



MINUTES OF A STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION

DATE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018

LOCATION OF MEETING: THE HOLSTON ROOM, GROUND FLOOR

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 type="checkbox"/>	Emily Jordan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Charles Spears	<input type="checkbox"/>	Beth Lowe
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sam Repass

Present: X
 Absent, excused: Jordan, Spears
 Absent: Lowe

Moderator present: The Reverend Dr. John W. Coker

Others present: E. Campbell, clerk of session; Dr. Richard McGowan, chair of Personnel Committee

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 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 October 22, 2018 through December 14, 2018:

- Dismissal:
None
- Marriage:
None
- New Member:
None
- Pulpit Supply:
 - o The Reverend Mr. Bill Wing (October 28, 2018).
 - o The Reverend Dr. Angus R. Shaw III (November 4, 2018).
 - o The Reverend Mr. R. Alan Chapman (November 25, 2018).
 - o The Reverend Mr. Tim Meredith (December 2, 2018).
- Sacrament of Baptism:
None
- Translated to the Church Triumphant:
 - o Lowry, Duane (October 30, 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 with a request to amend placed on the floor by Dr. Borthwick;

- Dr. Borthwick to bring a report on the activities of the Safety Committee at reports from ad hoc committees.

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 of the stated meeting occurring October 23, 2018 to be complete?' Session on motion by Dr. Borthwick, second Mr. Repass, 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 receipt the commissioner's report prepared by elder Gilbert Rosenberger, Jr. on the business of the stated quarterly meeting of Holston Presbytery occurring December 4, 2018. Session by unanimous voice vote approved receipt of the report on motion by Dr. Cole, second Dr. Parker.

Communications from the Moderator to Session: The moderator;

- Placed no items of business on the floor for session's consideration or action.

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

The Diaconate last met November 15, 2018; minutes of the meeting provided.

Committees of the Session:

Administration:

- Personnel Committee: Dr. Richard McGowan, chair, reported;
 - Session was advised of the medical diagnosis Dr. Coker has received from his physician that will preclude Dr. Coker's continued service as Interim Pastor of FPC JC. Dr. Coker has submitted his letter of resignation to the committee stating therein his last work day at FPC JC will be Monday, January 7, 2019. On motion by Dr. Cole, second Dr. Borthwick, session, with regret, unanimously approved acceptance of Dr. Coker's resignation. Dr. McGowan advised the Personnel Committee will immediately begin a search for a new interim pastor and will work with Dr. Fifield to secure a temporary moderator of the FPC JC.
 - The committee last met November 20, 2018; agenda for the meeting provided.
- Stewardship Committee: Mr. Charles Herndon IV, chair. Dr. Coker reported;
 - Session was advised the shortfall of the pledges against the estimated expenses for 2019 is sufficiently great as to preclude session's consideration and action on the proposed church budget for 2019. The committee therefore recommended continuation of the 2018 church budget until such time as the proposed expenditures for 2019 more closely align with the anticipated revenue for 2019. Session by majority voice vote approved continuation of the 2018 church budget.
 - The committee last met October 30, 2018; minutes of the meeting provided.
 - The committee previously met October 23, 2018; minutes of the meeting provided.
 - Mr. Onks presented the weekly offering report year-to-date through December 2, 2018.
 - Mr. Onks presented the report on pledges to the FPC JC 2019 church budget received through December 10, 2018.
- 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, reported;

- A training class will be scheduled in the near future for members of the church in the preparation of the elements for the Sacrament of Communion. Mr. Mike Grindstaff will lead the class.
- The committee is actively seeking Ministers of the Word and Sacrament to provide pulpit supply during the absence of an interim pastor.

Grow:

- GROW Committee: Ms. Emily Jordan, chair. No report.
 - The committee has not met.
- Preschool Ministry: Ms. Emily Jordan, liaison from session and board member. No report.
 - The board of directors last met September 19, 2018; minutes of the meeting previously provided.
- Children's Ministry Team: Dr. Charles Parker, leader, reported;
 - The committee is re-aligning the age groups for children's Sunday school classes.
 - The committee has selected the 'Orange Curriculum' for all children's ministry Sunday school classes.
 - The committee is investigating the possibility of holding Vacation Bible School at night during the month of February.
 - The 'off-campus' events for the children's ministry summer programming will be limited to the month of July.
 - The team is scheduled to meet December 14, 2018.
 - The team last met October 24, 2018; minutes of the meeting 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 last met June 24, 2018; minutes of the meeting reported.

Go:

- GO Committee: Mr. Michael McCalmont, chair reported;
 - A master calendar is being developed for the ministries of the GO Committee.
 - The committee last met March 12, 2018; minutes of the meeting previously provided.
- Local Missions Ministry Team: Mr. Michael McCalmont, leader;
 - The team last met October 17, 2018; revised minutes of the meeting provided.
- Global Missions Ministry Team: Mr. Michael McCalmont, leader;
 - \$2,100.00 was donated to 'Shepherd's Heart Hope House' during the FPC JC 'Alternative Gift Fair'.
 - The team last met November 20, 2018; minutes of the meeting provided.
- Community Evangelism Ministry Team: Ms. Jane O'Connor, co-leader. No report.
 - The team last met April 15, 2018; minutes of the meeting previously provided.

Ad Hoc:

- Dr. Borthwick advised the Safety Committee has been organized. The members of the committee are Dr. Tom Borthwick, Charles Spears (who will serve as committee chair) and Wesley Reed. Mr. Arner will serve as liaison from the staff to the committee.
 - The desire is to designate the Safety Committee as a 'standing committee'.
 - The 'No Criminal Trespass' signs are in hand and will soon be posted at various points on FPC JC property. The document authorizing enforcement of all applicable codes on the property of FPC JC by the Johnson City Police Department has been signed by the clerk of session and forwarded to Chief of Police.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

- The clerk placed on the floor for session's consideration and action his recommendation that session call a special meeting of the congregation to occur Sunday, December 30, 2018 for the purpose of the election of members of the congregation to serve as members of the Pastor Nominating Committee 2018. On motion by Dr. Parker, second Dr. Borthwick, session by unanimous voice vote approved the call of a special meeting of the congregation for Sunday, December 30, 2018 convening at 10:30 A.M. in the Sanctuary for the purpose herein stated.
- The clerk placed on the floor for session's consideration and action his recommendation that session appoint members of the session to serve on the various committees of the session of FPC JC. On motion by Dr. Parker, second Dr. Johnston, session by unanimous voice vote placed on the table the appointment of members of session to committees of session pending the completion of the study of the committee structure of FPC JC by the Committee on Committees.
- The clerk placed on the floor for session's consideration and action request received from Joshua T. and Laura Arner Ellis for the Sacrament of Baptism on their son, Palmer Todd Ellis, to be administered Sunday, December 30, 2018 during the 8:45 A.M. worship service. The officiant requested is The Reverend Ms. Susan Arner, aunt of the child. On motion by Dr. Parker, second Dr. Cole, session by unanimous voice vote approved the sacrament and the officiant herein requested.

Member Concerns:

None

Pastoral Care:

The clerk of session led those present in prayer for the concerns of members and friends of FPC JC with expressed needs.

Adjournment and Closing Prayer:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P.M.; closing prayer by Mr. McCalmont.

END of MINUTES

THE REVEREND JOHN W. COKER, JR., MODERATOR

ED CAMPBELL, CLERK OF SESSION

THE NEXT STATED MEETING OF SESSION WILL OCCUR TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019 @ 7:00 P.M.

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