



MINUTES OF A STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION

DATE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2018

LOCATION OF MEETING: DISCUSSION CLASS ROOM

Class of 2019		Class of 2020		Class of 2021	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	D.R. Beeson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike McCalmont	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tom Borthwick
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jerry Cole	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Charles Parker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brian Johnston
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Emily Jordan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Charles Spears	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Beth Lowe
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sam Repass

Present: X
 Absent, excused: None
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Minister present: The Reverend Dr. John W. (Jay) Coker, Interim Pastor

Others present: E. Campbell, clerk of session; M. Onks, church treasurer

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

The clerk declared a quorum present.

Opening Prayer and Devotional:

The moderator opened the meeting with prayer.

Events of Note at FPC JC for the period September 24, 2018 through October 21, 2018:

- Dismissal:
None
- Marriage:
None
- New Member:
Martinez, Michael Edward (October 21, 2018).
- Pulpit Supply:
None
- Sacrament of Baptism:
None
- Translated to the Church Triumphant:
None

Approval of the Docket 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 the clerk of session;

- Session to consider and act on the posting of the property of FPC JC advising all persons occupancy of the property of FPC JC is limited to persons transacting official business at FPC JC.

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 September 25, 2018 to be complete?’ Session by consent approved the minutes as prepared.

Communications from the Staff to Session:

No staff report this meeting

Communications from the Clerk to Session:

None

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

- Updated session on the calendar of FPC JC.
- Advised out of date information will be removed from the web site of FPC JC.
- Advised there are a possible 17 children who will participate in an FPC JC confirmation class during 2019.

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

The Diaconate last met September 20, 2018; minutes of the meeting to be provided.

Committees of the Session:

Administration:

- Personnel Committee: Dr. Richard McGowan, chair. Mr. Spears reported:
 - The committee has voted to continue full Board of Pensions benefits coverage for the staff members of FPC JC. There will be an increase of \$4,000.00 in the annual premium for the coverage.
 - The committee is currently updating the job description for the position of the facilities director of FPC JC. The person occupying this position will serve as the staff liaison to the ad hoc committee responsible for the security of the property, staff members, congregants, and visitors to the property of FPC JC. Dr. Borthwick advised the committee will continually assess the responsibilities of all staff members.
 - The committee last met October 2018; agenda for the meeting to be provided.
- Stewardship Committee: Mr. Charles Herndon IV, chair. Mr. Spears reported;
 - Members of session were encouraged to bring current their pledges to the 2018 budget of FPC JC if their pledged contributions are not up-to-date.
 - Pledges to the 2019 budget of FPC JC indicate an increase in giving per member unit compared to giving to the 2018 budget.
 - 'Dedication Sunday' for pledges to the 2019 budget of FPC JC will be November 18, 2018.
 - Mr. Onks presented the financial report comparing revenue to expenses for the month ended 30SEP2018.
 - Mr. Onks presented the year-to-date summary financial report for the period ended 30SEP2018.
 - Mr. Onks advised the church has received \$75,000.00 in designated contributions.
- Long Range Planning Committee: Mr. Ed Campbell, chair. reported;
 - The committee last met January 31, 2018; minutes of the meeting to be provided.

Glorify:

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

- The memorandum dated October 12, 2018 from Dr. Coker to the committee wherein Dr. Coker outlines pulpit supply for various dates through February 10, 2019 was reviewed.
- The worship program proposed for Sunday, February 10, 2019 that will emphasize the ministry of the FPC JC Pre-School was reviewed. Session by consent approved the proposed worship program.
- 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.
- Pre-School Ministry: Ms. Emily Jordan, liaison from session and board member, reported.
 - The board of directors last met September 19, 2018; minutes of the meeting provided.
- Children's Ministry Team: Dr. Charles Parker, leader, reported;
 - 'Trunks' are very much needed for the 'Trunk or Treat' ministry to take place at the Farmer's Market Pavilion on Saturday, October 27, 2018; Facebook exposure for the event is 1,200 'hits'.
 - The team last met May 9, 2018; minutes of the meeting previously provided.
- Student Ministry Team: Mr. John Grindstaff, leader, reported;
 - The team last met January 21, 2018; minutes of the meeting not provided.
- Discipleship Ministry Team: Ms. Emily Jordan, leader, reported;
 - Programming for 'Kirk Night', the mid-week Bible study ministry, was advised.
 - The team last met June 24, 2018; minutes of the meeting reported.

Go:

- GO Committee: Mr. Michael McCalmont, chair, reported;
 - Activities of June 2018 were advised.
 - The committee last met March 12, 2018; minutes of the meeting previously provided.
- Local Missions Ministry Team: Mr. Michael McCalmont, leader;

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- The 'Loaves and Fishes Christmas Dinner' will occur Saturday, December 15, 2018.
- The team last met October 17, 2018; minutes of the meeting provided.
- Global Missions Ministry Team: Mr. Michael McCalmont, leader;
 - The annual mission conference of FPC JC will occur Sunday, November 4 through Wednesday, November 7, 2018. Members of session were encouraged to attend the various events.
 - The team last met October 16, 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 reports from the ad hoc committees.

Unfinished Business:

- The clerk placed on the floor for session's consideration and action unfinished business concerning the posting of the property of FPC JC advising all persons occupancy of the property of FPC JC is limited to persons transacting official business at FPC JC. On motion by Dr. Borthwick, second Ms. Jordan, session by unanimous voice vote approved the posting of the property of FPC JC in accord with the requirements of the City of Johnson City, Tennessee.

New Business:

- The moderator advised session the Congregational Nominating Committee will be ready to present during a special meeting of the congregation its nominees to serve as members of the Pastor Nominating Committee 2018. Ms. Jordan placed on the floor for session's consideration and action the committee's recommendation that a special meeting of the congregation be called to occur Sunday, December 09, 2018 convening 10:30. A.M. in the Sanctuary for the purpose of election of members of FPC JC to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee 2018. Session by unanimous voice vote approved the recommendation of the Congregational Nominating Committee for the business as previously described.
- The moderator placed on the floor for session's consideration and action his recommendation that the annual meeting of the congregation required by the constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) be set for Sunday, February 3, 2019 and following the conclusion of each morning worship service. On motion by Mr. Spears, second Mr. Beeson, session by unanimous voice vote approved the recommendation of the moderator for the business as previously described.
- The moderator placed on the floor for session's consideration and action his recommendation that elders be elected to serve as commissioners to the stated quarterly meeting of Holston Presbytery that will occur Tuesday, December 4, 2018. Session by consent approved the Messrs. Gilbert Rosenberger and Michael McCalmont to serve as commissioners to the meeting noted.

Member Concerns:

- Mr. McCalmont expressed his concerns regarding the 'overlapping' of responsibilities of several committees of the church. The moderator noted Mr. McCalmont's concerns and stated an ad hoc committee will be created to recommend corrective actions.
- Mr. McCalmont reminded members of session of the time for prayer following the conclusion of the worship service in the Worship Center and the time for prayer prior to the worship service in the Sanctuary.

Pastoral Care:

The clerk of session led those present in prayer for the concerns of members of FPC JC.

Adjournment and Closing Prayer:

On motion by Dr. Parker, second Ms. Lowe, there being no further business session by unanimous voice vote approved adjournment of the meeting at 8:15 P.M. Mr. McCalmont closed the meeting with prayer.

END of MINUTES

THE REVEREND DR. JOHN W. COKER, MODERATOR

ED CAMPBELL, CLERK OF SESSION

THE NEXT STATED MEETING OF SESSION WILL OCCUR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018 @ 7:00 P.M.

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