

**Minutes of Stated Session Meeting
First Presbyterian Church
Charlottesville, Virginia
May 23, 2022**

Attendees:

Pastor and Moderator: David Forney

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	Robert Brewbaker	John Dillery (E)
	Rich Lutz	Victoria Kean	Linda Hitt
	Cathy Meaney	David Maloney	Jocelyn Kelley(E)
	Monika Mentzer	Carolyn Pettit (E)	Jolene Kidd
	Wayne Mullins (E)	Reid Thompson	Vasant Kumar
	David Schmidt (E)		Trip Walker
	Ada Trowbridge		

Clerk of Session: Judy Blair

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

Joint meeting of Session and the Diaconate held in Fellowship Hall & via Zoom

- Moderator David Forney called the meeting to order at 7 pm and led the devotional and opening prayer.
- After recitation of the Vision and Mission Statement, the officers went into separate meetings of Session and the Diaconate.

Session Meeting

Opening items:

- With a quorum present, the Session meeting started at 7:20 pm. Four ruling elders participated via Zoom and 14 were able to attend the meeting in person.
- The meeting agenda was approved with the addition of a baptism to the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda: the items below were approved unanimously:

- Approve the minutes of the Stated Session Meeting on April 25, 2022
- Receive the April 2022 financial reports (attached to F&A meeting minutes)
- Approve removing Beverly Brown from the membership rolls because she has joined Laurel Hill Baptist Church
- Approve the Finance & Administration Committee's revised Purpose and Responsibilities statement (attached)
- Call the annual congregational and Corporation meetings for August 28, 2022
- Approve continuing the Celebration of the Lord's Supper by intinction at the 11 am worship service (after successful 6-month pilot program that ends in June)

- Approve the use of \$20,000 from the accumulated income of the Mission and Benevolence Endowment to support IRIS in making an equipment purchase (COC with the Endowment Committee's assessment that the expenditure falls within the guidelines of the Articles of Endowment but with the stipulation that future requests supporting IRIS be less frequent in order to stay within the guidelines)
- Approve Gary Selmeczi as an at-large member of the Property Management Committee
- Approve the baptism of Graham Steven Monson, son of Steve and Alex Monson, on May 1, 2022, to be administered by Rev Aram Bae

Old Business: Update on the construction project

- David Forney reported that certification of occupancy in the construction areas is expected within a month.
- David credited Hourigan's conscientious work for helping us remain on budget with the project.
- Questions about outdoor work were addressed.
 - The site plan amendment submitted last September has finally received the City's approval.
 - An additional site plan to address a pipe tying into the City's system is being reviewed, and erosion control items will stay in place until that work is completed; however, the construction fencing will be gone soon and then parking areas will be fully open.
 - A schematic of the Memorial Garden renovation is underway, and when a design is ready, it will come to Session for approval.
- Southern Air is fine tuning the HVAC system.

Reports from Committees and Work Groups:

- Draft minutes and reports from the following were submitted in advance of the meeting along with the meeting agenda: Adult Ministry, Children & Family Ministry, Christian Outreach, Finance & Administration, Personnel, Preschool, Property Management, Stewardship, and Youth Ministry committees, Board of Deacons, and Clerk.

New Business:

- Faith Grows Here project financing
 - On behalf of the Finance & Administration (F&A) and Endowment Committees, David Maloney reviewed the financing arrangements Session had approved last year, noting the loans from a church member, the Building Endowment, and Atlantic Union.
 - F&A made the following motion on funding the 1% annual interest due June 30 on the Endowment loan:
 - Approve the use of \$7,000 from the Building Endowment's accumulated income fund to pay the interest due on the \$700,000 FGH loan from the Building Endowment
 - The Endowment Committee made the following motion on the annual interest rate for the next year:
 - Approve an interest rate of 2% for July 1, 2022 thru June 30, 2023 on the Building Endowment loan to the FGH project.

- The Endowment Committee had determined that F&A's proposed funding of the interest due is consistent with the Articles of Endowment, and F&A endorsed the proposed interest rate for July 2022 thru June 2023.
- After discussion, Session voted on the motions separately and each of them was approved unanimously.
- Sabbatical proposal from Aram Bae
 - On behalf of the Personnel Committee, Victoria made a motion that Session approve Aram Bae's sabbatical proposal, which had been distributed in the packet of meeting materials.
 - After explanation of the Personnel Committee's review of the proposal and discussion about the value of sabbaticals and how Aram's responsibilities would be covered by David and Rachel during the sabbatical, the motion was approved unanimously.

Thanksgivings and Commendations:

- Deacons for the joyful celebrations and picnic on Sunday, May 22
- Aram Bae for the confirmation class curriculum and for her support to youth who are graduating from high school
- Anita Brochette, Chris Dean, Jennifer Jones, and Thom Waite for their youth ministry leadership
- Charlies Chadwick, Gordon Lindsey, Downing Miller, and Wayne Mullins for teaching adult classes
- Sandi Bosselman, Sally Clarry, Amy Gillespie, Linda Hitt, Jean Hughes, Elaine Knight, Ellen McCrory, Cathy Meaney, Sandy Munson, Amy Richardson, and Ashley Walker for teaching our children's Sunday morning classes
- Ada Trowbridge for nominating committee leadership

Announcements

- Celebration of Laura Holbrook's 42 years of ministry within the PC(USA) on Sunday, May 29, 2022
- Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022
- POJ Meeting: Tuesday, June 14, 2022 Commissioners: Charlie Chadwick, Chris Dean, Reid Thompson, and Wayne Mullins and guest attendees Brew Brewbaker, Sally Clarry, Caitlin Thomson, and Trip Walker.
- Next Stated Session Meeting: Monday, July 25, 2022, at 7 pm Devotions: Charlies Chadwick
- Celebration of FGH construction completion in conjunction with the congregational meeting on August 28, 2022.

The moderator adjourned the meeting with a benediction at 8:18 pm.

Minutes recorded by Clerk of Session Judy Blair

Approved 7.25.22