

**STATED SESSION MEETING
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ORLANDO
April 27, 2021**

A stated meeting of the session of FPCO was held on April 27, 2021 and was called to order by moderator, Senior Pastor Dr. David D. Swanson at 6:00 PM.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

ATTENDANCE

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

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

Ruling Elders: Ellen Arnold, Katie Miller, Greg Burden, Bo Morgan, Amanda Cowen, John Caplan, Kurt Wood, Jonathan Thigpin, Michael Kelley, Jeff Brown, Lance Fair, Scarlett Broughton, Robby Ball, Melody Lynch, Greg McNeil, Erin Lindblad.

Excused: RE Daryl Carpenter, RE Allen Peacock

A quorum was declared.

The meeting was opened in prayer by Dr. Case Thorp.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Chris Bolan (College of Elders) requesting the session review the website of Stand Four. The goal is to have Pastors come together to hear the Stand Four vision and lead in a plan to have a very large city reach event at Camping World over a weekend that honors God.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 23, 2021 MINUTES. M/S/P

APPROVAL OF THE DOCKET WITH THE ADDITION OF 4 MOTIONS UNDER MINISTER REPORT. M/S/P

STATISTICS

Membership as of March 31, 2020	3,629
Membership as of February 28, 2021	3,548
Transfers into the Congregation	0
Reaffirmation of Faith	0
Profession of Faith	17
Profession of Faith and Baptism	2
Restored to the Roll	0
Total Additions	19
Transfers from the Congregation	0
Deaths	2
Removed from the Roll	0
Placed on the Inactive Roll	0

Total Reductions 4
Membership as of March 31, 2021 3,563

Confirmation Class on March 21, 2021

Miss Lily Grace Brackett – Profession of Faith
Miss Mary Alice Burden – Profession of Faith
Mr. Noah Matthew Butler – Profession of Faith
Mr. Gabriel Eli de Guia – Profession of Faith
Miss Emily Drummund – Profession of Faith
Miss Lillian Scott Gaylord – Profession of Faith
Miss Hannah Elizabeth Hadlock – Profession of Faith
Mr. Christopher Thomas Hayes – Profession of Faith
Miss Madison Grace Ickes – Profession of Faith
Miss Addison Paige Lindquist – Profession of Faith
Mr. Jackson W. McMullan – Profession of Faith
Miss Milly Elizabeth McMullan – Profession of Faith
Mr. Jackson Aaron Miller – Profession of Faith
Miss Elinor Lucia Pratt – Profession of Faith
Mr. Samuel Layton Pratt – Profession of Faith
Miss Madison Leta Schroeder – Profession of Faith
Mr. Ethan Duxbury Taylor – Profession of Faith
Miss Rachel Alexandra Godfrey Thill – Profession of Faith
Miss Addison Anne Archer – Profession of Faith

Dismissed:

Mr. Stephen A. Lietz – Dismissed to the Isle of Hope United Methodist Church, Savannah, Georgia.
Mrs. Lisa Fulgham Lietz – Dismissed to the Isle of Hope United Methodist Church, Savannah, Georgia.

Deaths:

Mr. Dudley Howell Barnes died 2/16/2020
Ms. Patricia “Trish” Bowles Wilson died 3/25/2021

Births:

Mr. & Mrs. Keith (Valerie) Esoff have a daughter, Charlotte Rose Esoff, Born 10/17/2020.
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Samuel (Libby) Godwin have a son, Davis Merrill Godwin, born 2/2/2021.
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Hayes (Amanda) Vaughan have a son, Landon Hayes Vaughan, born 2/12/2021.

