

Stated Session Meeting Minutes for October 25, 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, Joel Phillips, Kristine Rand, Page Weaver, Jim Wood

Examination of Potential New Members: None

Guests: Hunter Johnston, Preschool Director and Director of the Children and Family Ministries

Kristen Abney, Moderator of FPC Diaconate

Devotional: Kristen Abney shared a devotion based on 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Deacon Report: Kristen Abney reviewed the Diaconate Report to the Session

Financial Report: The financial report was reviewed by Jim Wood. He reported that both FPC and FPP continue to be in a good financial position.

Clerk's Communications and Reports:

- Attendance Figures for September 19, 2021 through October 17, 2021.
- Membership Gains and Losses Figures
- Upcoming Session Meetings and Calendar Reminders
- Births and Deaths Information
- Baptisms and Weddings Conducted
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Minutes for Stated Session Meeting for September 20, 2021: Reviewed by Session and ordered by common consent.

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda for October 25, 2021 was approved and ordered by common consent.

Staff Reports:

Preschool and Children and Family Ministries Report: Hunter distributed junior church attendance and Sunday school information. She reported that the upcoming Trunk or Treat event currently has more than 20 participants. Preschool is doing great at nearly full enrollment. Soccer Shots and Stretch and Grow events went well. There are currently 15 confirmands in the confirmation process. The Sunday School hour is a great success on all levels.

Director of Online Ministry Report: Joel commented on the continuing success of the FPC online ministry. He said the hybrid nature of FPC worship (in-person and online) is a key model for the future. Connection cards from online participants are increasing, even from those who are watching a recorded version of the service. The AV team is evolving and posting more information online, including the lyrics of hymns and the prayers for both services. The podcast of each service is gaining listeners.

PEVA Commissioner Report: Joel Phillips reported on the recent PEVA meeting, which was the first in-person meeting in quite a while. He mentioned that FPC still has some open spots for commissioners.

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

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Community Hour attendance for adults has been very good. The elder/deacon greeting teams are going well. There are three weddings set for November.

Jim Wood

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

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