

**STATED SESSION MEETING
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ORLANDO
May 25, 2021**

A stated meeting of the session of FPCO was held on May 25, 2021 and was called to order by moderator, Senior Pastor Dr. David Swanson at 6:00 PM.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

ATTENDANCE:

Teaching Elders: Dr. David Swanson, Dr. Jack Peebles, Dr. Case Thorp, Rev. Tanner Fox.

Senior Leadership Team: Dale van Gelder, Bret Allen

Ruling Elders: Daryl Carpenter, Ellen Arnold, Greg Burden, Amanda Cowen, John Caplan, Kurt Wood, Jonathan Thigpin, Michael Kelley, Lance Fair, Scarlett Broughton, Robby Ball, Greg McNeil

Excused RE's: Bo Morgan, Melody Lynch, Erin Lindblad, Allen Peacock, Katie Witter, Jeff Brown

A quorum was declared.

The meeting was opened in prayer by TE Dr. David Swanson.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 27, 2021 AND May 13, 2021 MINUTES. **M/S/P**

APPROVAL OF THE DOCKET. **M/S/P**

STATISTICS

CONSENT AGENDA

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MINISTER REPORT

MOTION: To approve the calling of a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 13, 2021, at 11:05 AM Traditional Service, for the purpose of electing an elder (Gabe de Guia) to the Class of 2024. M/S/P

MOTION: To approve Gabe de Guia as a Covenant Partner following the answering of the Covenant Partner questions. M/S/P

Following Gabe's Affirmation of Faith, he gave his testimony to the session.

MOTION: To approve David Shaw and family be moved from inactive status to covenant partners. M/S/P

- Special staff recognition – TE Dr. David Swanson recognized staff and specifically Dale van Gelder, COO, for her work during the current challenging times.
- Review of COVID policy – no changes needed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

OPERATIONS

MOTION: To approve creation of a Session Work Group for the Paycheck Protection Program loan funds. M/S/P

Robbie Ball and Jeff Brown will lead the work group and are looking for 4 or 5 key members from the Session. Key attributes they are looking for are creative thinkers. They would also like ideas which can be submitted to Robbie Ball via email.

MOTION: To approve Compassion Corner grant from the City of Orlando. M/S/P

INFORMATION: Approved upgrade of FPCO phone system.

PRESBYTERIAN CONNECTIONS

INFORMATION: Tune in to worship and view the General Assembly: June 23-26 at www.epc.org/ga

WORKGROUP REPORTS

EQUIPPING

TE Rev. Tanner Fox led a discussion on the Leadership Curriculum and Elder Participation. Follow up- Let Tanner know your intentions.

TE Dr. Case Thorp led a discussion on the Ordination Pipeline Initiative being explored as a possible recommendation.

MISSION

MOTION: To approve the alignment of Madagascar partnerships to the existing mission support process effective for the giving season beginning Fall 2021, and to restructure the Madagascar International Liaison contract to focus deliverables on facilitating this shift. M/S/P

Prayer and Adjournment

Closing prayer by TE DR. David Swanson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM by TE Senior Pastor Dr. David Swanson, Moderator.

David S. Swanson

David Swanson
Moderator

Greg Burden
Clerk