



MINUTES OF A STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION

DATE: TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019

LOCATION OF MEETING: DISCUSSION CLASS ROOM, SECOND 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 Spears	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brian Johnston
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emily Jordan			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Beth Lowe
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sam Repass

Present: X  
 Absent, excused: Jordan  
 Absent: (None)

Moderator present: The Reverend Christine Bohn, Ph.D.

Others present: E. Campbell, clerk; J. Urse, Diaconate chair

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by the moderator.

The clerk declared a quorum present.

**Opening Prayer and Devotional:**

The moderator opened the meeting with prayer. Dr. Bohn reminded members of session of their responsibility to nurture, support, and encourage the just received new members of FPC JC in their walk with Jesus Christ..

**Events of Note at FPC JC for the period March 25, 2019 through April 21, 2019:**

- Dismissal:  
None
- Marriage:  
None
- New Member:  
None
- Pulpit Supply:
  - o The Reverend Mr. Robert White (March 31, 2019).
  - o The Reverend Mr. Tim Meredith (April 7, 2019).
  - o (Cantata) (April 14, 2019).
  - o The Reverend Mr. Tim Meredith (April 21, 2019).
- Sacrament of Baptism:  
None
- Translated to the Church Triumphant:  
None

**Approval of the Docket:**

The clerk put the question to members of session, ‘Do you find the agenda for this meeting to be complete?’ On motion by Dr. Johnston, second Mr. Repass, session by unanimous voice vote approved the agenda with the below listed amendments:

- Consider and act to schedule the baptism of Mr. Tim Thatcher to occur Sunday, May 12, 2019, during the worship service commencing at 11:00 A.M.
- Consider and act to establish policy of the session wherein all committees of the church provide to session at stated meetings written reports on the activities during the previous period of each committee of the church.

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

On motion by Mr. Beeson, second Ms. Lowe, session by unanimous voice vote approved the minutes of the stated meeting occurring March 26, 2019.

**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 extend its appreciation to Mr. Dodd for Mr. Dodd's service to the church as interim Church Business Administrator. On motion by Mr. McCalmont, second Mr. Spears, session by unanimous voice vote approved the letter of appreciation to Mr. Dodd.
- Placed on the floor for session's consideration and action recommendation from a member of FPC JC that the board of directors of First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tennessee, II, Inc. consider and act to lease to vendor's selling at the farmer's market and the various public events occurring in the area of the Founder's Park the church's property fronting Commerce Street. On motion by Mr. Spears, second Dr. Borthwick, session by unanimous voice vote approved Mr. Spears to seek from appropriate sources the costs to remediate the asphalt surface and other features of the property that would be required prior to such lease.
- Placed on the floor for session's consideration and action recommendation session call a special meeting of the congregation of FPC JC to occur Sunday, May 19, 2019, convening 10:30 A.M. in the Sanctuary, for the purpose of the election of officers of the church to various classes of service. On motion by Mr. Repass, second Dr. Johnston, session by unanimous voice vote approved the call of a special meeting of the congregation of FPC JC for the purpose stated herewith.

**Communications from the Moderator to Session:**

None

**Communications from the Pastor Nominating Committee to Session:** Dr. Brian Johnston reported;

- The committee continues to meet once each week.
- The preparation of the 'Ministry Information Form' of FPC JC is almost complete. The form when completed will be submitted to session for session's review and advice.

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

- The Diaconate last met March 7, 2019; minutes of the meeting previously provided.

**Committees of the Session:**

**Administration:**

- Administration Committee: Mr. Art Fowler, Jr., chair. No report.
  - The committee last met February 27, 2019; agenda for the meeting previously provided.
- Finance Committee: Mr. Steve Edens, chair. No report.
  - The committee last met March 12, 2019; minutes of the meeting previously provided.
  - The financial report for the month ended 31MAR2019 was not available.
- Long Range Planning Committee: Mr. Ed Campbell, chair, reported;
  - The committee is scheduled to meet May 22, 2019, convening 7:30 P.M. in Myers Conference room.
  - The committee last met January 31, 2019; minutes of the meeting to be provided.
- Personnel Committee: Mr. Arthur Fowler, III, chair. Mr. Repass reported;
  - The committee has an interview scheduled with a viable candidate for the position of Interim Pastor.
  - The committee is scheduling interviews with candidates for the position of Church Bookkeeper.
  - The committee last met April, 2019; agenda for the meeting to be provided.
- Property and Maintenance Committee: Mr. Wesley Reed, chair. No report.
  - No report of meetings of the committee.
- Safety and Security Committee: Mr. Charles Spears, chair, reported;
  - The committee last met March 18, 2019; informational provided on the business of the meeting.
- Stewardship Committee: Ms. Beth Lowe, chair, reported;

- The committee last met February 19, 2019; minutes of the meeting previously provided.

