

Stated Session Meeting Minutes for January 8, 2024

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

A quorum was noted with the following Session members present: Brian Collins, Paul Ferrell, Mark Fulton, Valena Hoy, Brad Hunter, Carl Leimer, Peggy Mackey, Kristine Rand, Page Weaver, Jim Wood

Examination of Potential New Members:

None

Guests:

Lee Ann Warstler, Administration and Finance Director
Hunter Johnston, Preschool Director and Director of Children and Family Ministries

Devotional: Brad Hunter discussed the history of the hymn How Great Thou Art.

Financial Report: The financial report was reviewed by Lee Ann Warstler.

Clerk's Communications and Reports:

- Attendance Figures for November 19, 2023 through December 31, 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 November 20, 2023: Reviewed by Session and ordered by common consent.

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda for January 8, 2024 was approved and ordered by common consent.

New Business:

MOTION: To receive and approve the report of the Ukraine Team and approve fundraising for \$50,000 to support the initiatives of Ivan Rusyn, President of the Ukrainian Evangelical Theological Seminary through the Outreach foundation to equip and train clergy from Central Asia and provide respite for Ukrainian seminary clergy and staff. The motion was passed unanimously.

MOTION: To approve Brad Hunter and Emily Webb as PEVA Commissioners for 2024. Approved unanimously.

Staff Reports:

Preschool and Children and Family Ministries Report: The staff is working on budget and tuition preparation. Children's Ministries coordinator Christina Moses is doing a great job. Confirmation for 2024 will start in February. The location of the Fuge camp has been changed to lower cost and travel time.

PEVA Commissioner Report: None this month

Team Reports / Committee Minutes, URC/N.E.S.T. Report: None this month.

Pastors' Reports:

Joel Phillips

FPC once again hosted the initial week of the Winter Shelter Program for the homeless. Six other churches participated as well. Family Night on December 20 was a success. Joel is in the process of becoming a US Navy Chaplain.

Valena Hoy

Praise for the music staff's program on Music Sunday. Please continue to pray for contemporary service worship leader Emily as she continues to battle health problems. The New Thru 30 Bible Reading Initiative has begun. Preparations for Lenten season are underway.

Jim Wood

Attendance and visitor numbers continue to look good. Jim will leave this week for Kenya for two and a half weeks. The "Jim's Chili" campaign will begin when he gets back.

Adjournment: Meeting was closed in prayer and adjourned at 8:25 pm by common consent.

Mark Fulton, Clerk of Session

Rev. Jim Wood, Senior Pastor