

Minutes of the Stated Session Meeting
Faith Presbyterian Church
Tallahassee, Florida
July 22, 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 11:45 a.m. Kevin Askew provided the devotion.

The Ruling Elders (12) present were Lee Andre, Linda Antwi, Kevin Askew, Randy Beach, Sue Colombo, Ginny Dailey, Charles Dodson, Cory Hill, Chip Jennings, Bill Hollimon, Jason Taylor, and Elaine Youngblood. **A quorum of at least one-third of the members of the Session was present.**

The Ruling Elders (10) absent were Syauchen Baker, Keagan Barrett, Janet Evans, Dennis Ferguson, Skip Forsyth, Becky Miller, Charles Ranson, Caitlin Ray, Frank Walper and Malikah Woody.

Also present (3) were: Sally Bradshaw, Randy Zepp (Church Administrator) and Barney Ray (Clerk of Session).

2. Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Concerns were shared for Wanda McBride (health), Bill Holliman whose mother passed away on July 18th, Barney Ray's mother (health) and Brad Clayton's dad (health). Joys were shared for the success of the Key West Mission Trip, Holly Pursino (who sang the offertory during the service), Caitlin Ray's new job opportunity in Seoul, South Korea and for all of the talented and dedicated church staff.

The Moderator requested to move the action item from Worship & Music Committee regarding use of the sanctuary earlier in the agenda since Sally Bradshaw was present to answer in questions the Session may have about the request so that Ms. Bradshaw would not have to wait until the end of the meeting for this item.

9. Motions in Action Agenda

- a. The Worship & Music Committee requested approval for a book signing event in the sanctuary on Tuesday, November 27th. Sally Bradshaw was present to provide information about her request to use the church sanctuary and fellowship hall. She explained that she had first tried several locations at FSU and TCC but none were appropriate. The publisher suggested to contact local churches as the author has done this type of event at churches many times. She stated that this event is not a large money maker for the Bookstore. While there is no limit on the number of tickets sold she stated that she doesn't believe that she will get more than 700 to 750 sold. All tickets would be sold on-line or at the bookstore and not at the church. She proposed to use the sanctuary for the program and use the Fellowship Hall for the book signing. She expects to pay whatever the normal costs the church charges for use of the facilities. A question was asked about the price of the tickets. She said that the price would be based upon the purchase of one book at \$28.99 plus sales tax plus the on-line service charge for use of the on-line service. She said that ten percent (10%) of the proceeds will be donated to the Alzheimer's Project at Westminster Oaks. With no further

questions for Ms. Bradshaw, she was excused from the meeting so that the Session could discuss the motion.

Cory Hill asked about the capacity limit for the sanctuary. Randy Zepp said the approved capacity was 733. Ginny Dailey spoke in favor of the motion. Charles Dodson said for a while this request was originally was going to the Building & Grounds Committee for consideration. He said that he did hear from some Building & Grounds members and other church members who were against having something commercial in the sanctuary. Chip Jennings said that we should be careful about use of the Sanctuary however he spoke in favor of the motion and said everyone on the Worship & Music committee approved of the request.

The motion was approved with direction that no more than 700 tickets are sold due to capacity limits of the Sanctuary.

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 **May 20, 2018 Stated Session Meeting, the June 2, 2018 Called Meeting to receive new members and the July 1, 2018 Called Meeting to receive new members. All minutes were approved.**

4. Pastor's Report

The Moderator stated that it is required that the Officer Nominating Committee has two members from the Session serve on the committee. He requested volunteers to serve. Sue Colombo and Elaine Youngblood volunteered to serve and were approved by the Session.

5. Youth Elder Report

Keegan Barrett was absent due to her participation at the High School Montreat Summer Retreat. The Middle School students were in Knoxville last week.

6. Finance Report

Randy Beach reported expenditures were on pace with last year's pace. Receipts were a little behind compared to last year but nothing that appears to be of great concern. He said that the church does have reserves if needed.

7. Diaconate Report

They have not met during the summer. Their next meeting is in August. They will start preparing for Faith Alive beginning August 22nd. Fran Doxsee will continue with preparing food for these events.

