



MINUTES OF A STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION

DATE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2017
 LOCATION OF MEETING: THE HOLSTON ROOM

Class of 2018		Class of 2019		Class of 2020	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ed Campbell	<input type="checkbox"/>	D.R. Beeson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike McCalmont
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	John Grindstaff	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jerry Cole	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Charles Parker
<input 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: Beeson, Cole, Herndon
 Absent: None

Minister present: The Reverend Mr. Louis Imsande

Others present: Mr. M. Onks, Church Treasurer; Ms. J. Urse, Moderator of the Diaconate

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 referenced the works of evangelist Oswald Chambers and then read from the Scriptures; John 17, selected verses, wherein the disciple John writes of Jesus' prayer to God before Jesus' arrest in the garden beyond the Kidron Valley... '17. *After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: ...¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ¹² While I...'* Mr. Imsande encouraged those present to pray for and perceive the members of FPC JC as one body.

Pastoral Care:

The moderator led those present in prayer for the concerns of Charles Herndon, Alex Jacobs, Dr. Lee Malone, Dr. Jerry Cole, Rick Beeson, Ann Gouge, our numerous members receiving treatments for cancer.

Events of Note at FPC JC for the period October 23, 2017 through December 10, 2017:

- Dismissal:
None
- Marriage:
None
- New Member:
 - McIntyre, Cathy (November 12, 2017).
 - McIntyre, Randy (November 12, 2017).
 - Richards, Shirley (November 30, 2017).
- Pulpit Supply:
None
- Sacrament of Baptism:

None

- Translated to the Church Triumphant:
 - Landis, Richard H. ('Dick') (October 30, 2017).
 - Richards, Shirley (December 1, 2017).

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?'

Session by consent approved the agenda with a request to amend placed on the floor by Mr. Imsande:

To amend the business listed under the report from the 'Stewardship Committee' to include the committee's recommendation to session to consider and act on the proposed budget of FPC JC for calendar year 2018.

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

Session by consent approved the minutes of the stated meeting occurring October 30, 2017 following motion to amend by Ms. Jordan:

To change the notation under 'Pastoral Care' to correctly reflect prayer for Catherine Lee in the death of her father, Mr. Charles Francis Cowell, III.

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 First Presbyterian Church, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, requesting Certificate of Transfer of Letter on the membership in FPC JC of Mr. James Hales. On motion by Ms. O'Connor, second Ms. Jordan, session by unanimous voice vote approved the transfer of the membership of Mr. James Hales in FPC JC to First Presbyterian Church, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

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

Advised session of the extraordinary circumstances of the receipt of Ms. Shirley Richards into the membership of FPC JC; that being the presence of only one elder, Ms. Jackie Kossin, to witness the examination of Ms. Richards in accordance with the requirements of the *Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (USA)*. Ms. Richards was a medical patient in a local hospital at the time of her affirmation of faith.

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

- The 'Compassion Committee' has been formed and is creating its program for 2018.
- The Diaconate is involved in the planning and staffing of the annual 'Loaves and Fishes Christmas Dinner'.
- The Diaconate is involved in the planning and staffing of the noon 'Advent Devotional and Lunch' program.
- The Diaconate last met September 21, 2017; minutes of the meeting previously provided.

Communications from the Committees of the Session:

Glorify:

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

- The committee is continuing its work to create a comprehensive policy on (any) adjustments to the programming of FPC JC when inclement weather has the potential to impact scheduled programming.
- The committee last met October 10, 2017; minutes of the meeting previously provided.

Grow:

GROW Committee: Ms. Emily Jordan, chair, reported;

Several members and staff of FPC JC attended the 'Deep and Wide Conference' at the South Park Campus of Forest Hill Church in Charlotte, North Carolina on this past November 2. The conference is an event of the reThink Group, Inc. which sponsors the 'Orange' conferences. The goal of this conference is to give churches programs to expand their influence in culture by returning to what the original Jesus movement unleashed.

- Preschool Ministry: Ms. Mary Craig Hart, board chair. Mr. Imsande reported;
 - Mr. Imsande recommended session seek a more interactive relationship with the pre-school program and issued a call for elder volunteers to serve as liaison from session to the pre-school program. Mr. Grindstaff and Ms. Jordan volunteered to serve as liaison from session to the pre-school program.
 - The board of directors last met October 25, 2017; minutes of the meeting previously provided.
- Children's Ministry Team: Dr. Charles Parker, leader, reported;
 - The team meeting scheduled to occur November 8, 2017 was canceled due to schedule conflicts of several members of the committee.

