



MINUTES OF A STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION

DATE: TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 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 type="checkbox"/>	John Grindstaff	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jerry Cole	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Charles Parker
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Charles Herndon	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emily Jordan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Charles Spears
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jane O'Connor				

Present: X

Absent, excused: Cole, Grindstaff, Jordan

Absent: Spears

Minister present: The Reverend Dr. John W. 'Jay' Coker

Members of the Session class of 2021 present: T. Borthwick, B. Johnston, B. Lowe, S. Repass

Members of the Diaconate class of 2021 present: C. McIntyre, T. Nucci, J. Urse

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by moderator Jay Coker.

The clerk declared a quorum present.

Opening Prayer and Devotional:

The moderator opened the meeting with prayer and a devotional.

Events of Note at FPC JC for the period June 25, 2018 through August 26, 2018:

- Dismissal:
 - Waugh, Cassady (Cavella); to other bounds (June 26, 2018).
- Marriage:
 - None
- New Member:
 - None
- Pulpit Supply:
 - ('The Fourth on the First All-Church Celebration') (July 1, 2018).
 - The Reverend Mr. R. Alan Chapman (July 8, 2018).
 - The Reverend Dr. Richard Fifield (July 15, 2018).
 - The Reverend Ms. Schaap Freeman (July 22, 2018).
 - The Reverend Dr. Earle Barron (July 29, 2018).
 - The Reverend Mr. R. Alan Chapman (August 19, 2018).
- Sacrament of Baptism:
 - Waites, Chad Nathan (July 8, 2018).
- Translated to the Church Triumphant:
 - Huff, Anna Catherine ('Cathy') (July 23, 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?'
Session by consent approved the agenda as prepared.

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

Session by consent approved as prepared the minutes of the below listed meetings;

- The stated meeting occurring June 26, 2018.
- The special meeting occurring August 14, 2018.

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 communication received under the signature of Ms. Mary O'Keeffe, clerk of session, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tennessee, dated August 13, 2018, requesting Certificate of Transfer of Letter on the membership in FPC JC of Ms. Stacy Larsen. Session by consent approved the transfer of the membership of Ms. Larsen in FPC JC to Covenant Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tennessee.
- Placed on the floor for session's consideration and action communication received under the signature of Ms. Tina Hair, Office Manager, Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church, Pawleys Island, South Carolina, dated August 13, 2018, requesting Certificate of Transfer of Letter on the memberships in FPC JC of Ms. Debbie Imsande, Jacob Imsande, and Luke Imsande. Session by consent approved the transfer of the membership of Ms. Imsande, Jacob Imsande, and Luke Imsande in FPC JC to Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church, Pawleys Island, South Carolina.

Communications from the Moderator to Session: The moderator;

- Advised members of session of his desire to have members of session offer the prayer and give the devotional to open stated meetings of session.

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

- The Diaconate meets every other month on the third Thursday of the month.
- The Diaconate will next meet September 20, 2018.
- The Diaconate last met July 19, 2018; minutes of the meeting distributed to members of session.

Committees of the Session:

Administration:

- Personnel Committee: Dr. Richard McGowan, chair. Ms. O'Connor reported.
 - The committee last met August 21, 2018; agenda for the meeting to be provided.
 - The committee previously met July 17, 2018; agenda for the meeting to be provided.
- Stewardship Committee: Mr. Charles Herndon IV, chair, reported;
 - There will be a 'Stewardship Campaign' during the month of November 2018 to seek monetary pledges from members of the congregation for funding of the 2019 fiscal budget of FPC JC.
 - The accounting firm of Blackburn, Childers, & Steagall, PLC, has completed the reconciliation of the accounts of FPC JC from the date of the previous financial review to and through December 31, 2017. All disbursements of the funds of FPC JC during the time period examined were confirmed to be appropriate expenditures. The committee will soon issue a letter from the committee to members of the congregation advising the facts of the reconciliation.
 - The committee last met July 24, 2018; minutes of the meeting provided.
 - The committee previously met July 17, 2018; minutes of the meeting provided.
 - The committee previously met June 26, 2018; minutes of the meeting provided.
 - Mr. Onks presented the financial report (expense tracking) for the month ended 31JUL2018.
 - Mr. Onks presented the financial report (revenue tracking) for the period ended 19AUG2018.
- 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 resume its meetings in the near future now that the reconciliation of the accounts of FPC JC has been completed.

Glorify:

GLORIFY Committee: Dr. Jerry Cole, chair. No report.

