

## Stated Session Meeting Minutes for February 26, 2024

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

A quorum was noted with the following Session members present: Grayson Bryant, Brian Collins, Megan Foard, Creighton Holt, Valena Hoy, Peggy Mackey, Bob Pursell, Kristine Rand, Page Weaver, Emily Webb, Jim Wood

### Examination of Potential New Members:

Brett Parkhurst - Approved unanimously

### Guests:

Lee Ann Warstler, Administration and Finance Director

**Devotional:** Jim Wood explained various aspects of the Presbyterian Church's organization and operating principles, as supported by New Testament passages.

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

### Clerk's Communications and Reports:

- Attendance Figures for January 7, 2024 through February 18, 2024.
- 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 January 8, 2024:** Reviewed by Session and ordered by common consent.

**Consent Agenda:** The Consent Agenda for February 26, 2024 was approved and ordered by common consent.

### New Business:

**MOTION:** To approve the 2024 budget. (Handout). The motion was passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** To approve and publish the 2023 Statistical Report (Handout). The motion was passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** To elect Mark Fulton to serve as clerk of session in 2024. The motion was passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** To elect Cline Reasor to serve as treasurer in 2024. The motion was passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** To approve recommendations of the Trustee in regards to redirecting future income distributions from two bequests (Kirk Montague and Mai Merriman Priddy) from the student loan program to the maintenance reserve fund. (Handout). The motion was passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** To approve the Sanctuary Renovations plan, as detailed in several documents presented to the Session. The funds, which provide for a meaningful overage contingency, will come from the Trustees and a recently received bequest. (Handout). The motion was passed unanimously.

**Staff Reports:**

**Preschool and Children and Family Ministries Report:** (Jim Wood in lieu of Hunter). The preschool is enjoying solid enrollment, and children’s ministry under Christina Moses and youth ministry are seeing high attendance as well. Expecting 22 confirmands in the latest class. Given the increased activity and involvement, staff may be considering a part-time youth coordinator to support programming, etc.

**PEVA Commissioner Report:** None this month

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

**Pastors’ Reports:**

Joel Phillips

Provided the updated In-Person Prayer Schedule for Deacons and Elders, concerning worship prayer cards. Noted that he is expecting to have more new member examinations after the next FPC 101 class (which was paused during the holidays).

Valena Hoy

Lenten devotionals are being received by 142 subscribers. Cited the success of the Prayer for Persecuted Church luncheon organized by Kristine Rand, which involved about 60 attendees in addition to the prayer team. Praise for the recently-concluded women’s retreat, which engaged 64 attendees. Valena is preparing for her sabbatical, to begin on April 1<sup>st</sup> and conclude on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Delegating tasks to Joel, and Rachel; Jeff Bell (Co-Visitor) will also provide pastoral support, via short-term position approved by the Personnel Committee. Noted the upcoming funeral for Lefty Driesell at the behest of Pam Driesell.

Jim Wood

Presented the updated Sanctuary Renovations plan, with architectural renderings and financial summary. The renovation will provide a more open worship space with greater ability to feature the choir and host events such as weddings. Given the approval by the Session, the next steps involve identifying bidders; a major deciding factor will be their ability to conduct the renovations with minimum disruption to church operations. Will be turning sights to launching the stewardship drive, as well as encouraging legacy giving by the congregation.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was closed in prayer and adjourned at 8:00 pm by common consent.

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Mark Fulton, Clerk of Session

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Rev. Jim Wood, Senior Pastor