

## **Stated Session Meeting Minutes for August 21, 2023**

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, Paul Ferrell, Valena Hoy, Brad Hunter, Carl Leimer, Peggy Mackey, Rashell Mathews, Kristine Rand, Page Weaver, Emily Webb

**Examination of Potential New Members:** No new members.

### **Guests:**

Lee Ann Warstler, Administration and Finance Director

New Session Member Guests: Megan Foard, Bob Pursell

**Devotional:** Rashell Matthews shared personal reflections on "Broken Chains."

**Update on Kyiv:** Letter of thank you to Dr. Ivan Rusyn. Brad Hunter read the letter out loud. It was signed by Session members. (Letter was attached at end of docket. Opinion paper handout was noted.

**Financial Report:** The financial report was reviewed by Lee Ann Warstler. She also reviewed the Financial Position Review from the Finance Team (which was attached to docket) and answered questions from Session.

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

- Attendance Figures for June 25, 2023 through August 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 Congregational Meeting for June 25, 2023:** Reviewed by Session and ordered by common consent.

**Minutes for Stated Session Meeting for June 26, 2023:** Reviewed by Session and ordered by common consent.

**Consent Agenda:** The Consent Agenda for August 21, 2023 was approved and ordered by common consent.

### **New Business:**

**Motion:** That Session approve the Ministry Position Description for the Facility Maintenance Coordinator. (Attached at end of docket) The motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

**Motion:** To approved Valena Hoy's Sabbatical Leave Proposal (Attached at end of docket). The motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

**Staff Reports:**

**Preschool and Children and Family Ministries Report:** None this month.

**Director of Online Ministry:** Reported that the online numbers have remained consistently high through the summer.

**PEVA Commissioner Report:** None this month

**Team Reports**

**Pastors' Reports:**

Joel Phillips

Joel gave a brief review of the Massanutten Family Retreat experience. It was well attended again this year. Fall Kickoff Picnic will be on September 10. Attendance has remained consistent through the summer. Members of the AV team (students from Regent U.) are moving on after graduation. A new AV contractor has been hired to regrow the team.

Valena Hoy

Valena discussed her sabbatical, which Session approved earlier in the meeting. She said the Dream Big study guide went well. She said that she is taking on a few new roles with the presbytery. The music plans for the balance of the year look good. The praise team is open to more participation. The community groups are doing well through the summer. Planning is underway for fall worship.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was closed in prayer and adjourned at 7:10 pm by common consent.

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Mark Fulton, Clerk of Session

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Rev. Jim Wood, Senior Pastor