Child Baptisms:

Adalynn Rae Sirounis on 3/14/21
Easton Brent Elkins on 3/21/21
Katherine Erika Pamplin on 3/28/21 (*Note: 12/20/20 baptism in the Feb. 2021 minutes is incorrect*)

Adult Baptisms:

Miss Rachel Alexandra Godfrey Thill on 3/21/21

Mr. Abel Nathanael Simms on 3/28/21

CONSENT AGENDA

1-1 Covenant Partner Joinings

Mrs. Megan Little Hediger	Reaffirmation of Faith
Ms. Carol Kay Biery	Reaffirmation of Faith
Ms. Catherine Payne	Transfer
Ms. Mackenzie Hawkins	Reaffirmation of Faith
Ms. Cynthia "Cindy" Zimmerman	Transfer
Mr. Jeffrey Stone	Reaffirmation of Faith
Mrs. Alexis "Lexie" Bell	Transfer
Ms. Shirley Jones	Transfer
Ms. Lois Ryan	Transfer
Mrs. Carolyn Schwarz	Transfer
Mr. Rudolph "Rudy" Schwarz	Transfer
Mr. Richard Schwarz	Transfer
Mr. Christopher Blake Alders	Reaffirmation of Faith
Mrs. Lindsey Larsen Alders	Reaffirmation of Faith

1-2 Remove from the Roll

Mr. Ronald "Ron" Moschak
Mrs. Marie Moschak

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA. **M/S/P**

MINISTER REPORT

TE Dr. David D. Swanson opened a discussion on the Session's stated COVID-19 mask policy position.

A motion (1st listed below) was put on the floor by RE Lance Fair.

MOTION: To approve eliminating the current social distancing and mask requirement for meetings on campus of 25 people or less. M/S/P

This motion above does not affect Sunday morning Worship Services.

MOTION: To approve \$10,000 in mission support to Rebuild Globally after receiving their annual update. M/S/P

MOTION: To approve BSF group leaders to have a meeting on Saturday, May 8, 2021, in the Lee Fellowship Hall. M/S/P

MOTION: To approve communion be served on during LifeFest April 30 - May 2, 2021 with Dr. Case Thorp presiding at the table. M/S/P

MOTION: To approve Elizabeth, Nyaliny, and Khor Ruach as covenant partners. M/S/P

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

INFORMATION: The window to make a recommendation for the office of elder/deacon will close on April 23rd.

OPERATIONS

INFORMATION: On track with Sanctuary Project. Sanctuary will be closed from July 12 - August, 2021.

INFORMATION: Contributions are down by 1% compared to budget. We are ahead of budget due to reduced operating costs and PPP funds.

PRESBYTERIAN CONNECTIONS

MOTION: To approve the following elder commissioners to the Florida and Caribbean Presbytery Meeting on May 14 -15, 2021: Darrell Carpenter Sr., Doris Houck, Mike Gillette, Bill Wilson, Amanda Cowan, and Tami Kaiser M/S/P

MOTION: To approve the following elder commissioners to the General Assembly meeting on June 23-26, 2021: Darrell Carpenter Sr., Doris Houck, Mike Gillette, Bill Wilson, Amanda Cowan, Jim Hardy, and Tami Kaiser M/S/P

INFORMATION: Letter from the EPC Moderator, Brief Summary 92nd Meeting.

WORKGROUP REPORTS

EQUIPPING

Leadership Curriculum and Elder Participation: Rev. Tanner Fox introduced the LDG opportunity to the session. There are four proposals and he asked for prayerful consideration as we think through the opportunity and ask. We will come back to LDG and discuss it at the next session.

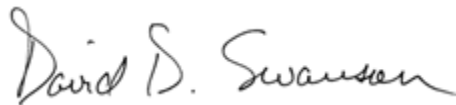
FPCOnline Engagement: Director of Communications, Christina McDaniel presented data from information that we have gathered around Online Sunday Worship, how we identify who is attending and how we engage with them better. Currently, 80% of our worshipers are online. 400 people attend the spiritual formation hour each week. Key changes for Online Sunday Worship are as follows: music starts 10 mins prior to service, speaking directly to those online, consistency with who leads and a zoom breakout similar to an online prayer room has been added.

DIVERSITY

Report (United by Faith Session study, Meeting with Rev 7:9 Task Force, possible Ethnos class) will occur at the next Session Meeting.

PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

Closing prayer by Minister of Family Life, Bret Allen. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM by TE Senior Pastor Dr. David D. Swanson, Moderator.

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

David Swanson
Moderator

Greg Burden
Clerk