

**STATED SESSION MEETING  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ORLANDO  
September 26, 2023**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A stated meeting of the session of FPCO was held on September 26, 2023, and was called to order by moderator, Teaching Elder Dr. Jack Peebles at 6:00 PM.

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**DEVOTION:**

Orlando Heart of the City Fellows introduced themselves and led us in worship.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Teaching Elders: Tanner Fox, Paul Gibson and Jack Peebles

Senior Leadership Team: Bret Allen, Charles Bell, Christina McDaniel

Ruling Elders: Buzz Auzley, Scarlett Broughton, Jeff Brown, Steve Cahill, Lance Fair, Bruce Gordy, Joel Hall, Bill Hull, Mike Kelley, Lisa Schultz, Chris Sproles, Bryan Tabler, Jonathan Thigpin, and Kurt Wood

Excused: John Burden, Greg McNeil, Sam Spears, David Swanson

Unexcused: Gabe de Guia

A quorum was declared.

Others in attendance: Grace Whitlow, (Incoming Ruling Elders) Justin Domeck, Bill Magee, Leigh O'Donoghue, Katie Schook

Open in Prayer

**STATISTICS**

Membership as of August 2022: 3,573

Membership as of July 2023: 3,090

Transfers into the Congregation: 0

Reaffirmation of Faith: 0

Profession of Faith: 0

Profession of Faith and Baptism: 0

Restored to the Roll: 0

Total Additions: 0

Transfers from the Congregation: 1

Deaths: 4  
Removed from the Roll: 0  
Placed on the Inactive Roll: 0  
Total Reductions: 5  
Membership as of August 31, 2023: 3,085

Dismissed:  
Ms. Susan Daries, Transfer of Letter, Presbyterian Church of the Lakes

Deaths:  
(late notification) Mr. David McCloy, June 20, 2022  
Mrs. Susan Schroeder, August 3, 2023  
Mrs. Ellen James, August 28, 2023  
Mrs. Cecelia McCloy, August 29, 2023  
Placed on the Inactive Roll: (Session Meeting)

Births:  
Ms. Eloise Jean Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joel and Anna Hall, August 4, 2023  
Child Baptisms:  
Ms. Margo Noel Cianchetti, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark and Nicole Cianchetti, August 13, 2023  
Mr. Zeke Andrew Sellers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jason and Hannah Sellers, August 20, 2023  
Mr. Seve Austin Reeves, son of Mr. and Mrs. Austin and Katie Reeves, August 27, 2023  
Mr. Enzo Cruz Rodriguez D'Amelio, son of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer and Carisa D'Amelio, August 27, 2023

## **CORRESPONDANCE**

**MOTION: To accept the resignation of Patricia Gray from the Board of Deacons. M/S/P**

**MOTION: To approve an exception to the policy, which typically mandates Covenant Partnership for individuals reserving a spot in the columbarium, with the exception requested specifically for JoAnne French.M/S/P**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SESSION MEETING DATED August 22, 2023, with the addition of Bryan Tabler and Bruce Gordy as present. M/S/P**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

1-1 Remove from the roll:  
Ms. Susan Daries, Transfer of Letter, Presbyterian Church of the Lakes

1-2 Restored to the roll:  
Mike, Beth, Michael, & Catherine Pattillo, restored to the roll after removal for inactivity

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

## MINISTER REPORT

- Jack Peebles led a discussion regarding the Shine Ministry. The Shine Ministry will hold a meeting for parents on October 8, 2023, regarding the direction of the Shine Ministry. Recommendation was made to allow anonymous feedback at the meeting.
- Charles Bell led a discussion about the overall cost of retreats and the ongoing plans to hold church retreats. The 2024 elder retreat January 18, 19 and 20.

## CHURCH PLANTING REPORT

- Information: Follow up to meeting with elders of St. Stephens regarding their move to the EPC and their desire to be a “replant” from First Presbyterian Church Orlando from TE Tanner Fox.

## WORK GROUP REPORTS

### PRESBYTERIAN CONNECTIONS

**MOTION: To approve Doris Houck to serve as an Elder Commissioner for the 100<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Florida & the Caribbean October 20-21, 2023, St. Andrews, Kirk, Nassau, Bahamas. M/P**

### EQUIPPING

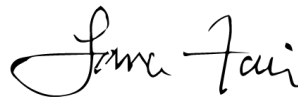
Information: Small group and Retreats Report from TE Tanner Fox.

A separate meeting was held with Ruling Elders to discuss upcoming Pastor Appreciation Sunday.

## CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT



Jack Peebles  
Moderator



Lance Fair  
Clerk