- Members of session were encouraged to attend the Wednesday night Bible study to see the increased participation of the youth in their ministry.
- The highly successful 'Parent's Night Out' program will be supported during 2018.
- The FPC JC 'Highway 56' ministry for intermediate school grades children provided the contents for 35 boxes of the Samaritan's Purse 'Operation Christmas Child' ministry.
- An update on the programming of the Children's Ministry, dated May 22, 2017, previously provided.
- Student Ministry Team: Mr. John Grindstaff, leader, reported;
 - Alaska is the destination for the ministry's 2018 mission trip.
 - The ministry staff is planning a December outing to 'Speedway in Lights' at Bristol Motor Speedway.
 - The team last met September 20, 2017; minutes of the meeting to be provided.
- Discipleship Ministry Team: Ms. Emily Jordan, leader. No report.

The team last met February 7, 2017; minutes of the meeting previously provided.

Go:

GO Committee: Mr. Michael McCalmont, chair. No report.

- Missions Ministry Team: Mr. Michael McCalmont, leader, reported;
 - Local Missions:
 - The team is monitoring for accuracy payments to programs supported by the ministry.
 - The team last met September 17, 2017; minutes of the meeting previously provided.
 - Global Missions:
 - The campaign to secure funding for a scholarship for each child attending St. Innocents School in Bellevue, Haiti, is in progress. Approximately fifty-eight (58) scholarships are funded to date.
 - The team last met November 21, 2017; minutes of the meeting provided.
- Community Outreach Ministry Team: Ms. Jane O'Connor, co-leader. No report.

The team last met February 2016; minutes of the meeting not provided.

Administration:

- Personnel Committee: Dr. Richard McGowan, chair. Mr. Spears reported;

The committee last met December 5, 2017; agenda for the meeting provided.
- Stewardship Committee: Mr. Charles Herndon IV, chair. Mr. Spears reported;
 - Session was advised a financial donor has requested the unspent portion of a designated contribution the donor made to FPC JC be returned to him. A recommendation from the committee to return those funds to the donor was placed on the floor for session's consideration and action. Session by unanimous voice vote approved the recommendation from the committee to return the unused funds to the donor.
 - Mr. Onks presented the proposed FPC JC Budget 2018:
 - 116 family units responded to the committee's call for participation versus 144 respondents in 2017.
 - Pledges totaling \$844,738.00 were received to be applied toward the FPC JC Budget 2018.
 - The committee estimates non-pledged monies totaling \$81,374.00 will be received by the church during calendar 2018. This estimated dollar amount is based on historical evidence.
 - The total monies estimated to be received and thus to be available to the FPC JC Budget 2018 is, therefore, established to be \$926,112.00.
 - The total monetary disbursements for FPC JC Budget 2018 are estimated to be \$926,112.00.
 - The FPC JC Budget 2018 is balanced; estimated monies to be received are equal to estimated monies to be disbursed.
 - Mr. Onks stated the Stewardship Committee recommends to session the proposed FPC JC Budget 2018 for session's consideration and action. Session by unanimous voice vote approved the committee's recommended budget for calendar 2018.
 - The committee last met November 30, 2017; minutes of the meeting provided.
 - The committee previously met November 14, 2017; minutes of the meeting provided.
 - Mr. Onks presented the financial report for the month ended 31OCT2017.
- Long Range Planning Committee: Mr. Ed Campbell, chair, reported;
 - The committee is currently reviewing the condition of the nighttime illumination of the FPC JC parking lots and other areas of FPC JC property exterior to the building.

- The installation of the new gate and security screens in the openings of the exterior stair tower at the southeast corner of the building and the new gate at the pre-school playground is nearing completion.
- The committee is scheduled to meet Wednesday, December 13, 2017.
- The committee last met October 11, 2017; minutes of the meeting to be 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. Grindstaff expressed concern about the lack of persons 21 years of age or over available to provide transportation for the various senior youth activities. Mr. Imsande noted the concern and advised he will work with Mr. Jones to correct the deficiency.
- Mr. Parker reported he has experienced difficulties using the FPC JC website. Mr. Campbell opined an updating of the website is needed.

Adjournment and Closing Prayer:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 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, JANUARY 23, 2018 @ 7:00 P.M.

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