

**STATED SESSION MEETING
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ORLANDO
February 21, 2023**

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO ORDER

A stated meeting of the session of FPCO was held on February 21, 2023, and was called to order by moderator, Teaching Elder David Swanson at 6:00 PM.

ATTENDANCE

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

Senior Leadership Team: Charles Bell, Bret Allen, Paul Gibson

Ruling Elders: Buzz Ausley, Scarlett Broughton, Jeff Brown, John Burden, Steve Cahill, Gabe de Guia, Lance Fair, Bruce Gordy, Joel Hall, Mike Kelley, Greg McNeill, Lisa Schultz, Sam Spears, Chris Sproles, Bryan Tabler, Jonathan Thigpen

Excused: Bill Hull and Kurt Wood

Unexcused: None

A quorum was declared.

Others in attendance: Alexa Rossi, Paul Gibson, Bret Allen, Dennis Brockman, Grace Whitlow

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Devotion led by RE Mike Kelley

Open in Prayer

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACON PARKER BELL

TESTIMONY FROM ALEXI ROSSI OF HER CALL TO MINISTRY – Covenant Partner and Director of Mission, Alexa Rossi, shared her testimony, call to ministry, and desire to come under the care of the Session

MOTION: To approve Covenant Partner, Alexa Rossi, be recommended to our presbytery that she come under the care of the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Orlando as she works toward her ordination-M/S/P

PRESENTATION OF THE AUDIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022 BY MIKE LEE OF BATTS, MORRISON, WALES, AND LEE

CORRESPONDANCE – None

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SESSION MEETING DATED January 27, 2023-
M/S/P**

APPROVAL OF THE DOCKET - M/S/P

STATISTICS

Membership as of January 31, 2022	3,558
Membership as of December 31, 2022	3,606
Transfers into the Congregation	8
Reaffirmation of Faith	5
Profession of Faith	0
Profession of Faith and Baptism	3
Restored to the Roll	0
Total Additions	16
Transfers from the Congregation	9
Deaths	6
Removed from the Roll	556
Placed on the Inactive Roll	0
Total Reductions	569
Membership as of January 31, 2023	3,035

Transfers into the Congregation: (Session Meeting)

Mr. and Mrs. Alex (Daryl) Place, Transfer of Letter

Ms. Frances Higdon, Transfer of Letter

Mrs. Susan VandeBrake, Transfer of Letter

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan (Carlie) Winterroth, Transfer of Letter

Ms. Joanne Werntz, Transfer of Letter

Ms. Kelly Bronson, Transfer of Letter

Ms. Coralee Butler, Reaffirmation of Faith

Mr. and Mrs. Joshua (Robin) Banks, Profession of Faith & Baptism and Reaffirmation of Faith

Mr. William Hooker, Profession of Faith & Baptism

Mr. and Mrs. Michael (Hillarie) Anderson, Reaffirmation of Faith and Profession of Faith & Baptism

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel (Meggie) Arbelaez, Reaffirmation of Faith

Deaths:

Mr. Fred Hunter, January 11, 2023

Mr. Herb Redding, January 27, 2023

Mr. Kenny Youmans, January 27, 2023

Mrs. Catie Cook, January 31, 2023

Mrs. Marcia Van Zyl, January 2, 2023

Mr. Norm Pricher, January 5, 2023

Removed from the Roll: (Session Meeting)

Mr. and Mrs. Travis (Taylor) Korty, Transfer of Letter

Mr. Robert Wolgemuth, Transfer of Letter

Mr. and Mrs. John (Lisa) Schmidt, Transfer of Letter

Ms. Helen Hardy, Transfer of Letter

Ms. Elizabeth McLean, Transfer of Letter

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel (Lori) Needham, Transfer of Letter

See 'Recommendation to the Session Addendum 01/2023' for members removed for inactivity

Restored to the Roll: (Session Meeting)

Marriages:

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathon Rossi (Danielle Roper), January 21, 2023

