



MINUTES OF A STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION

DATE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019

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  
 Absent: None

Moderator present: Mr. John Tucker, Commissioned Ruling Elder

Others present: E. Campbell, clerk of session; A. Fowler, III, Personnel chair; M. Onks, Church Treasurer; J. Urse, Diaconate chair

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by moderator Tucker.

The clerk declared a quorum present.

**Opening Prayer and Devotional:**

The moderator opened the meeting with prayer. Mr. Tucker read from the Scriptures, 1 Corinthians 12:12, wherein it is written, <sup>12</sup> *Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.* <sup>13</sup> *For we were all baptized by[c] one Spirit so as to form one body...* !. This scripture reminds us that though the Body of Christ, the church, has many parts we are to work together as one.

**Events of Note at FPC JC for the period December 15, 2018 through January 20, 2019:**

- Dismissal:  
None
- Marriage:  
None
- New Member:  
None
- Pulpit Supply:
  - o The Reverend Dr. Robert Wiengartner (January 13, 2019).
  - o The Reverend Mr. Andy Wells (January 20, 2019).
- Sacrament of Baptism:  
Ellis, Palmer Todd (December 30, 2018).
- Translated to the Church Triumphant:  
None

**Approval of the Docket:**

The clerk put the question to members of session, ‘Do you find the docket for this meeting to be complete?’ On motion by Dr. Borthwick, second Ms. Lowe, session by unanimous voice vote approved the docket as prepared.

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

On motion by Mr. Spears, second Dr. Johnston, session by unanimous voice vote approved the minutes of the stated meeting occurring December 16, 2018 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 letter received under the signature of Ms. Judy B. Buttolph, Business Administrator, Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, Johnson City, Tennessee, dated January 11, 2019, requesting Certificate of Transfer of Letter on the membership in FPC JC of Mr. Michael Powell. On motion by Mr. McCalmont, second Ms. Jordan, session by unanimous voice vote approved as requested the transfer of the membership of Mr. Powell.

**Communications from the Moderator to Session:**

None

**Communications from the Pastor Nominating Committee to Session:** Dr. Brian Johnston, committee member; Dr. Johnston advised the goal of the committee is to be inclusive in its gathering of input from members of the congregation on the desired attributes of the next Minister of the Word and Sacrament of FPC JC. The committee has met with the Reverend Dr. Rich Fifield, Stated Clerk of Holston Presbytery, to hear Dr. Fifield's counsel on the denomination's polity on the process of issuing a call to a Minister of the Word and Sacrament.

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

- Ms. Urse placed on the floor for session's consideration and action recommendation from the Diaconate to increase the roster of each member class of the Diaconate to four (4) persons. On motion by Mr. Spears, second Dr. Johnston, session by unanimous voice vote approved sending the recommendation from the Diaconate to the members of the congregation at the next special meeting of the congregation for the congregation's consideration and action.
- The Diaconate last met January 17, 2019; minutes of the meeting provided.

**Committees of the Session:**

**Administration:**

- Personnel Committee: Mr. Arthur M. Fowler, III, chair, reported;
  - o The moderator recognized Dr. Tom Borthwick, elder representative to the committee, to bring Dr. Borthwick's response to criticism of the chair and members of the Personnel Committee in the committee's interaction with the staff of FPC JC during the tenure of the Reverend Dr. Jay Coker, Jr. as Interim Pastor of FPC JC. Dr. Borthwick's written response is attached hereto and is a part of the record of the meeting of the session.
  - o Mr. Fowler, III, updated session on the status of the committee's search for a Minister of the Word and Sacrament to employ as the Interim Pastor of FPC JC.
  - o The committee last met January 2019; agenda for the meeting to be provided.
- Stewardship Committee: Ms. Beth Lowe and Mr. Sam Repass, co-chairs. Mr. Repass reported;
  - o Twenty-eight (28) family unit members of FPC JC that pledged financial support to the 2018 budget of FPC JC have not yet pledged financial support to the 2019 budget of FPC JC. The majority of these 28 family units are continuing financial support to the church. Members of the Stewardship Committee will speak at worship services reiterating the scriptural admonition of giving to further the work of the church.
  - o The committee's recommendation for the budget for FPC JC for calendar 2019 was placed on the floor for session's consideration and action. Session by unanimous voice approved as presented the budget for FPC JC for calendar 2019.
  - o The committee last met December 2018; minutes of the meeting to be provided.
  - o Mr. Onks presented the financial report comparing revenue to expenses for the year ended 31DEC2018.
- Long Range Planning Committee: Mr. Ed Campbell, chair, reported;
  - o The committee last met January 31, 2018; minutes of the meeting to be provided.

