

STATED SESSION MEETING
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ORLANDO
October 27, 2020

A stated meeting of the session of FPCO was held on October 27, 2020 and was called to order by moderator, Senior Pastor Dr. David D. Swanson at 6:30 PM via Zoom Video Conference.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

ATTENDANCE:

Teaching Elders: David Swanson, Case Thorp, Jack Peebles, Tanner Fox

Senior Leadership Team: Dale van Gelder, Bret Allen, Christina McDaniel

Ruling Elders: Barbara Clayton, Jim Hardy, Robby Ball, Darrell Carpenter Sr., Katie Witter, Ellen Arnold, Greg Burden, Amanda Cowan, Becky Wilson, Erin Lindblad, Allen Peacock, Bo Morgan, Quino Martinez, Kurt Wood, Rick Pullum

Excused: Melody Lynch, John Caplan

Staff: Grace Whitlow, Steve Eastwood, Karen Roberts

Other attendees: Covenant Partner, Bryan Knedgen and Jude Vilma and incoming Class of 2023 church officers: Jeff Brown, Russ Towle, Heidi Towle, Jonathan Rossi, Jonathan Thigpen, Karen Thigpen, Scarlett Broughton, Zane Henderson, Hattie Summer, Marjory McNair, Michael Kelly, Betsy Hirschy, Doris Houck, Lance Fair, Bradley Kirksey

A quorum was declared.

The meeting was opened in prayer by **TE David Swanson**.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Emails from Roger Noonan, Melissa Hart, and Teresa Eber withdrawing candidacies for the office of deacon.
- From Tammias Smith - Sue Fulford and Melissa Crabtree will extend their deacon service for another year.
- From Tammias Smith - Gilbert Smith will serve a new three year deacon term and will need to be elected via a congregational meeting.

Approval of the docket with the addition of a report from Director of Student Ministry, Steve Eastwood M/S/P

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES M/S/P

STATISTICS

Membership as of August 31, 2020.....	3,631
Transfers into the congregation.....	0

Reaffirmation of Faith.....	0
Profession of Faith.....	0
Profession of Faith & Baptism.....	0
Restored to the roll.....	0
Total.....	0
Transfers from the congregation.....	0
Deaths.....	2
Removed from the roll.....	3
Placed on the inactive roll.....	0
Total.....	5
Membership as of September 30, 2020.....	3,626

Correction to the August 2020 monthly report: Ms. Jaclyn Johnson came from First Baptist Church, Houston, Texas.

Deaths:

Mr. Daniel W. Lynch – Died 10/24/2019

Mrs. Betty Smeenge – Died 9/15/2020

Removed from the roll: (Session Meeting 9/22/2020)

Mr. Richard Paul Richbourg

Mrs. Jeanne Varley Richbourg

Dr. Matthew D. Hurbanis

Births:

Mr. & Mrs. Justin (Hailey) Domeck have a daughter, Waverley Bowen Domeck, born 9/16/2020

Mr. & Mrs. Timothy A. (Jessica) Vermilyea have a daughter, Abigail Rene Vermilyea, born 9/26/2020

CONSENT AGENDA

Work Group

1 – 1	<p>To approve the following be added to the Mission Work Group:</p> <p>John Goodner Rebecca Davis Kara Pastis Rob Bosccher Melissa Crabtree Alexa Rossi</p>
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Membership

2 – 1	<p>Remove from the roll:</p> <p>Mr. Mark Randall Gurley Mrs. Stephanie Hughes Gurley</p>
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	Mr. Timothy Andrew Smith Mrs. Kimberly Smith
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2 – 2	Amendment for the October 2020 Report: Mr. Adam Frisch comes to us by Reaffirmation of Faith as he was not a member of St Luke's United Methodist Church, Orlando, FL.
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2 – 3	Covenant Partners who joined October 2020: Adam Harris - Transfer of Membership - First United Methodist Church of Winter Park Allison Harris - Transfer of Membership - First United Methodist Church of Winter Park Brie Carter - Reaffirmation of Faith
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APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA M/S/P

The deacons-elect and elders-elect, who are completing the course of instruction in Church government, the Sacraments, the Faith of the Church, the Discipline of the Church, The History of the Church, and the understanding of the office of ruling elder and deacon, began a process of sharing their spiritual testimonies. The following deacons-elect gave their testimonies: Layne Spears, Jonathan Rossi, Doris Houck, Zane Henderson, Betsy Hirschy, Heidi Towel, and Russ Towle. The following ruling elders-elect gave their testimonies: Lance Fair and Michael Kelley

MOTION: To sustain the examinations of the above listed deacons and ruling elders-elect. M/S/P

Prayer for the deacons and elders-elect was offered by TE’s Tanner Fox, Dr. Jack Peebles, and Dr. David D. Swanson and this portion of the meeting was terminated.

PRESBYTERIAN CONNECTIONS COMMITTEE

Examination for Minister of Word and Sacrament: TE Case Thorp introduced Covenant Partner Bradley Kirksey, to the Session. Bradley gave his testimony, described his current ministry activities and received questions from the Session.

MOTION: To approve Covenant Partner Bradley Kirksey coming under the care of the FPCO Session as he works towards his ordination. M/S/P

TE Dr. Case Thorp prayed for Bradley and his next steps.

MINISTER REPORT

- Officer training to be held on November 7th 9-11:30 AM on the vision and values of the church, current elders are encouraged to attend.
- World Reformed Fellowship Nomination of Dr. Case Thorp to attend.

MOTION: To approve Dr. Case Thorp as a representative of the World Reformed Fellowship. M/S/P

MOTION: To approve Terms of Call for Dr. David D. Swanson, Dr. Case Thorp, Dr. Jack Peebles, and Rev. Tanner Fox. M/S/P

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

MOTION: To disburse the 2019-2020 operating surplus as follows: \$5K to Kirk of the Pines, \$110K for staff compensation, and \$145K designated to sanctuary upgrade budget. M/S/P

MOTION: To set the Capital Reserves floor at \$1,500,000 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. M/S/P

MOTION: To approve the appointment of a workgroup to evaluate the scope of the sanctuary upgrades by January 2021. M/S/P

MOTION: To give \$500K from ABC debt paydown funds, with \$420 to HOCF for restoring the corpus on underwater funds, \$80K to the Swanson Scholarship fund. Balance to be designated for the sanctuary upgrade project. M/S/P

*TE Quino Martinez abstained from the vote as he is on the HOCF Board.

MOTION: To approve the WiFi upgrade project with \$7,041 from Arise and Build Tech fund. M/S/P

For discussion: Weekday School Birthday Bash. Chief Operating Officer, Dale van Gelder provided details on the planned event for the celebration of the 70 year anniversary of the Weekday School.

Report: Director of Student Ministry, Steve Eastwood gave an update on plans for the Eagle Rock Retreat November 20-24, 2020. Roughly 20 seniors have shown interest. A plan has been developed to manage social distancing and minimize the opportunity of covid-19 spread.


Information (from Personnel portion of Ops): Committee will not extend rounding up of people's hours or payroll starting in October.

Information: Working on resolving outstanding staff work for hire agreements.

EQUIPPING WORK GROUP

TE Dr. Jack Peebles highlighted the elements of the strategies for the development of the congregation. Formation hour and small groups.

Closing prayer was led by incoming RE Michael Kelley and RE Jim Hardy and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM by Senior Pastor Dr. David Swanson, Moderator.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David S. Swanson".

David Swanson
Moderator

Greg Burden
Clerk