8. Consent Agenda –

a. The Adults & Families Committee requested approval for the following items:

- Fall curriculum approval for *The Book of Joy* by Douglas Abrams and *Faith A Journey For All* by Jimmy Carter for The Black Dog Sunday School Class.
- Combining the Faith Fusion and Branches Sunday School classes.
- August & September Faith Formation Topics and Speakers

- Advent Study curriculum approval for *The Journey Walking the Road to Bethlehem* by Adam Hamilton
- b. The Adults & Families and Building & Grounds Committees requested approval of the Gather Coffee Bar in the Fellowship hall on Sunday morning from 9:15am to 10:15am and on Wednesday evening from 6pm to 7pm. The Coffee Committee would be responsible for arranging the space in the Fellowship Hall and furnishing the patio area for the Coffee Bar.
 - c. The Finance Committee requested approval to move the Operating and Reserve Accounts to Prime Meridian Bank and that Prime Meridian Bank become our primary banking partner.
 - d. The Stewardship Committee requested approval for the following actions to the church rolls:
 - New Members Received (G-1.0402) - Patrick H. McKee, Paige B. McKee Steven L. Evans Jr., Amanda E. Evans, Timothy F. Stanfield, Meredith B. Stanfield, Huel E. Wheeler Jr. and Kay S. Wheeler.
 - Members to be Dropped from Active Roll (G-2.0609) Per Their Request: Virginia K. Craig, Andrew R. Ray, John R. Samford, Sarah D. Samford, Robert W. Wilson and Janet M. Wilson.
 - Deceased Members: Patricia M. Barrineau on 5/26, Carolyn H. Brown on 5/26 and Francis F. Davis on 6/14.
 - Baptisms (G-1.0401): Benton H. McKee on 6/3, Paige B. McKee on 6/3, William B. McKee on 6/3, J. Fordham Stanfield on 7/1 and Mary S. Evans on 7/22.
 - e. The Worship & Music Committee requested approval for the following actions:
 - To reinstate the Taize service to once a month during the school year or 8 times per year. The service would be staffed by volunteers so as not to impact the church staff. There was some discussion of purchasing song books for the services.
 - Seek approval for Peter Pursino's musical plan for the upcoming 2018 - 2019 year. This would include the musical Christmas Carol as was done last year and other concerts and musicals. This would involve ticket sales as was done last year. (This item was pulled to the Action Agenda by Moderator's request).

The Moderator asked if anyone wanted to discuss this item on the consent agenda. He stated that he was pulling the last item from Worship & Music Committee so that he could include the dates for the use of the sanctuary. Hearing no other such requests, he called for a vote of the consent agenda. **All remaining consent agenda items were approved.**

9. Motions in Action Agenda

Worship & Music Committee requested Session approval for Peter Pursino's musical plan (ARTS @ Faith Series) for the upcoming 2018 - 2019 year. This would include the musical Christmas Carol as was done last year and other concerts and musicals. This would involve ticket sales as was done last year. The dates and events submitted as follows:

- Corinne Stillwell Recital on September 9 in the Sanctuary (Free-donation baskets)
- Production of Little Women-Fellowship Hall on October 5, 6, 12,13 (Tickets required)
- Capitol Bells Concert-Sanctuary (Free-donation baskets) in November TBD
- A Christmas Carol on December 14, 15, 21, 22 (tickets required)
- FSU Choirs in Concert on February 5 in the Sanctuary (Free-donation baskets)

Sue Colombo suggested the creation of a special designated funds account to track the donation and expenses for the series. The Moderator stated that he believe this was possible and would talk with Valerie Marlow about setting up an account.

The motion was approved.

10. Items Not In Agenda

The Moderator asked if there were any items not on the agenda that anyone wished to have considered. None were mentioned.

11. Informational Items

Bill Holliman asked about the status of the church organist position. Carol Marchant is filling in as a temporary basis and others will fill in until the position is filled. Mary Steen is serving as the children's DCE on an interim basis until a permanent replacement is found.

It was mentioned that the long range planning team has started to meet which is led by Charles Ranson.

Elaine Youngblood mentioned there was a need for Elders to serve in the Harbor Chase Retirement & Assisted Living program the 3rd Sunday each month. The Moderator stated that serving communion in this type of setting is one of the more rewarding parts of serving as an elder and encouraged all elders to consider serving in this program.

12. Communion - Holy Communion was observed to conclude the meeting at 12:43p.m.

Actions of Session Approved by Email between July 22nd and August 26th

The next Stated Session Meeting is Sunday, August 26, 2018.

Respectfully submitted by

Barney Ray, Clerk of Session

Approved by Moderator

Brad Clayton, Senior Pastor