

## Stated Session Meeting Minutes for September 18, 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, Page Weaver, Emily Webb, Jim Wood

### Examination of Potential New Members:

LauraBeth Dehority - Letter of Transfer	Dave Lane - Letter of Transfer
Sarah Aschenbrenner - Letter of Transfer	Ashley Lane - Letter of Transfer
Jason Aschenbrenner - Letter of Transfer	Sam Boone - Reaffirmation of Faith
Jeremy Walters - Reaffirmation of Faith	Michael Layne - Reaffirmation of Faith
Sarah Ann Walters - Reaffirmation of Faith	Ethan Higgins - Profession of Faith
Alexandra (Alex) Layne - Reaffirmation of Faith	
Megan Hopper - Reaffirmation of Faith	

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

### Guests:

Lee Ann Warstler, Administration and Finance Director  
Hunter Johnston, Preschool Director and Director of the Children and Family Ministries  
New Session Member Guests: Megan Foard, Bob Pursell

**Devotional:** Examination of Elders-elect Bob Pursell and Megan Foard

**MOTION:** To sustain newly elected elders Bob Pursell and Megan Foard. Passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** To sustain the newly elected deacons (list distributed). Passed unanimously.

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

### Clerk's Communications and Reports:

- Attendance Figures for August 20, 2023 through September 10, 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

**Elder Training:** Jim Wood did a teaching on "What is it to be reformed?" The three solas of Martin Luther based on Scripture.

**Minutes for Stated Session Meeting for August 21, 2023:** Reviewed by Session and ordered by common consent.

**Minutes for Called Session Meeting for August 27, 2023:** Reviewed by Session and ordered by common consent.

**Consent Agenda:** The Consent Agenda for September 18, 2023 was approved and ordered by common consent.

**New Business: None**

**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 / Committee Minutes, URC/N.E.S.T. Report:** URC report noted.

**Pastors' Reports:**

Joel Phillips

Joel noted the excitement over 12 new members joining the church. He briefly reviewed the fall schedule and reminded elders to continue welcoming new people at all three services using the "Who Did You Meet" cards. He also encouraged elders to continue to invite people to various FPC activities.

Valena Hoy

Valena noted the new sermon series kickoff. She commented on the new "prayer box" devotionals. Last weekend was the kickoff for community groups, which are doing well. She noted the new parish visitors, Jeff and Sue Bell. She noted that the choir will host an open house for new members and the piano concert scheduled for October. She noted that she continues to be very involved with Presbytery functions.

Jim Wood

Jim noted that the new visitor tracking count has started over for the new season. The fall kickoff and picnic went great. He commented on the solid attendance numbers through the summer. The 23 Hours of Prayer project is going well. Ukraine

plans continue to develop. He reminded Session about the Urban Renewal Center's October 10 event and encourage Session members to attend. Ukraine plans continue to develop. NEST will once again be hosted at FPC from December 17 - 31. Jim noted his thanks and appreciation for Jeff Abney's service on Session.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was closed in prayer and adjourned at 8:15 pm by common consent.

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Mark Fulton, Clerk of Session

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Rev. Jim Wood, Senior Pastor