**Glorify:**

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

- o Dr. Coker has scheduled ministers to serve as 'pulpit supply' at FPC JC through Sunday, March 31, 2019.

- o The responsibilities of the 'Worship Leader' during worship services was discussed. The consensus of members of session was the duties of the 'Worship Leader' are to be coordinated with Mr. Dodd.
- o Members of session were directed to the minutes of the meeting of the committee occurring January 8, 2019 for detail policy on the preparation and serving of the Sacrament of Communion.
- o The committee last met January 8, 2019; minutes of the meeting provided.

**Grow:**

- GROW Committee: Ms. Emily Jordan, chair, reported;
  - The committee has not met.
  - o Preschool Ministry: Ms. Emily Jordan, liaison from session and board member, reported;
    - The board of directors last met January 16, 2019; minutes of the meeting to be provided.
  - o Children's Ministry Team: Dr. Charles Parker, leader, reported;
    - The team last met December 13, 2018; minutes of the meeting previously provided.
  - o Student Ministry Team: Mr. John Grindstaff, leader. No report.
    - The clerk encouraged members of session to support and attend the Valentine's Day dinner and dance. This event is the major source of funding for the Student Ministry mission trip.
    - The team last met January 21, 2018; minutes of the meeting not provided.
  - o Discipleship Ministry Team: Ms. Emily Jordan, leader, reported;
    - The team last met June 24, 2018; minutes of the meeting reported.

**Go:**

- GO Committee: Mr. Michael McCalmont, chair, reported;
  - The committee last met March 12, 2018; minutes of the meeting previously provided.
  - o Local Missions Ministry Team: Mr. Michael McCalmont, leader;
    - The team will next meet January 27, 2019.
    - The team last met October 17, 2018; minutes (revised) of the meeting previously provided.
  - o Global Missions Ministry Team: Mr. Michael McCalmont, leader;
    - Sponsor funding of students attending St. Innocents School in Bellevue, Haiti, will be solicited during various activities of FPC JC the month of March 2019.
    - The Mission Conference of FPC JC is scheduled to occur Sunday, November 3 through Wednesday, November 6, 2019.
    - The team last met January 21, 2019; minutes of the meeting provided.
  - o 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:**

- o Committee on Committees: Dr. Charles Parker, chair, reported;
  - The committee's report setting forth the recommended (new) structure of the committees of FPC JC was presented to session. Session by unanimous voice vote acted to receive the committee's report.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Session received updates on the following concerns:
  - o Assessment of the recent experience with the interim pastor, Dr. Jay Coker, Jr.
  - o Committee budgets for 2019.
  - o Expenditures from the FaithLift account during 2018.
  - o Expenditures from the FaithLift account proposed to occur during 2019.
  - o Proposed methods to improve the communication of pertinent information to members of the congregation of FPC JC.
  - o Proposed methods to improve the timely distribution of documents to officers of the church.
  - o Completion of the appointment of members of the church to the rosters of the committees of FPC JC.

**New Business:**

None

**Member Concerns:**

Mr. McCalmont encouraged those present to pray God will reveal His plan for the way forward for FPC JC.

**Pastoral Care:**

The clerk reminded those present to be in prayer for the concerns of Davis and Marsha Garrison, Larry and Kathy Dodd, Larry and Jo Ann Miller, Harold and Judy Finley, and members of the congregation receiving treatment for illness.

**Adjournment and Closing Prayer:**

By consent of session, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M.; closing prayer by Mr. Tucker.

END of MINUTES

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MR. JOHN TUCKER, COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER, MODERATOR

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ED CAMPBELL, CLERK OF SESSION

**THE NEXT STATED MEETING OF SESSION WILL OCCUR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019 @ 7:00 P.M.**

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