

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, NORFOLK
Session Meeting Docket
Monday, November 22, 2021

Stated Session Meeting Minutes for November 22, 2021

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

A quorum was noted with the following Session members present: Jeff Abney, Lakishia Biggs, Dave Breen, Grayson Bryant, Brian Collins, Mark Fulton, Creighton Holt, Valena Hoy, Peggy Mackey, Rashell Matthews, Joel Phillips, Kristine Rand, Page Weaver, Jim Wood

Examination of Potential New Members:

Mike and Nancy Rivera – Letter of Transfer

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

MOTION: To invite Lee Ann Warstler to join us as a guest. The motion was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Devotional: Creighton Holt offered a devotional on the theme "What does God require of FPC?" His teaching was based on Deuteronomy 10:12 and Micah 6:8.

Financial Report: The financial report was reviewed by Lee Ann Warstler. She reported that both FPC and FPP continue to be in a good financial position.

Clerk's Communications and Reports:

- Attendance Figures for October 17, 2021 through November 14, 2021.
- 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 October 25, 2021: Reviewed by Session and ordered by common consent.

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Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda for November 22, 2021 was approved and ordered by common consent.

Staff Reports:

Director of Online Ministry Report: Joel commented on the continuing success of the FPC online ministry. He reviewed the MasterClass attendance figures. He said the AV Team is working hard to improve and update our worship experience and online presence. He mentioned that our MasterClass sessions posted on YouTube have received 4800 views.

Preschool and Children and Family Ministries Report: Hunter reported that Confirmation is underway and going well with 15 confirmands. Jackson continues to do well. Children's Ministries and Sunday School are doing great. Growing the Sunday School teacher team is a challenge due to so many potential teachers wanting to attend the Community Hour groups. Advent activities are being planned. There will be a live Nativity scene on December 12 at 6pm. The preschool is doing very well.

PEVA Commissioner Report: None

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

Pastors' Reports:

Valena Hoy

The Advent devotional has been sent out. The Sunday Team has been working to make timely decisions regarding mask requirements and greeting people before and after each service. Music Sunday will be on December 5. The search continues for an evangelism coordinator. Pastoral care is doing well. The search for a parish visitor continues. The women's retreat is planned for February. Community Hour attendance is looking good.

Jim Wood

Attendance and finances continue to be positive. The multiple Christmas services are expected to be well attended. The Sunday after Christmas will have one service followed by a brunch. Confirmation classes are doing well. The Harvest Festival was a huge success. More than 200 Thanksgiving baskets were distributed to the needy. FPC has raised almost \$60,000 to help Afghan refugees. The annual coat drive is underway. There is a computer drive to find used computers for homeless residents of the Shelter.

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FPC will provide a week of meals for the homeless at the Shelter during NEST week. The URC will be ending its relationship with the Shelter. The Tree of Lives board will go to Kenya in January. Staff cohesions is excellent.

New Business:

MOTION:

That Session approve the following housing allowances for the year 2022:
Jim Wood \$52,000,00 and Valena Hoy \$32,000. The motion was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Information Review: (Attached at end of docket) Session was encouraged to review the document: Often-Seen Legal and Risk Issues with PC(USA) Councils The Office of Legal & Risk Management, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation

Adjournment: Meeting was closed in prayer and adjourned at 8:20 pm by common consent.

Mark Fulton, Clerk of Session

Rev. Jim Wood, Senior Pastor