

**CALLED SESSION MEETING
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ORLANDO
May 13, 2021**

A called meeting of the session of FPCO was held on May 13, 2021 to discuss the FPCO Reopening the Church Phased Plan. The meeting was called to order by moderator Dr. Jack Peebles at 6:00 PM.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

ATTENDANCE:

Teaching Elders: Dr. Jack Peebles, and Rev. Tanner Fox

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

Ruling Elders: Amanda Cowan, Robbie Ball, Darrell Carpenter Sr., Erin Lindblad, Allen Peacock, Ellen Arnold, Greg Burden, John Caplan, Bo Morgan, Kurt Wood, Michael Kelley, Jonathan Thigpin, Greg McNeill.

Excused: Dr. Case Thorp, Katie Witter, Lance Fair, Melody Lynch, Scarlett Broughton, Jeff Brown

Other Attendees: Dr. David Cowan, College of Elders

A quorum was declared.

TE Dr. Jack Peebles opened the meeting in prayer.

DISCUSSION:

Dale van Gelder, COO, provided information from the CDC, the State of Florida, and City of Orlando.

RE Allen Peacock began discussion regarding the mask requirements. In Orlando, the vaccination rate for 65+ is above 70%.

Dr. David Cowan provided medical expertise and recommended we follow the CDC guidance.

RE Bo Morgan offered a point of discussion that space be available for those who are concerned and want to wear masks and maintain the requirement.

RE Allen Peacock moved the adoption of a motion which, after debate and amendment, was adopted as follows:

MOTION: To approve masks and face coverings becoming optional beginning this Sunday, May 16, 2021 and to remove existing social distancing protocols with the Lee Fellowship Hall becoming available for those persons preferring to continue to social distance. M/S/P

Motion passes unanimously.

Two thirds of the staff has been fully vaccinated or on their way to being fully vaccinated. Another group intends to get vaccinated and roughly 17% are not inclined to get vaccinated.

TE Tanner Fox moved the adoption of a motion:

MOTION: To approve masks and face coverings becoming optional beginning this Sunday, May 16, 2021 and to remove existing social distancing protocols for staff and volunteers. Masks remain recommended for staff and volunteers not fully vaccinated or recovered from COVID-19. M/S/P

Motion passes by majority with one vote against, RE Allen Peacock.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM with a closing prayer led by Rev. Tanner Fox

Jack Peebles
Moderator

Greg Burden
Clerk