

Minutes of the Stated Session Meeting
Faith Presbyterian Church
Tallahassee, Florida
April 28, 2018

1. Call to Order/Opening Prayer/Devotion

The Stated Session Meeting of Faith Presbyterian Church was called to order and opened with a prayer in the Parlor of Faith Presbyterian Church by the Moderator, Senior Pastor Brad Clayton, at 11:36 a.m. Frank Walper provided the Devotion.

The Ruling Elders (18) present were Lee Andre, Linda Antwi, Kevin Askew, Syauchen Baker, Keagan Barrett, Randy Beach, Sue Colombo, Ginny Dailey, Charles Dodson, Skip Forsyth, Bill Hollimon, Chip Jennings, Becky Miller, Caitlin Ray, Jason Taylor, Frank Walper, Malikah Woody, Elaine Youngblood. **A quorum of at least one-third of the members of the Session was present.**

The Ruling Elders (4) absent were Janet Evans, Dennis Ferguson, Cory Hill and Charles Ranson.

Also present (3) were: Trinity Whitley (Teaching Elder/Associate Pastor), Randy Zepp (Church Administrator) and Barney Ray (Clerk of Session).

2. Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Appreciation was shared by Skip Forsyth who thanked everyone for their prayers and support after the death of his father two weeks ago. This came the week before his daughter Christi's wedding. Barney Ray asked for prayers for his mother's health. The Moderator mentioned to keep Janet Evan's sister in our prayers as Janet is out of town taking care of her. Charles Dodson expressed a joy for Caitlin Ray's opportunity to move to South Korea and teach for the next two years. The Moderator led the Session in prayer for those mentioned.

3. Clerk's Report

a. Approval of the Minutes

The Moderator asked if there were any discussion or recommended revisions to the minutes from the **March 25, 2018 Stated Session Meeting and the April 18, 2018 Called Meeting to exam confirmands. Trinity mentioned one correction to the spelling of Karen McGehee's name in the April 28th minutes. With that one revision both minutes were approved.**

b. Commissioners for Presbytery Meeting on May 19th in Marianna
Cory Hill and Sue Colombo volunteered as commissioners and Elaine volunteered to serve as an alternate.

4. Pastor's Report

a. Safety Committee

The Moderator passed out some proposals from the Safety Committee to the Session. He stated that there was no motion to consider during this meeting however he wanted to distribute the proposals. Some of the proposals were already in the process of implementation such as staff certification in CPR

and incidental drills for staff. Also planned were fire escape/critical information posted on each interior door. He said that he may come back to the May meeting if any further actions might include the Session's approval.

b. Confirmation Exam on May 1st at 6pm

The Moderator reminded elders to attend this exam. About ten elders indicated they would be there.

5. Youth Elder Report

Keagan Barrett reported that the youth group has a good attendance. Both middle school and high school groups went to Sky Zone two (2) and three (3) weekends ago and that went well. They had class dinners this previous Sunday. Youth and Families Committee approved the middle school Montreat group mission in Knoxville, Tennessee this summer. There are thirty-eight (38) members signed up for high school Montreat and nine (9) pending. Middle school is still the same number.

6. Finance Report

Randy Beach reported non-pledged contributions are lagging but too early to make any decisions about that. They will continue to monitor. In general receipts are ahead of expenditures.

7. Diaconate Report

Betsy Wood provided the report. She mentioned their May meeting will be their last meeting before taking a break for the summer.

8. Stewardship Committee Report – Spring Faith on April 29th

Linda reported that 16 tables are reserved for committees. She mentioned that there would be fun activities, light finger foods, drinks and door prizes. A bagpiper will lead the congregation from the sanctuary to the Fellowship Hall after the service.

9. Consent Agenda –

- a. The Adults and Families Committee requested approval of books for Summer study for women. *Liturgy of the Ordinary* by Tish Harrison Warren and *Present over Perfect: Leaving Behind Frantic for a Simpler, More Soulful Way of Living* by Shauna Niequist.
- b. The Stewardship Committee requested approval for the following actions to the church rolls:

Members Dropped from the Active Roll: Brett Stephen Easterling and Casey Elizabeth Easterling – Attends another church with parents.

Baptisms: Boden Kerrigan Scott – April 8th.

- c. Youth & Families Committee requested approval for the use of the God's Gift of Sexuality curriculum (PCUSA) for use with Middle School youth in May. The curriculum has been used at Faith for many years and is updated with current medical information. Parents of middle school youth will be notified in advance of the lessons and will be required to give permission for their child to participate.

The Moderator asked if anyone wanted to discuss any of the items on the consent agenda. Hearing no further requests, **a motion was made and seconded to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda items were approved.**

10. Motions in Action Agenda

No action items.

11. Items Not In Agenda

The Moderator that an item not on the agenda related to the water pipe repairs was subject to their 2/3's approval to add to the agenda.

Finance Committee requested to add a discussion on how to pay for the cost for the repairs to the water line to the church. The committee recommended to the Session ato pprove using \$20,000 of the 2017 Reserve balance of \$35,000 to cover the costs. This includes all things related to the water leak such as previous searches, attempted repairs and running a new water line from the street to the church. A motion to add this item was seconded and approved. Ginny Dailey asked that we communicate the information to the church membership. The time frame for completing installation of a new water line is expected by Tuesday afternoon, May 1st. The repairs to holes created during the search for the water leak in the parking lot will take longer. Appreciation was expressed to the Finance Committee and especially Randy Zepp for all the work that was put into dealing with this issue. **The motion to approve use of the 2017 Reserve for \$20,000 was approved.**

12. Informational Items

Trinity Whitley mentioned that the curriculum approved titled *Liturgy of the Ordinary* will be held on Sunday's at 4pm during the summer and led by Julianne Clayton.

Ginny Dailey mentioned that on Sunday, May 6th, Tim Wood, our missionary from Mexico, will visit during the Sunday school hour in the Fellowship Hall. There will also be a luncheon with him after church. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

13. Communion - Holy Communion was observed to conclude the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Actions of Session Approved by Email between March 25th and April 28th

No actions were conducted by email.

The next Stated Session Meeting is Sunday, May 20, 2018.

Respectfully submitted by

Barney Ray, Clerk of Session

Approved by Moderator

Brad Clayton, Senior Pastor