 16, 23 and 30. April Sunday evenings will feature a discussion on the Age of Opportunity - Equipping parents to embrace their children's teenage years.

Valena Hoy

Valena reported that the 2023 Women's Retreat was a great success and that the speaker was very well received. Lent is going well. There's a new sermon series in the works. The Spiritual Formation women's group is doing well.

Jim Wood

Jim tabled his comments until next month due to the lateness of the hour.

Adjournment: Meeting was closed in prayer and adjourned at 8:35 pm by common consent.

Mark Fulton, Clerk of Session

Rev. Jim Wood, Senior Pastor