

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

A stated meeting of the session of FPCO was held on July 28, 2020 and was called to order by moderator, Senior Associate Pastor for Equipping and Missional Alignment, Dr. Jack Peebles at 6:00 PM via Zoom Video Conference.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

ATTENDANCE:

Teaching Elders: Case Thorp, Jack Peebles

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

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

Excused: Dr. David D. Swanson, Rev. Becky Davis, RE Becky Wilson and RE Allen Peacock

Staff: Grace Whitlow

Other attendees: Covenant Partner - Bryan Knedgen

A quorum was declared.

The meeting was opened in prayer by RE Ellen Arnold.

CORRESPONDENCE

An email was received from Covenant Partner Sherry Lorenz in regard to resuming in person worship. Greg Burden as Clerk of the Session will respond based on the discussion and next steps determined by the Session.

APPROVAL OF THE DOCKET M/S/P

STATISTICS

Membership as of May 31, 2020.....	3,614
Transfers into the congregation.....	0
Reaffirmation of Faith.....	1
Profession of Faith.....	0
Profession of Faith (Confirmation Class 4/28/2020).....	21
Profession of Faith & Baptism.....	0
Restored to the roll.....	0

Total.....	22
Transfers from the congregation.....	1
Deaths.....	1
Removed from the roll.....	7
Placed on the inactive roll.....	2
Total.....	11
Membership as of June 30, 2020.....	3,625

Transfers into the congregation:

Mr. Joel T. Miller – By Reaffirmation of Faith (Joel Became a covenant partner dating his membership back to 1/1/2020 approved at the April 28, 2020 Session Meeting.)

Confirmation Class joined (4/28/2020):

Children’s Ministry:

- Mr. William “Wil” Basso - By Profession of Faith
- Miss Allison Castino - By Profession of Faith
- Miss Abbey Djoko – By Profession of Faith
- Mr. Kevin Jayves Edou - By Profession of Faith
- Miss Ansley Gentry – By Profession of Faith
- Mr. Bennett Lawrence Johnston – By Profession of Faith
- Mr. Owen T. Jones – By Profession of Faith
- Mr. Noah Reed Losch – By Profession of Faith
- Mr. Hooper Lyons – By Profession of Faith
- Miss Annalee E. Ramb – By Profession of Faith
- Mr. Robert Michael “Bobby” Welker – By Profession of Faith
- Miss Kalea Wombles – By Profession of Faith
- Mr. Aiden Woodyard – By Profession of Faith

Student Ministry:

- Mr. Carter Mccauley Barnes – By Profession of Faith
- Miss Evelyn Rose Basso – By Profession of Faith
- Mr. Ben Mcallister “Mac” Batterson – By Profession of Faith
- Mr. Joseph M. “Jb” Bongiorno, Iii – By Profession of Faith
- Mr. Noah Sebastian Bongiorno – By Profession of Faith
- Mr. Shawn Hissom – By Profession of Faith
- Mr. Zachary Hissom Higginbotham – By Profession of Faith
- Mr. Haiden Jackson – By Profession of Faith

Dismissed:

Mr. Andrew Sharp – Dismissed to St Paul’s Presbyterian Church, Orlando, Florida.

Deaths:

Miss Ann A. Edison Died 6/23/2020

Placed on the inactive roll: (Session Meeting 6/23/2020)

Mrs. Marsha S. Dunlap

Mr. Harold Swallow

Removed from the roll: (Session Meeting 6/23/2020)

Mrs. Susan Lavonne Bales

Ms. Julia Evangeline Bales

Mr. Brandon T. Clark

Mrs. Lauren Clark

Mrs. Kristin Stewart Creegan

Mrs. Marsha Barton Johnson

Ms. Katherine Stine

From the roll and these members will not affect the membership count:

Mrs. Robert (Linda S.) Ammerman

Mr. Mark Rushing

Mrs. Barbara Rushing

Mrs. Lynne B. Thibodeau

Mr. Thomas D. "Doug" Peral

Miss Rachel M. Tanner

Mrs. Marcia Johnson

Mr. Randall "Randy" Johnson

Marriages:

Births:

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Thomas (Lauren) Bolick, IV have a son, Ashton Bennett Bolick, born 6/28/2020.

MINISTER REPORT

- The motion to approve the requirement of face coverings for administration, staff, and students of The Christ School upon commencement of the 2020-2021 school year in keeping with the overall campus guidelines for safety of First Presbyterian Church of Orlando remains tabled based on communication with church leadership and The Christ School it was determined that The Christ School has implemented appropriate measures to ensure safe operations thereby removing the need to discuss this motion any further.
- (COVID-19) Continued Discussion: Resumption of in-person worship services

MOTION: To approve the resuming of in person worship services on Sunday, September 6, 2020 pending the numbers of hospitalization rates in Orange County staying favorable or declining and with RSVP requirement from those attending. M/S/P

Motion passes by majority with one vote against, RE Melody Lynch.

- The Session Taskforce on Collaborative Integration with Senior Associate Pastor, Dr. Case Thorp continues in the discovery process regarding the work of The Collaborative, their current and expected budget needs, and their role in helping deliver on our vision to

equip us to live missionally in vocation.

WORK GROUP REPORTS

EQUIPPING WORK GROUP

MOTION: To approve the newly revised Officer Formation Curriculum created by the Equipping Work Group. M/S/P

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PRESBYTERIAN CONNECTIONS COMMITTEE

- Report from Church Planting Committee (Presbytery) on the resignation of Shane Wheeler

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

MOTION: To amend the docket to include an additional motion regarding an operating surplus. M/S/P

MOTION: To approve moving \$50,000 of an operating surplus to the Good Samaritan fund. M/S/P

MOTION: To approve face coverings and social distancing being required for all on campus and off campus church activities (church activities are defined as activities created and promoted by church staff and led by someone paid by the church), unless outdoors and able to reasonably social distance, or for specific circumstances approved by the Session, in keeping with current CDC guidelines. M/P

Motion passes by majority with one vote against, RE Erin Lindblad.

MOTION: To approve eliminating meetings of outside groups on campus until onsite worship and FPCO ministries resume, and staff fully returns to working on campus. M/P

MOTION: To approve applying for loan forgiveness for the Paycheck Protection Program loan. M/T

The motion above was tabled until the next stated meeting of the session on Tuesday, August 25, 2020.

MOTION: To approve IT switch replacements in EMC and AYH with source of funds as proposed: \$7,401 from Arise and Build M/P

- Chief Operating Officer, Dale van Gelder led the presentation of the budget

MOTION: To approve the 2020-2021 budget of \$7,000,000. M//T

The motion above was tabled until the next stated meeting of the session on Tuesday, August 25, 2020.

Closing prayer was led by RE Barbara Clayton and the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM by Senior Associate Pastor for Equipping and Missional Alignment, Dr. Jack Peebles, Moderator.

Dr. Jack Peebles
Moderator

Greg Burden
Clerk