Mr. and Mrs. Graham Nelson (Sarah Beth Burden), January 28, 2023

Births:

Gus Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tanner (Ashley) Fox, January 17, 2023

Child Baptisms:

Emmeline Masden and Elijah Owen, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew (Sarah Catherine)

Niemann,

Roland Jude and Rose Juliet, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan (Angela) Knedgen, December 11,

2022

Anna Beth Booker Gamache, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan (Laura Beth) Gamache, December 18, 2022

Adult Baptisms:

Mrs. Hillarie Anderson, January 15, 2023

Mr. William Hooker, January 15, 2023

Mr. Joshua Banks, January 15, 2023

CONSENT AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

1-1 New Covenant Partner recommendations:

Eric & Susan Wright, Reaffirmation of Faith

1-2 Request to remove from roll:

Kris & Pam Bonhagen, Transfer of Letter to College Park United Methodist Church

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA - M/S/P

HEART OF THE CITY REPORT – Executive Director Dennis Brockman provided a report to the Session on the activities of the Heart of the City

- **MOTION: Motion to Adjourn meeting of the Session– M/S/P**

CALL TO ORDER A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ORLANDO

MOTION: To approve the election of the 2023 Officers of the Corporation: Registered Agent, Charles Bell, President, Sam Spears, Secretary, Steve Cahill, and Treasurer, Kurt Wood.-M/S/P

MOTION: Motion to Adjourn meeting of the Board of Trustees of First Presbyterian Church of Orlando– M/S/P

CALL TO ORDER MEETING OF THE SESSION

MINISTER REPORT

- TE David Swanson called on Dr. Case Thorp to update on a potential change in his call to service at FPCO

MOTION: To approve starting September 1, 2023, the new job title, Theologian in Residence, scope of work, salary and benefits as approved by the Personnel Committee for Dr. Case Thorp, and bless his work beyond FPCO.-M/S/P

MOTION: To approve having the support committee explore moving The Collaborative Ministry to a separate 501c3 under Dr. Case Thorp's leadership – M/S/P

- TE David Swanson provided an update on the church planting efforts in west Orange County

MOTION: To approve Director of Mission, Alexa Rossi, to serve the sacrament of the Lord's Supper-M/S/P

MOTION: To approve a Congregational Meeting at the 11:15am Traditional service on Sunday, March 26, 2023, for the purpose of approving the Congregational Nominating Committee and approve changes in terms of call for Dr. Case Thorp-M/S/P

- TE David Swanson discussed the means of taking offering

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PRESBYTERIAN CONNECTIONS

- **MOTION: To remove Joel Miller as a candidate for ordained ministry, and for Dr. Case Thorp to inform the Presbytery's Ministerial Committee-M/S/P**

OPERATIONS

Roof repairs are needed from damage from Hurricane Ian. The total project cost estimate of \$28,289 is to be paid from Capital Reserves which was approved by Support.

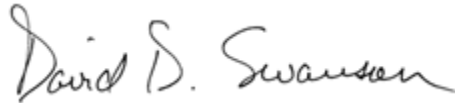
- **MOTION: To approve the capital spend of \$28,289 to complete the roof repairs stemming from Hurricane Ian – M/S/P**
- **MOTION: To approve the capital spend of \$35,750 to complete the updates to CLC elevators as required by code – M/S/P**
- **MOTION: To approve the TCS Space Expansion request for \$127,410 for additional scope related to the TCS campus expansion funding by to come from the current \$600,000 designated for King Parlor and LFH/Meeting space – M/S/P**

TE David Swanson reported that one of our congregation members agreed to make the donation for the artificial turf in the Great Lawn.

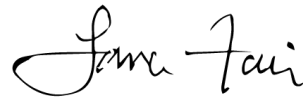
WORKGROUP REPORTS

Connecting and Relationships Goals and Objectives report on two new initiatives, Welcome Tables and Sheep Dog program.

CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT



David D. Swanson
Moderator



Lance Fair
Clerk

