

Stated Session Meeting Minutes April 25, 2021

The Session met on Sunday, April 25, 2021 by Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

Elders Present: Andi Banks, Jim Campbell, Caroline Culpepper, Claude Davis, Mandy Hildebrand, C.J. Hines, Cynthia Honeycutt, Evelyn King, Bryant Kirkland, Rhonda Nichols, Adam Oakley, Bob Smith, Knox Tate, Shirley Thomason, and Phil Trick. Elder Ken Bates, Clerk of Session, was also present.

Pastors: Whit Malone and Heather Davis were both present.

Opening Devotion and Prayer: Bob Smith, Matthew 5:13, "Being Salty"

Matters for Discussion and Action

- Approved hiring of Kendall McGeorge as Director of Youth and College Ministries. Kendall is a senior at Presbyterian College and will graduate in early May. She is an ordained elder at First Church in Jacksonville, FL and will begin her service here in early June.
-Attached are the terms of her contract.
-Jim Campbell made a motion to approve her call. Seconded by Knox Tate. The motion passed unanimously.

Update on regathering for in-person worship activities

- Whit reported a lot of things were going well and there is still room for more in-person worshipers at both services. He also thanked the live-stream team for their service.
- Continued discussion of Sunday morning worship and spiritual foundation. After much discussion, C.J. Hines made a motion to return to our regular summer schedule with one service at 10 a.m., alternating worship styles and spaces from May 30 until after Labor Day. The motion was seconded by Bryant Kirkland and passed unanimously.

Report from Mission Study Task Force

- Whit reported that the study is moving forward using Pinnacle Leadership Associates and "Holy Cow." The committee has been meeting with both groups.
- Recommendation from Finance Committee to approve funding for succession plan (including mission study and search) - \$20,000 from unrestricted endowment. No second was needed, the motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Items requiring Session Approval:

- Stated Session Minutes from March 28, 2021 were approved by common consent.

Items received for information only:

- Finance Committee Minutes from March 15, 2021

Clerk's Report

Births: none

Baptisms Administered: none

Deaths: none

Administration of Communion: Sunday, March 7, 2021 in the virtual service

Email business since the last stated meeting: none

Correspondence: none

Reports by Committee Liaisons:

- Finance: Jim Campbell reported that Sue Shoffner, the new financial administrator is doing great work.
- Personnel: Music Director Search Team had their job description approved and will begin search next month.

Staff Report: none

Next Meeting: Sunday, May 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Devotion May: Knox Tate

Other Business

Closing Prayer: Heather Davis, Associate Pastor

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Dr. J. Whit Malone, Moderator

Dr. P. Ken Bates, Clerk of Session