

CALLED SESSION MEETING  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ORLANDO  
May 12, 2020

The meeting was called to order by moderator David Swanson at 5:00 PM 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

Ruling Elders: Barbara Clayton, Bob Francis, Jim Hardy, Quino Martinez, Rick Pullum, Becky Wilson, Robbie Ball, Darrell Carpenter Sr., Erin Linblad, Melody Lynch, Katie Witter, Allen Peacock, Ellen Arnold, Greg Burden, John Caplan, Amanda Cowan, Bo Morgan, Kurt Wood

Excused: N/A

Staff: Christine McDaniel, Cameron Hughes, and Grace Whitlow

A quorum was declared.

David Swanson opened the meeting in prayer.

**Reopening the Church:** The purpose of the Called Session Meeting was to discuss the reopening of the church for services. David led a discussion around home ministry and the plan to reopen the church. This was not a voting meeting therefore no motion was put on the table.

Cameron Hughes spoke to options for hosting home groups and ideas of how we could execute such a plan including those not yet connected.

Jack Peebles laid out the guidelines ensuring we don't put people at risk, help connect those not connected and continue to build the community.

David opened the floor for questions and discussion. Questions came in around the following areas... child care, prayer room, cost to reopen for a small audience, singing in worship, paper versus app driven bulletins, communication to broader congregation, a suggestion for David to record a video with a church MD to communicate our reopen plan.

**Mission Funds:** Tanner walked us through a plan to allocate current mission funds not in use to other mission partners. This will be discussed more broadly and voted on during the next session meeting.

**General Discussion:** Case Thorp introduced a special need for a family at First Presbyterian in need of a short-term rental due to crime issues in their current community. This was communicated in the hope of finding a rental property in the Boone High School area.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM with a closing prayer led by Cameron Hughes.

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

David Swanson  
Moderator

Greg Burden  
Clerk