



MINUTES OF A STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION

DATE: MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018

LOCATION OF MEETING: DISCUSSION CLASS ROOM

Class of 2018		Class of 2019		Class of 2020	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ed Campbell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	D.R. Beeson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike McCalmont
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	John Grindstaff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jerry Cole	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Charles Parker
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Charles Herndon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Emily Jordan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Charles Spears
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jane O'Connor				

Present: X
 Absent, excused: None
 Absent: Herndon

Minister present: The Reverend Dr. Bradley Palmer

Staff present: Mr. G. Arner, Facilities Director; Mr. L. Dodd, Worship and Music Director

Others present: Ms. G. Courtney; Ms. B. Cummings; Ms. J. Urse, Moderator of the Diaconate

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by moderator Bradley Palmer.

The clerk declared a quorum present.

Opening Prayer and Devotional:

The moderator opened the meeting with prayer. Dr. Palmer read from the Scriptures, John 10:10-12, wherein the writer reminds believers we serve a benevolent God. Jesus said, ¹⁰ *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.* ¹¹ *"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.* ¹² *The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away."* Dr. Palmer encouraged those present to share with the world the good news of Jesus Christ.

Pastoral Care:

The clerk encouraged those present to be in prayer for the concerns of Ann Mooneyhan, Cecilia Campbell, Steve Linder, Ellis Linder, Ben Bailey, and Gavin Clark.

Events of Note at FPC JC for the period March 26, 2018 through April 21, 2018:

- Dismissal:
 - Kite, David; to Dunnellon Presbyterian Church, Dunnellon, Florida (March 27, 2018).
 - Kite, Judy; to Dunnellon Presbyterian Church, Dunnellon, Florida (March 27, 2018).
 - Terrell, Jennifer; to Westminster Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tennessee (March 27, 2018).
 - Terrell, John; to Westminster Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tennessee (March 27, 2018).
- Marriage:
 - None
- New Member:
 - None
- Pulpit Supply:
 - The Reverend Mr. R. Alan Chapman (April 1, 2018).

- The Reverend Dr. Richard Fifield (April 15, 2018).
- Sacrament of Baptism:
 - None
- Translated to the Church Triumphant:
 - Costner, Amerylis ('Amy') (April 16, 2018).

Approval of the Order of Business:

The clerk put the question to members of session, 'Do you find the agenda for this meeting to be complete?' On motion by Dr. Cole, second Ms. O'Connor, session by unanimous voice vote approved the agenda as prepared.

Review of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting(s) of the Session:

On motion by Dr. Parker, second Dr. Cole, session by unanimous voice vote approved as prepared the minutes of the stated meeting occurring March 27, 2018.

Communications from the Staff to Session:

Mr. Arner, Facilities Manager of FPC JC properties, updated session on the present condition of the physical plant for which he is responsible. A 'Power Point' program was used to highlight the various projects that have been successfully completed during the past several years; repairs to the various roofs of the building, the installation of a new WiFi system that provides uniform wireless internet connectivity throughout the building, the installation of a new electronic security system providing video monitoring of the interior and exterior of the building, new metal doors replacing most exterior egress wood doors, the installation of a more secure gate at the preschool playground, the installation of a secure gate and security screens at the exterior stair tower on the southeast corner of the building, and other projects. Several of these projects were completed with funding from the FaithLift campaign. Mr. Arner outlined the work of the ad hoc committee that is reviewing the operation of the building for safety and security strengths and deficiencies and solutions to correct the deficiencies. Mr. Arner noted the compressors in the individual room heating and cooling units are reaching their expected life of service; the failure of multiple compressors within a short period of time might be expected.

Communications from the Clerk to Session: The clerk;

- Placed on the floor for session's consideration and action communication received from Mark S. Fulton, clerk of session, First Presbyterian Church Norfolk, Norfolk, Virginia, dated March 29, 2018, requesting *Certificate of Transfer of Letter* on the membership in FPC JC of Jim Ashburn. On motion by Dr. Parker, second Ms. Jordan, session by unanimous voice vote approved the transfer of the membership of Mr. Jim Ashburn in FPC JC to First Presbyterian Church Norfolk, Norfolk, Virginia.
- Placed on the floor for session's consideration and action a request for a determination of the intent of section G-10.0201, sub-title 'Meetings', of the *Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (USA)* as regards attendance absent invitation to meetings of session, whether stated or special, by persons who are not members of session. Session on motion by Mr. McCalmont, second Ms. Jordan, declared by unanimous voice vote meetings of the session open to members of the congregation of FPC JC absent invitation but without voice while retaining the right to declare when necessary and in accord with '*Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*' meetings closed to persons not actively serving on the session.
- Placed on the floor for session's consideration and action the designation of Gilbert Rosenberger, Jr. as the commissioner from FPC JC to the June stated quarterly meeting of Holston Presbytery with voice and voting rights. Members of session were polled to determine whether or not a member would be available to attend the referenced meeting of presbytery as the second commissioner from FPC JC. The clerk volunteered to attend the meeting of presbytery as the second commissioner. On motion by Ms. O'Connor, second Dr. Cole, session by unanimous voice vote approved Mr. Rosenberger, Jr., and Mr. Campbell as commissioners from FPC JC to the June stated quarterly meeting of Holston Presbytery; roles as outlined.
- Placed on the floor for session's consideration and action The Reverend Mr. Tim Meredith's offer to lead an (optional attendance) officer of the church training workshop. The curriculum for the workshop will include a review of reformed theology and its relationship with the *Book of Confessions* and review of the government of the church as set forth in the *Book of Order*; the two 'books' together creating the *Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA)*. The workshop if approved by session will be scheduled to occur Saturday, May 19, 2018, commencing at 8:30 A.M. and concluding at 2:30 P.M. A light lunch will be provided. On motion by Dr. Cole, second Ms. O'Connor, session by unanimous voice vote accepted Mr.