**Christian Education:**

- Christian Education Committee: Ms. Jill Lewis, chair. Dr. Johnston reported;
  - The committee last met March 18, 2019; minutes of the meeting to be provided.
- o Children's Ministry: Ms. Jennifer Reed, chair. No report.
  - The committee last met February 6, 2019; minutes of the meeting previously provided.
- o Pre-School: Ms. Emily Jordan, liaison from session and board member. The clerk reported;
  - Ms. Amy Sentell, Director of the Pre-School, has returned to work following family member's illness.
  - The board of directors last met January 16, 2019; minutes of the meeting previously provided.
- o Student Ministry: (The chair is vacant.) No report.
  - No report of meetings of the committee.

**Communications:**

- Communications Committee: Mr. Johnny Molloy, chair. Dr. Johnston reported;
  - The new website of FPC JC is now online. Mr. Tim Jones, Director of Student Ministries, is updating and de-bugging as time permits.
  - The committee last met March 11, 2019; minutes of the meeting previously provided.

**Missions:**

- Missions Committee: Mr. Mike McCalmont, chair, reported;
  - The separate committees for global missions and local missions/community outreach will be combined to form a single 'Missions Committee'.
  - The committee last met April 16, 2019; minutes of the meeting provided.
- o Global Missions:
  - The team last met February 19, 2019; minutes of the meeting previously provided.
- o Local Missions and Community Outreach:
  - The team last met January 27, 2019; minutes of the meeting previously provided.

**New Member Outreach:**

- New Member Outreach Committee: Ms. Ann Herndon, chair. No report.
  - No report of meetings of the committee.

**Worship:**

- Worship Committee: Mr. D.R. 'Rick' Beeson, chair, reported;
  - Members of session were reminded the training class for elders in the preparation and service of the communion elements for the traditional worship service will occur Thursday, April 25, 2019 in the Holston Room. The class will convene 7:00 P.M. Mr. Mike Grindstaff will lead the training.
  - All members of FPC JC will be encouraged to participate in the distribution of communion elements.
  - The Wednesday night supper and Bible study will be canceled again this year during the month of July and the first week of August. The cancellation of the mid-week activity will permit staff to thoroughly clean the floors and other surfaces in the Shaw Fellowship Hall and the kitchen.
  - The committee last met April 2, 2019; minutes of the meeting provided.

**Ad Hoc:**

- (Retired) Committee on Committees: Dr. Charles Parker, chair. No report.
  - The members of the retired committee met March 31, 2019; informational from the meeting provided.

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:**

- The clerk placed on the floor for session's consideration and action request for the administration of the Sacrament of Baptism from Mr. Tim Thatcher. On motion by Ms. Lowe, second Dr. Johnston, session by unanimous voice vote approved the administration of the Sacrament of Baptism on Mr. Thatcher on Sunday, May 12, 2019, during the worship service commencing at 11:00 A.M.
- The clerk placed on the floor for session's consideration and action request to establish policy of the session wherein all committees of the church provide to session at each stated meeting of session written reports on

the activities during the previous period of each committee of the church. Session by consent approved the establishment of the policy on written reports from committees to the session.

**Member Concerns:**

Ms. Lowe encouraged members of session to be in prayer for the health concerns of the Chris O'Connor family.

**Pastoral Care:**

The clerk reminded those present to be in prayer for the concerns of Chris O'Connor, Emily Jordan, Phil Bohn, and Ramsey Kate Sentell.

**Adjournment and Closing Prayer:**

On motion by Dr. Borthwick, second Ms. Lowe, there being no further business session by unanimous voice vote approved adjournment of the meeting at 8:30 P.M.; closing prayer by Dr. Bohn.

END of MINUTES

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THE REVEREND CHRISTINE BOHN, PH.D., MODERATOR

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ED CAMPBELL, CLERK OF SESSION

**THE NEXT STATED MEETING OF SESSION WILL OCCUR TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019 @ 7:00 P.M.**

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