

Session Business

August 15, 2021

1. Minutes of the stated Session meeting of June 20, 2021, the July 11, 2021, called Congregational meeting, and the July 25, 2021, called Session meeting were approved as amended.
2. Presbyterian Day School. Sharon Walker provided a report that included: (1) the new PDS Director encourages FPC members to volunteer at the Day School; (2) both PDS students and children/grandchildren of the congregation may participate in children's events held at the church; (3) PDS parents are being added to the FCP newsletter distribution list. All of these efforts are focused on building a significant connection of PDS to the church. Currently, 20 children are enrolled in the new PDS school year, with 3 more families applying. Sharon also reported several cost saving initiatives being implemented by the new Director. The PDS staff will be commissioned to the Glory of God at the September 26th worship service. (Shirley Dukes and the Fellowship Ministry will provide refreshments after the 11:00 worship service.)
3. Membership. Donna Stewart reported that a search for a new church directory provider is underway. Important considerations will include how easily the directory can be updated, what technology platforms can be used, and cost.
4. Administration. Jay Swoboda reported plans for Rally Sunday, September 12. Tables will be placed at various locations in the church to provide information on opportunities to serve and to encourage members to engage in the life of the church.
5. Building and Grounds. Per previous Session action, there should be no memorial garden erected on FPC grounds unless the sponsor provides funds to both construct it and maintain it in perpetuity. Steve Tibbetts reported on various roofing issues, especially as they relate to solar panels that are under consideration. Another project under consideration is replacing the current electric heating with gas for energy cost savings. Progress on completing the Columbarium is encouraging and families who have purchased niches will be able to request their niche location soon.

Moderator's Report:

1. FPC Internet. The church has upgraded its service contract with Consolidated, which now provides a fiber optic solution. Bids are being solicited to replace the current hybrid mix of commercial/residential wireless communication with an all-commercial solution that is reliable and better suited to the electronic communication needed to support congregational growth and FPC online activities. A motion was passed providing Dr. Green with the authority to work with Administration Committee to complete this project.
2. DavidHGreen.com application. Dr. Green provided an update on the previously approved livestreaming of FPC worship services on his website with the goal to connect with people more effectively using technology.
3. Testamentary gift from Bill Parker's estate. Funds were received from Bill Parker's estate. Session approved a \$13,000 transfer to Mission Sewing from this bequeath, in accordance with Bill's wishes. The pews provided by Bill's bequeath have been ordered and a down payment made. They should arrive in October. The remainder of funds were designated by Bill to support unfunded Building and Grounds projects.
4. COVID update. Starting Monday, August 16, individuals entering the building will need to sign in and respond appropriately to the standard questions regarding COVID symptoms. Exceptions to this process are Sunday worship services. Starting November 7, Worship Committee plans to provide two options (traditional and packets) for taking Communion at the 11:00 worship service. The current sealed packets will continue to be provided at the 8:30 Communion service.

New Members: Steve and Cathryn Scheffler

Transfers Out: Dick and Jane Peldo; Patricia Keegan and Drake Keegan

Deaths: Elizabeth Ebanks, July 10, 2021; Marion McNeel, August 7, 2021; Verna M. Vornkahl, June 30, 2021
(an affiliate member of FPC)