Meredith's offer to lead the officer workshop as outlined herein and directed the clerk to publicize the training workshop in the printed and electronic media of FPC JC.

Communications from the Moderator to Session: The moderator;

- Updated session on the progress of the review of the Ministry Information Form of FPC JC by the Committee on Ministry of Holston Presbytery. The review is expected to be completed by Monday, April 30.

Communications from the Diaconate to Session: Ms. Jerry Urse, moderator, reported;

- The Diaconate last met March 22, 2018; minutes of the meeting provided.

Administration:

- Personnel Committee: Dr. Richard McGowan, chair. Ms. O'Connor reported;
 - The Ministry Information Form of FPC JC has been completed and forwarded to the Committee on Ministry of Holston Presbytery. The members of the Committee on Ministry are reviewing the content of the document and will consider and act on it on Thursday, April 26, 2018.
 - The committee last met April 17, 2018; agenda for the meeting to be provided.
- Stewardship Committee: Mr. Charles Herndon IV, chair. Mr. Dodd reported;
 - The committee last met March 27, 2018; minutes of the meeting provided.
 - The financial report for the month ended 31MAR2018 was not available.
- Long Range Planning Committee: Mr. Ed Campbell, chair, reported;
 - The committee's work is on hold pending completion of the review by Blackburn, Childers, & Steagall, PLC, certified public accountants, that will establish fund balances in the various accounts of the church.
 - The committee last met January 31, 2018; minutes of the meeting to be provided.

Committees of the Session:

Glorify:

GLORIFY Committee: Dr. Jerry Cole, chair, reported;

- Dr. Cole advised completion of the committee's recommendation to establish an 'Alter Guild' for the purpose of assisting with the service of the Sacrament of Communion is delayed. The completed recommendation will be brought before session at a later date.
- The committee is scheduled to next meet May 8, 2018.
- The committee last met March 6, 2018; minutes of the meeting previously provided.

Grow:

- GROW Committee: Ms. Emily Jordan, chair. No report.
 - The committee has not met.
- Preschool Ministry: Ms. Mary Craig Hart, board chair. Ms. Emily Jordan, liaison from session and board member, reported;
 - Pre-registration of students for the 2018-2019 school year is complete. All available student positions are filled in all classes.
 - The board of directors last met January 17, 2018; minutes of the meeting previously provided.
- Children's Ministry Team: Dr. Charles Parker, leader, reported;
 - Ms. Jennifer Jacobs, Director of Children's Ministry, will attend the 'Orange Conference 2018' in Atlanta, Georgia, April 25-April 27, 2018.
 - The team last met April 4, 2018; minutes of the meeting provided.
- Student Ministry Team: Mr. John Grindstaff, leader, reported;
 - Mr. Grindstaff and Mr. Tim Jones, Director of Student Ministry, will attend the 'Orange Conference 2018' in Atlanta, Georgia, April 25-April 27, 2018.
 - The team last met January 21, 2018; minutes of the meeting not provided.
- Discipleship Ministry Team: Ms. Emily Jordan, leader, reported;
 - The team has not met during 2018.

Go:

- GO Committee: Mr. Michael McCalmont, chair, reported;
 - Mr. McCalmont placed on the floor for session's consideration and action the committee's recommendation that a ministry team be created that will coordinate with the Diaconate to serve the needs of aging members of FPC JC. Session by consent approved the committee's recommendation.
 - The committee last met March 12, 2018; minutes of the meeting previously provided.

- Local Missions Ministry Team: Mr. Michael McCalmont, leader;
 - The team last met April 15, 2018; minutes of the meeting provided.
- Global Missions Ministry Team: Mr. Michael McCalmont, leader;
 - The team last met April 17, 2018; minutes of the meeting provided.
- Community Evangelism Ministry Team: Ms. Jane O'Connor, co-leader, reported;
 - The team last met April 15, 2018; minutes of the meeting provided.

Ad Hoc:

There were no ad hoc committees convened at the time of this meeting.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

None

Member Concerns:

- Mr. McCalmont requested session consideration of the events that will mark the 150th anniversary of the founding of FPC JC to be observed during 2019 be placed on the agenda for the stated meeting of session that will occur Tuesday, May 22, 2018. Session by consent approved Mr. McCalmont's request.
- Mr. Beeson requested authority from session to gather all background information on the long-delayed proposed exchange of real estate with the City of Johnson City and to use the information gained from those documents to bring the proposed exchange of property to conclusion in a meeting with representatives of the City of Johnson City. Session by consent approved Mr. Beeson's request.
- Mr. Grindstaff placed on the floor for session's consideration and action a request to grant 'voice' to Ms. Becky Cummings for a request to session on the matter of open meetings of session. On motion by Mr. Grindstaff, second Ms. Jordan, session by unanimous voice vote approved 'voice' for Ms. Cummings on the matter. Ms. Cummings asked that session's declaration of session meetings being open to attendance by non-members of session be publicized to the members of the congregation of FPC JC. The clerk requested Mr. Dodd arrange for the publication in print and electronic media the declaration of session.

Adjournment and Closing Prayer:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote of session at 8:55 P.M. on motion by Ms. O'Connor, second Ms. Jordan; closing prayer by Dr. Palmer.

END of MINUTES

THE REVEREND DR. BRADLEY PALMER, MODERATOR

ED CAMPBELL, CLERK OF SESSION

THE NEXT STATED MEETING OF SESSION WILL OCCUR TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2018 @ 7:00 P.M.

ELDERS WHEN UNABLE TO ATTEND A SESSION MEETING ARE TO CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AND REQUEST AN EXCUSED ABSENCE.