

Stated Session Meeting Minutes for September 20, 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, Ron Fritch, Mark Fulton, Valena Hoy, Peggy Mackey, Rashell Matthews, Joel Phillips, Kristine Rand, Page Weaver, Jim Wood

Examination of Potential New Members:

Jing Wang – Reaffirmation of Faith
Ana Akin – Reaffirmation of Faith
Lisa Dunker – Reaffirmation of Faith

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

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

Devotional: Valena shared a devotion based on John 1. "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14) God "moved into the neighborhood" and encourages all of us to turn our lights on for the world to see.

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 August 15, 2021 through September 12, 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 August 16, 2021: Reviewed by Session and ordered by common consent.

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda for September 20, 2021 was approved and ordered by common consent.

Staff Reports:

Preschool and Children and Family Ministries Report: Hunter reported that Jackson is doing a great job with volunteers. Sunday school is doing well. The confirmation season is ramping up. Children's Ministry doing very well. Children's Church doing well with the new check-in system. Preschool is doing great, thanks in large part to Noel and Scarlett. Soccer shots is starting up. MOPS and Picture Day going fine.

Director of Online Ministry Report: Joel commented on the growing participation in FPC online services and resources. Sundays online are going great. Michael, the new facilities manager, is doing a super job. The Regent University AV team has made some upgrades to the system. Rebecca is doing a super job with the FPC website. A new round of MasterClasses will kick off.

PEVA Commissioner Report: None this month.

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

New Business:

Motion: To elect Rashell Matthews as a PEVA commissioner. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Motion: To allow children in Sunday school to remove masks to talk. There was no second to the motion. The motion did not move forward.

Pastors' Reports:

Valena Hoy

The fall season program is kicking off with a new sermon series and new connection efforts by elders. The deacon ministry is doing really well. The search for a permanent organist continues. Joann Whitaker continues to lead the choir and is doing a super job. The search for a Director of Administration continues.

Jim Wood

The new model for services is going very well. The community hour and Christian Education are seeing record attendance. The visitor cards that are being turned in have been very helpful. The Massanetta Springs facility will house and feed Afghanistan refugees. FPC will participate in assisting with funding.

Adjournment: Meeting was closed in prayer and adjourned at 8:35 pm by common consent.