

**Minutes of Stated Session Meeting
First Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall
Charlottesville, Virginia
March 28, 2022**

Attendees:

Pastor and Moderator: David Forney (E)

Associate Pastor and Vice Moderator: Aram Bae

Ruling Elders:	Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
	Christine Dean	Judy Blair	Charlie Chadwick
	Amy Gillespie (E)	Robert Brewbaker (E)	John Dillery
	Rich Lutz	Victoria Kean	Linda Hitt
	Cathy Meaney (E)	David Maloney	Jocelyn Kelley
	Monika Mentzer (E)	Carolyn Pettit	Jolene Kidd
	Wayne Mullins	Reid Thompson	Vasant Kumar
	David Schmidt		Trip Walker (E)
	Ada Trowbridge (E)		

Clerk of Session: Judy Blair

Guests: Confirmands and their families

[E denotes excused absence; A is for unexcused absence]

Opening items:

- With a quorum present, Vice Moderator Aram Bae called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
- The devotion and prayer were led by Jocelyn Kelley.
- The moderator led the reading of the Vision and Mission Statement.
- Session's meeting agenda was approved.

Examination of Confirmands

- The faith statements of Matthew Carl, Davis Chandeysson, Emmy Forloines, Sarah Gass, Susan Gass, and Eleanor Sackson had been distributed prior to the Session meeting.
- After introductions, each confirmand was assigned to a small group along with several Session members and answered questions about their faith statements and hope for the church.
- When everyone regathered, a Session representative from each group presented and shared meaningful details about the group's confirmand.
- A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to sustain the examinations and receive Matthew Carl, Davis Chandeysson, Emmy Forloines, Sarah Gass, Susan Gass, and Eleanor Sackson as new members by profession of faith.

[The confirmands and their families left the meeting.]

Consent Agenda: the items below were approved unanimously:

- Approve the minutes of the Special Called Session Meeting on February 27, 2022
- Approve the minutes of the Stated Session Meeting on February 28, 2022
- Receive February 2022 financial reports (attached to F&A meeting minutes)

- Receive a \$50,000 gift from a trust of Cal Pennock designated for property maintenance and improvements and allocate it to the Faith Grows Here renovation/construction project
- Approve the baptism of Samuel Sterling Thraves, son of Leigh and Trevor Thraves, at the 8:30 am service on April 17, 2022, to be administered by Rev. Liz Forney
- Approve the following requests for monies from the accumulated income fund of the Mission & Benevolence Endowment (COC with the Endowment Committee's assessments that the expenditures are consistent with the Articles of Endowment)
 - \$20,000 to support the refugee and war crisis in Ukraine with \$10,000 going to World Central Kitchen, a non-profit organization providing meals directly to those fleeing Ukraine, and \$10,000 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Ukraine
 - \$5,000 to support Charlottesville Community Bikes' fundraising need for a full-time mechanic
- Approve moving Gayle Barron from associate to active member of the church

Old Business : Aram reported that the Finance & Administration Committee had designated the Operating Reserve as the funding source for the kitchen equipment purchase approved by Session at the February meeting.

Reports from Committees and Work Groups: Draft minutes and reports from the Adult Ministry, Children & Family Ministry, Christian Outreach, Finance & Administration, Personnel, Preschool, Property Management, and Welcome & Worship committees, Board of Deacons, and Clerk were submitted in advance of the meeting along with the meeting agenda.

New Business: Revision to the Articles of Endowment

- The Welcome & Worship Committee with endorsement from the Endowment Committee presented the following motion:
 - That Session approve replacing the Choral Masterworks Endowment Fund, a special endowment, with the proposed "Music Endowment Fund".
- Prior to the meeting, a summary of the proposal as well as the descriptions of these funds was distributed to Session.
- Aram reviewed the process for making changes to the Articles of Endowment, which includes a vote of approval as two consecutive Session meetings.
- Jolene Kidd on behalf of the Welcome & Worship Committee read the description of the proposed Music Endowment Fund.
- After discussion about the development of the proposal, its broadened purpose, the increased flexibility on use of the fund's accumulated income, and the support from the donors who were instrumental in establishing the original fund, Session unanimously approved the motion as presented.
- For final approval, a second vote will be taken at the April meeting.

Thanksgivings and Commendations:

- Confirmands, especially for their faith statements

Announcements

- Palm Sunday worship services at 8:30 and 11 am, April 10, 2022
- Maundy Thursday worship service with communion at 5:30 pm on April 14, 2022
- Good Friday worship service at 7:00 pm on April 15, 2022
- Easter worship services at 8:30 and 11 am, April 17, 2022
- Report from Brew Brewbaker and George Moore on their Honduras mission trip, April 24, 2022

- Next Stated Session Meeting: Monday, April 25, 2022, at 7 pm Devotions: Aram Bae
- Mission Matters, April 30, 2022
- POJ Meeting: Tuesday, June 14, 2022 Commissioners: Charlie Chadwick, Chris Dean (tentative), Reid Thompson (tentative), and Wayne Mullins (if zoom attendance is possible) with David Maloney as a substitute

The vice moderator adjourned the meeting with a benediction at 8:10 pm.

Minutes recorded by Clerk of Session Judy Blair

Approved 4.25.22