



MINUTES OF A STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION

DATE: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

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 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 type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jane O'Connor				

Present: X
 Absent, excused: Grindstaff
 Absent: None

Minister present: The Reverend Mr. Louis Imsande

Others present: Ms. Martha Courtney, Mr. Glenn Hypes

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by moderator Louis Imsande.

The clerk declared a quorum present.

Opening Prayer and Devotional:

The moderator opened the meeting with prayer. Mr. Imsande read from the Scriptures, Nehemiah 4:1-23, wherein Nehemiah tells the story of his people of Jerusalem rebuilding from rubble the fortress wall surrounding their city. Half of the men of the city worked to rebuild the wall while the remaining numbers of men of the city stood with weapons to protect from outside attack those who were working... v.⁹ *'But we prayed to our God and posted a guard day and night to meet this threat.'* Mr. Imsande paralleled these verses of scripture with the responsibility of the members of session as leaders of FPC JC to 're-build the walls of FPC JC'; to aid those needing assistance, to encourage those overcome by the severity of life.

Pastoral Care:

The moderator led those present in prayer for the concerns of Mickey Onks, Ed DeVault, Ellis Linder, Brenda McCalmont, and Sam Repass.

Events of Note at FPC JC for the period August 21, 2017 through September 24, 2017:

- Dismissal:
None
- Marriage:
None
- New Member:
None
- Pulpit Supply:
None
- Sacrament of Baptism:
Ritchie, Anniston Marie (September 24, 2017)
- Translated to the Church Triumphant:
None

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?' The moderator, hearing no requests to amend, declared the agenda approved by consent.

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

Session by unanimous voice vote on motion by Mr. Beeson, second Ms. O'Connor, approved the minutes of the below listed meetings; as prepared:

- The special meeting occurring August 13, 2017.
- The stated meeting occurring August 22, 2017.

Communications from the Staff to Session:

No staff report

Communications from the Clerk to Session: The clerk;

Placed on the floor for session's consideration and action notification received by staff from Ms. Sarah Marie Howell Ritchie of her work and worship at Buckhead Church, 3336 Peachtree Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30326. On motion by Mr. Campbell, second Mr. McCalmont, session by unanimous voice vote instructed staff to remove Ms. Sarah Marie Howell Ritchie from the membership roll of FPC JC pursuant to the requirements of section G-10.0302.b.4 of the *Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (USA)*.

Communications from the Senior Pastor to Session: The Senior Pastor;

- Placed on the floor for session's consideration and action request for an interim appointment of Mr. Glenn Hypes to the position of Treasurer of FPC JC. The interim appointment to the position to cease upon the completion of the Stewardship Committee's review of the responsibilities of the position of Treasurer of FPC JC and the subsequent election by session of a standing Treasurer of FPC JC for officer year 2017-2018. On motion by Ms. Jordan, second Dr. Cole, session by unanimous voice vote approved Mr. Imsande's request for an interim appointment of Mr. Hypes to the position of Treasurer of FPC JC.
- Placed on the floor for session's consideration and action request for an interim appointment of Mr. Ed Campbell to the position of clerk of session of FPC JC. The interim appointment to the position to cease upon the completion of the Stewardship Committee's review of the responsibilities of the position of Treasurer of FPC JC and the subsequent election by session of a standing clerk of session of FPC JC for officer year 2017-2018. On motion by Ms. O'Connor, second Mr. Beeson, session by unanimous voice vote approved Mr. Imsande's request for an interim appointment of Mr. Campbell to the position of clerk of session of FPC JC.
- Placed on the floor for session's consideration and action request for session to call the annual meetings of the members of the corporations holding the physical property of First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tennessee, following the close of each morning worship service Sunday, October 8, 2017, or a later date as the clerk of session may deem necessary due to notice requirements. The principal purpose of the annual meetings will be the election of the 2017-2018 board of directors of First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tennessee, Inc. and the election of the 2017-2018 board of directors of First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tennessee, II, Inc. On motion by Dr. Cole, second Mr. McCalmont, session by unanimous voice vote approved Mr. Imsande's request for a call of the annual meetings of the corporations holding the physical property of First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tennessee to occur as requested.
- Called on Mr. Campbell who encouraged members of session to appropriately respond with accurate information to the dissemination of inaccurate information concerning FPC JC in any aspect.

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Diaconate occurring September 21, 2017 provided.

Committees of the Session:

Glorify:

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

- The committee has completed evaluations of the performance of staff members who are under the guidance of the committee. The staff evaluations have been forwarded to the Personnel Committee.
- The committee intends to bring to session during the October 2017 stated meeting of session its recommendations on proposed revisions to the policy of FPC JC on inclement weather as the inclement weather might impact the programming of FPC JC.

