



MINUTES OF A STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION

DATE: TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2018

LOCATION OF MEETING: DISCUSSION CLASS ROOM, SECOND FLOOR

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 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: Cole, Grindstaff
 Absent: None

Minister present: The Reverend Dr. Bradley Palmer

Staff present: None

Others present: Ms. B. Cummings

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, Mark 4:35-41, wherein the writer tells the story of Jesus instructing his disciples to take him to the opposite side of the lake from where he had been teaching the crowd... ³⁷ *A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped.* ³⁸ *Jesus was in the stern, sleeping...* ³⁹ *He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.* ⁴⁰ *He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"* Dr. Palmer shared with members of session the idea that FPC JC is about to embark on a new journey as we search for and call a new pastor, just as the disciples embarked on a new journey as they followed Jesus. Dr. Palmer encouraged those present to not be fearful of the future but to have faith and follow Jesus.

Pastoral Care:

The moderator led those present in prayer for the concerns of Larry Dodd.

Events of Note at FPC JC for the period May 21, 2018 through June 24, 2018:

- Dismissal:
None
- Marriage:
None
- New Member:
None
- Pulpit Supply:
 - The Reverend Mr. Tim Meredith (May 27, 2018).
 - The Reverend Dr. Earle Barron (June 3, 2018).

- The Reverend Mr. R. Alan Chapman (June 10, 2018).
- The Reverend Mr. Tim Meredith (June 17, 2018).
- The Reverend Ms. Schaap Freeman (June 24, 2018).
- Sacrament of Baptism:
 - None
- Translated to the Church Triumphant:
 - Rowan, Eva Elizabeth ('Timmie') (June 14, 2018).

Approval of the Order of Business:

The moderator put the question to members of session, 'Do you find the agenda for this meeting to be complete?' On motion by Mr. McCalmont, 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:

The moderator put the question to members of session, 'Do you find the minutes for the stated meeting occurring May 22, 2018 to be complete?' On motion by Mr. Herndon, second Mr. Spears, session by unanimous voice vote approved the minutes as prepared.

Communications from the Staff to Session:

No staff report this meeting

Communications from the Clerk to Session: The clerk;

- Placed on the floor for session's consideration and action recommendation that session call a special meeting of the congregation to convene Sunday, July 22, 2018 following the close of the 8:45 A.M. worship service and suspended to be reconvened following the close of the 11:00 A.M. worship service for the following matters of business of the congregation:
 1. The members of the congregation of FPC JC to receive from the Congregational Nominating Committee 2017-2018 those members selected by the committee and nominated to serve as elder or Deacon in the classes of 2021, respectively.
 2. The members of the congregation of FPC JC to elect active members of the congregation to serve as elder or Deacon in the classes of 2021, respectively.
 3. The members of the corporation holding real estate properties of FPC JC, First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tennessee, Inc., to elect the members of the 2018-2019 session of FPC JC to serve as directors on the 2018-2019 board of directors of First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tennessee, Inc.
 4. The members of the corporation holding real estate properties of FPC JC, First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tennessee, II, Inc., to elect the members of the 2018-2019 session of FPC JC to serve as directors on the 2018-2019 board of directors of First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tennessee, II, Inc.

On motion by Ms. O'Connor, second Ms. Jordan, session by unanimous voice vote approved the call of a special meeting of the congregation to convene as described, Sunday, July 22, 2018, for the purpose of consideration and action on the four (4) matters of business as previously set forth.

- Placed on the floor for session's consideration and action recommendation that session call a special meeting of the session to convene Tuesday, August 14, 2018, 7:00 P.M., for the following matter of business of the session:
 1. The examination of the officers elect to the Diaconate and session classes of 2021 as to their personal faith, knowledge of the constitutional documents of the Presbyterian Church (USA), and knowledge of the duties of the office.

On motion by Ms. Jordan, second Dr. Parker, session by unanimous voice vote approved the call of a special meeting of the session to convene as described, Tuesday, August 14, 2018, for the purpose of consideration and action on the one (1) matter of business as previously set forth.

- Placed on the floor for session's consideration and action request received from Ms. Holly Waites, dated June 20, 2018, for the administration of the Sacrament of Baptism on her son Chad Nathan Waites to occur Sunday, July 8, 2018, during the 8:45 A.M. worship service. On motion by Mr. Spears, second Mr. Beeson, session by unanimous voice vote approved the Sacrament of Baptism on Chad Nathan Waites, as requested.
- Placed on the floor for session's consideration and action the removal of Ms. Cassidy Waugh (Cassady Cavella) from the membership roll of FPC JC per notification received by staff of FPC JC from First

Christian Church, Johnson City, Tennessee, dated May 21, 2018, of her acceptance into membership at that church. The removal from membership roll is in accord with section G-10.0302.b.4 of the Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (USA). On motion by Ms. O'Connor, second Ms. Jordan, session by unanimous voice vote approved the removal of Ms. Waugh from the membership roll of FPC JC.