- The committee was scheduled to meet August 7, 2018.
- The committee last met May 8, 2018; minutes of the meeting previously provided.

Grow:

- GROW Committee: Ms. Emily Jordan, chair. No report.
 - The committee has not met.
- Preschool Ministry: Ms. Emily Jordan, board of directors member and liaison from session. No report.
 - The board of directors last met January 17, 2018; minutes of the meeting previously provided.
- Children's Ministry Team: Dr. Charles Parker, leader, reported;
 - A 'Christmas in August' event will introduce the fall programming for the ministry.
 - The team last met May 9, 2018; minutes of the meeting previously provided.
- Student Ministry Team: Mr. John Grindstaff, leader. No report.
 - The team last met January 21, 2018; minutes of the meeting not provided.
- Discipleship Ministry Team: Ms. Emily Jordan, leader. No report.
 - The team has not met during 2018.

Go:

- GO Committee: Mr. Michael McCalmont, chair, reported;
 - The committee last met July 22, 2018; minutes of the meeting to be provided.
- Local Missions Ministry Team: Mr. Michael McCalmont, leader;
 - The committee will extend financial support to the 'Rise Up!' mentoring program in Johnson City.
 - The team last met April 15, 2018; minutes of the meeting previously provided.
- Global Missions Ministry Team: Mr. Michael McCalmont, leader;
 - The committee has established November 4 through November 7, 2018 as the dates for the Missions Conference of FPC JC. The Reverend Dr. Angus Shaw and The Reverend Andy Wells will lead the conference presentations.
 - The team last met August 21, 2018; minutes of the meeting provided.
- Community Outreach Ministry Team: Ms. Jane O'Connor, co-leader, reported;
 - The team is investigating the services that might be available to the Elder Ministry Program of the church from the Johnson City Transit System 'Paratransit Services'. The paratransit services provided by the City of Johnson City are compliant with requirements of The Americans with Disabilities Act.
 - 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 parcels between FPC JC and the City of Johnson City. Mr. Beeson stated Mr. Pindzola advised him the city is no longer honoring the original agreement as set forth in the document crafted by the city staff. The city is now requiring the FPC JC owned parking lot that fronts on West Main Street and is directly across the street from the building housing the 'Johnson City Press' newspaper business be included in the exchange with no additional compensation from the city to FPC JC for the inclusion of that parcel. Mr. Beeson moved session approve the revised proposal from the city. Mr. McCalmont seconded Mr. Beeson's motion to approve. Discussion on the revised proposal ensued. Mr. Campbell moved session postpone to the September 25, 2018 stated meeting of session the decision on the revised agreement. Mr. McCalmont seconded Mr. Campbell's motion to postpone. Session by majority voice vote approved Mr. Campbell's motion to postpone.

New Business:

- Dr. Coker placed on the floor for session's consideration and action his recommendation that session designate two elders to represent FPC JC as delegates to the quarterly stated meetings of Holston Presbytery. Mr. Campbell advised Mr. Gilbert Rosenberger, Jr., has volunteered to serve as one of the delegates to the next four presbytery meetings. Members of session were polled on their availability to serve as a delegate to one of the four meetings. Mr. Herndon moved session approve Mr. Rosenberger, Jr. be elected to represent FPC JC as a delegate to the next four meetings of presbytery and Mr. Campbell be authorized to name elders to represent FPC JC as the second delegate to the next four meetings of presbytery. Mr. McCalmont

- seconded Mr. Herndon's motion to approve. Session by unanimous voice vote approved Mr. Herndon's motion.
- Mr. Herndon placed on the floor for session's consideration and action his recommendation Mr. Campbell be elected to serve as clerk of session for officer year 2018-2019. Session by consent approved Mr. Campbell to serve as clerk of session for officer year 2018-2019.

Member Concerns:

Dr. Coker advised he is meeting individually with each member of the staff of FPC JC. He is allocating two hours for each meeting. His goals for the staff include; staff members covered by the Board of Pensions health coverage having the 'wellness checks' provided for by the coverage, an improved 'bridge' to the FPC JC Pre-School ministry, balancing the work loads of each employee, and an accounting of paid-time-off benefits for each employee.

Adjournment and Closing Prayer:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.; closing prayer by Dr. Coker.

END of MINUTES

THE REVEREND DR. JOHN W. ('JAY') COKER, MODERATOR

ED CAMPBELL, CLERK OF SESSION

THE NEXT STATED MEETING OF SESSION WILL OCCUR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 @ 7:00 P.M.

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