

STATED SESSION MEETING
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ORLANDO
April 28, 2020

The meeting was called to order by moderator David Swanson at 6:00PM via Zoom Conference.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

ATTENDANCE:

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

Senior Leadership Team: Dale van Gelder and Bret Allen

Ruling Elders: Robby Ball, Greg Burden, John Caplan, Amanda Cowan, Bob Francis, Erin Lindblad, Katie Witter, Bo Morgan, Allen Peacock, Ellen Arnold, Kurt Wood, Barbara Clayton, Jim Hardy, Becky Wilson, and Darrell Carpenter

Excused: Melody Lynch, Quino Martinez, and Rick Pullum

Staff: Christine McDaniel

Other attendees: Covenant Partner, Bryan Knedgen

A quorum was declared.

David Swanson opened the meeting in prayer.

The minutes of the March 24, 2020, session meeting were M/S/P

The docket was approved. M/S/P

STATISTICS

Membership as of February 29, 2020.....	3,629
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.....	2
Deaths.....	7
Removed from the roll.....	0
Placed on the inactive roll.....	0
Total.....	9
Membership as of March 31, 2020.....	3,620

Dismissed:

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley (Ellen) Herold – Dismissed to Covenant Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, Alabama.

Deaths:

Mr. John A. “Jack” Nelson died 6/17/2015
Mr. Randal L. “Randy” Knight died 3/1/2020
Mrs. Margaret E. Woodbery died 3/7/2020
Mrs. Lynne Puder died 3/11/2020
Mrs. Lois J. Meadors died 3/25/2020
Mr. Fred R. Saffer died 3/27/2020
Mr. John C. Albert died 3/28/2020

Child Baptisms:

Blair Georgia Morgan on 2/23/2020
Ava Christine Fessler on 3/8/2020
Elizabeth Miller Fessler on 3/8/2020
Jack Harrison Hughes on 3/8/2020

CONSENT AGENDA

1 – 1	<p>To approve the 2020 confirmands (listed below) as covenant partners. The confirmands have been led through a process of study, discussion, and professions of faith.</p> <p><i>Children Ministry:</i> Will Basso Allison Castino Abbey Djoko Kevin Edou Ansley Gentry Bennett Johnston Owen Jones Noah Losch Hooper Lyons Annalee Ramb Bobby Welker Kalea Wombles Aiden Woodyard</p> <p><i>Student Ministry:</i> Carter Barnes Evelyn Basso Mac Batterson JB Bongiorno Noah Bongiorno Shawn Hissom Zachary Hissom Higginbotham Haiden Jackson</p>
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Consent agenda was M/S/P

MINISTER REPORT

An ELECTRONIC MOTION was made on March 30, 2020: To approve elder Bo Morgan, elder Greg Burden, and deacon Carolyn Caplan to serve with Rev. Tanner Fox on the Good Samaritan Committee. M/S/P

An ELECTRONIC MOTION was made on March 31, 2020: To approve election of the 2020 Congregational Nominating Committee with the following members: Greg Burden - chair, Elder Becky Wilson, Deacon Ben Kennerly, and members at large Scarlett Broughton, Courtney Peacock, Rich Magee, Becky Martinez, and Brooke Castino. M/S/P

MOTION: To approve Joel Miller, currently a prospective member, to become a Covenant Partner, dating his membership back to 01/01/2020. M/S/P

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Concerning Craig Deloy

- David shared stories from the church family and let us all know that we are on track for giving and he was very thankful.
- **Good Samaritan Fund** - We have received 32 applications. In the first week we were able to approve and send money to 11 of the applicants. We have approved 10 more applications and send payments this week. We have denied one applicant because of insufficient paperwork. The balance of the Good Sam fund is currently \$62,000.00. We continue to receive applications daily.

MISSIONAL ALIGNMENT REPORT

Jack Peebles Shared - David, Dale and Jack are working with Todd Bolsinger as a group and personal coach.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PRESBYTERIAN CONNECTIONS COMMITTEE

INFORMATION: Commissioners needed for Presbytery of Florida Meeting (Held virtually on ZOOM; Saturday, May 16th, 2020 at 9:00AM)

MOTION: To approve the following commissioners for the Presbytery of Florida Meeting (Held virtually on ZOOM; Saturday, May 16th, 2020 at 9:00AM): RE's Don Brown, Darrell Carpenter, Sr., Mike Gillett, John Caplan, Amanda Cowan, Mike Allen, Jim Hardy, Doris Houck, Tami Kaiser and TE's Dr. David Swanson, Dr. Case Thorp, Rev. Tanner Fox, Dr. Jack Peebles, and Rev. Becky Davis M/S/P.

INFORMATION: The 39th General Assembly is reconvening for a called meeting on May 1st. This meeting will be held over teleconference for the purposes of moving the 40th General Assembly meeting (to be held in mid-June at Hope Presbyterian Church in Memphis, TN) to a hybrid meeting (in person and/or online) the second weekend of September at the same church. Any TEs and REs who served as

Commissioners from our church and are certified by our Presbytery are allowed to participate per Rules of Assembly.

Report from Dr. Case Thorp on the FPCO Bahamas Presbytery Initiative.

GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP ASSIGNMENT COMMITTEE

David updated the session on the Congregational Nominating Committee. The CNC work is under way and will begin the process of electing the next class of Elders and Deacons at its meeting on May 4th.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

MOTION: To approve a gift of \$50,000 from remaining Arise and Build funds in support of Samaritan's Village and their capital campaign for a new house. M/S/P

WORK GROUP REPORTS

DIVERSITY WORK GROUP- David shared that the group has not met since covid-19 but look to meet last Saturday in August with the session and senior level staff.

EQUIPPING WORK GROUP- Jack provided an update...

Short term

- Case delivers Wednesday and Sunday teaching offerings
- Women's study is made an adjustment to finish to program
- Children's is working on virtual classes and VBS

Long Term

- Development of a leadership discipleship training program
- Relaunch small group initiative – Barbara asked that we look to add these earlier and David offered small groups in houses on Sundays and watch the service together.
- Gotham Fellowship- working to rethink the program and offer a redux and meet with the graduates. Then go back to the regular program offering.
- Offering to help those displaced and looking for work.
- Tanner shared 20's looking for more opportunities to meet. And they had a worship service on Thursday that was focused on worship not teaching. About 12 attended the first service.

WORSHIP AND SUNDAY EXPERIENCE

David shared this is all a work in process and will save this for the next session meeting.

STAFF CULTURE WORK GROUP

Jack shared they are still having weekly staff development meetings with Dale keeping everyone updated.

Executive Committee: Guests were excused from the session meeting and Dale provided an update on Craig Deloy.

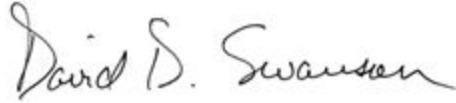
Other Business-

Payroll Protection Program – Dale provided an update on where we are with this program.
Funded the loan and will if needed/approved apply for forgiveness.

CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

Ellen Arnold and Allen Peacock closed us in prayer.

Meeting was Adjourned at 7:26 PM.

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

David Swanson
Moderator

Greg Burden
Clerk