Communications from the Moderator to Session: The moderator;

- Expressed his appreciation for the Christian love extended to him by members of session during his service as interim moderator of session of FPC JC and offered prayer for the engagement of our interim pastor and the coming search for our installed pastor.

Communications from the Diaconate to Session: Ms. Jerry Urse, moderator. No report.

The Diaconate last met May 17, 2018; minutes of the meeting provided.

Committees of the Session:

Administration:

- Personnel Committee: Dr. Richard McGowan, chair. Ms. O'Connor reported;
 - The committee last met June 19, 2018; agenda for the meeting to be provided.
- Stewardship Committee: Mr. Charles Herndon IV, chair, reported;
 - The accounting firm of Blackburn, Childers, and Steagall, PLC, is to present the reconciliation of the accounts of FPC JC to the Stewardship Committee on July 2, 2018.
 - The committee last met May 22, 2018; minutes of the meeting provided.
 - Mr. Herndon presented the financial report for the month ended 31MAY2018.
- Long Range Planning Committee: Mr. Ed Campbell, chair, reported;
 - The committee last met January 31, 2018; minutes of the meeting to be provided.
 - The committee will next meet when the reconciliation of the accounts of FPC JC is completed.

Glorify:

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

- The committee is continuing its work on the establishment of guidelines for an 'Alter Guild' of FPC JC.
- The committee last met May 8, 2018; minutes of the meeting previously provided.

Grow:

- GROW Committee: Ms. Emily Jordan, chair, reported;
 - The committee has not met.
 - Preschool Ministry: Ms. Emily Jordan, board of directors member and liaison from session, reported.
 - Registration for the 2018-2019 pre-school year is complete. Enrollment is 100% of capacity.
 - The board of directors last met January 17, 2018; minutes of the meeting previously provided.
 - Children's Ministry Team: Dr. Charles Parker, leader, reported;
 - The ministry is in the midst of its summer program. The program events will return to the church grounds on August 1.
 - The team last met May 9, 2018; minutes of the meeting previously provided.
 - Student Ministry Team: Mr. John Grindstaff, leader. Ms. Jordan reported;
 - The team last met January 21, 2018; minutes of the meeting not provided.
 - Discipleship Ministry Team: Ms. Emily Jordan, leader, reported;
 - Ms. Jennifer Jacobs, Director of Children's Ministry, has organized five (5) prayer groups.
 - Dr. Brian Johnston, elder elect to the class of 2021, has organized a prayer group.
 - Session updated on the development of the plans for the celebration of the sesquicentennial anniversary of FPC JC that will occur during 2019: the celebration will be a 'year-long' observance; an 'all-church' open meeting to be led by Ed DeVault is proposed for the Sunday school hour on Sunday, July 29, 2018 to solicit ideas from the members of FPC JC for celebration 'events'
 - The team has not met during 2018.

Go:

- GO Committee: Mr. Michael McCalmont, chair, reported;
 - The committee is developing plans for the 2018 FPC JC Mission Conference: speakers engaged for the conference are the Reverend Mr. Andy Wells and the Reverend Dr. Angus Shaw; dates for the conference are November 4 through November 7, 2018.

- The committee is creating a questionnaire to determine how best to minister to the needs of the members of the senior age group.
- 'Update' on committee activities during June 2018 provided.
- The committee last met March 12, 2018; minutes of the meeting previously provided.
- The committee will next meet July 22, 2018.
- Local Missions Ministry Team: Mr. Michael McCalmont, leader;
 - The team last met April 15, 2018; minutes of the meeting previously provided.
- Global Missions Ministry Team: Mr. Michael McCalmont, leader;
 - The team last met June 19, 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 previously provided.

Ad Hoc:

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

Unfinished Business:

Mr. Beeson reported on his meeting with Mr. Phil Pindzola, Director, Public Works Administration, the City of Johnson City, on the long proposed exchange of real estate between FPC JC and the City of Johnson City. Mr. Gary Arner, Facilities Director of FPC JC, attended the meeting. It appears Mr. Pindzola is no longer willing to honor the exchange of real estate parcels in accord with the original agreement which he crafted. Discussion on pathways to proceed followed. On motion by Mr. McCalmont, second Ms. O'Connor, session by majority voice vote approved the cessation of non-FPC JC use of the church's property at the corner of Wilson Avenue and Commerce Street. It was agreed vehicle access to this parcel will be obstructed.

New Business:

None

Member Concerns:

None

Adjournment and Closing Prayer:

There being no further business, on motion by Ms. O'Connor, second Mr. McCalmont, session by unanimous voice vote approved adjournment of the meeting at 8:00 P.M. The Reverend Dr. Palmer closed the meeting with prayer.

END of MINUTES

THE REVEREND DR. BRADLEY PALMER, MODERATOR

ED CAMPBELL, CLERK OF SESSION

THE NEXT STATED MEETING OF SESSION WILL OCCUR TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2018 @ 7:00 P.M.

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