- It was suggested that members of session use the directory published by the Women of the Church of FPC JC as a resource for making telephone calls of support to the membership of FPC JC.
- The committee last met August 1, 2017; minutes of the meeting previously provided.

Grow:

- GROW Committee: Ms. Emily Jordan, chair, reported;
 - Mr. Imsande advised the 'Wisdom (Sunday school) Class' has created a calendar for its programming for 2017-2018.
 - Mr. Imsande advised he is seeking a resource for the Wednesday night Bible Study program.
 - The committee has not met.
- Preschool Ministry: Ms. Mary Craig Hart, board chair. No Report.
The board of directors last met February 15, 2017; minutes of the meeting previously provided.
- Children's Ministry: Dr. Charles Parker, team leader, reported;
 - An update on the programming of the Children's Ministry, dated May 22, 2017, previously provided.
 - The team last met December 7, 2016; minutes of the meeting previously provided.
- Student Ministry: Mr. John Grindstaff, team leader. No report.
The team last met August 16, 2017; minutes of the meeting to be provided.
- Discipleship Ministry: Ms. Emily Jordan, team leader, reported;
The team last met February 7, 2017; minutes of the meeting previously provided.

Go:

- GO Committee: Mr. Michael McCalmont, chair, reported;
 - The committee is currently gathering items for gift bags for the children of St. Innocents School, Bellevue, Haiti. The gift bags will be delivered to the children by the FPC JC mission team traveling to Haiti during November 2017.
 - A day of prayer for churches around the world which are under duress is encouraged.
 - The committee last met August 11, 2016; minutes of the meeting previously provided.
- Local Missions Ministry: Ms. Marie Monday, team leader. Mr. McCalmont reported;
 - The 'Loaves and Fishes' Christmas dinner will occur Saturday, December 16, 2017.
 - Beneficiaries of the 'Family Promise' program will be at FPC JC the week of December 10, 2017.
 - The team last met September 17, 2017; minutes of the meeting provided.
- Global Missions Ministry: Mr. Clyde Monday, team leader. No report.
The team last met September 19, 2017; minutes of the meeting provided.
- Community Outreach Ministry: Ms. Jane O'Connor, team leader. No report.
The team last met February 2016; minutes of the meeting not provided.

Administration:

- Personnel Committee: Dr. Richard McGowan, chair. Ms. O'Connor reported;
 - Session was apprised of the details of the compensation to be provided by FPC JC to Ms. Gaskins on her separation of employment from FPC JC. Ms. Gaskins will receive for a period of three (3) months from the date of her separation her standard rate of per month monetary compensation and Board of Pensions benefits.
 - Reductions to the number of staff members of FPC JC will significantly reduce the monthly cost of Board of Pensions benefits provided to employees.
 - The committee last met September 19, 2017; agenda for the meeting provided.
 - The committee previously met August 15, 2017; agenda for the meeting to be provided.
- Stewardship Committee: Mr. Charles Herndon IV, chair. Mr. Imsande reported;
 - The annual audit of the church financials will be performed during November 2017 by BCS Accounting, Johnson City, TN.
 - The committee last met September 12, 2017; minutes of the meeting provided.
 - The committee previously met August 22, 2017; minutes of the meeting provided.
 - The financial report for the month ended 31AUG2017 to be provided.
- Long Range Planning Committee: Mr. Ed Campbell, chair, reported;
 - The committee has requested from selected vendors cost proposals for the security screens to be installed in the openings in the exterior stair tower on the southeast corner of the building.

- The committee is coordinating with the renovations planned to the pre-school's playground the remediation of problems with the drainage of storm water from the gutters on the east wall of the Sanctuary to the City of Johnson City's storm water collection system.
- The committee has authorized the installation of carpet in the room formerly used for practice by the Chancel Choir. The cost of the installation (materials and labor) will be approximately \$1,100.00.
- The committee has authorized the installation of carpet in the 3 classrooms used by the Children's Ministry program. The cost of the installations (materials and labor) will be approximately \$7,500.00.
- The committee last met September 20, 2017; minutes of the meeting to be provided.
- The committee previously met September 6, 2017; minutes of the meeting provided.

Ad Hoc:

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

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

None

Member Concerns:

Mr. Herndon advised the 2017-2018 Congregational Nominating Committee will recognize Mr. Glenn Hypes' work as elder of FPC JC and Treasurer of FPC JC with the designation on him of 'Elder Emeritus'.

Adjournment and Closing Prayer:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.; closing prayer by Mr. Imsande.

END of MINUTES

THE REVEREND MR. LOUIS IMSANDE, MODERATOR

ED CAMPBELL, CLERK OF SESSION

THE NEXT STATED MEETING OF SESSION WILL OCCUR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2017 @ 7:00 P.M.

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