

Stated Session Meeting Minutes April 24, 2022

The Session met on Sunday, April 24, 2022, in person in the session room and on Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

Elders Present: Terry Appenzeller, Steve Harlan, Amanda Hilton, Stuart Mull, Ellie Wilson, Carolina Culpepper, Bob Smith, Knox Tate, Shirley Thomason, Phil Trick, Andi Banks, Jim Campbell, Jay Crane, Claude Davis, and Mandy Hildebrand.

Pastors: Heather Davis was present and acted as moderator.

Visitors: Kendall McGeorge, Youth Director, Quest Leaders Rhonda Nichols and Laura Paschall and the Quest Confirmands Ava Cate Aycock, Kate Banks, Lula Barefoot, Andy Brock, Kinser Coley, Anneliese Montgomery, Ewan Montgomery, Victoria Morrissey, Sam Parker, Samuel Pitts, Nolan Richardson, Parker Shepler, Léa Urruty, Harper White, and Frank Young.

Opening Devotion and Prayer: Knox Tate.

Matters for Discussion and Action:

The Quest Class split into small groups with Elders, and the Elders listened to the youth's Faith Statements. After joining back together in the Session room, Bob Smith made the motion to confirm the Quest Class, a second made by Steve Harlan, and the vote was unanimous.

Approved affiliate membership of Janet Cade, mother of Lynn James Smith. Janet has moved to Hickory and lives in Hickory Village. Approved transfer of membership for Vic and Betty Herbster to the Presbyterian Church in Dunmore, West Virginia.

Approved Capital Campaign Benevolence Component gift of \$10,000 to retire medical debt, the \$10,000 will take away \$1 million worth of medical debt. Jim Campbell, who is on the Finance Committee, said the Finance Committee made the motion to approve, and all Elders voted in favor to approve it.

Mandy Hildebrand gave a report on behalf of the Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC). The PNC has been spending a lot of time together and have had conversations with many candidates. Candidates know FPC Hickory is a thriving church and have as many questions as the PNC has of the candidates. All is going well and the PNC is discerning through the process.

Those attending the Presbytery Meeting on April 26 are Shirley Thomason, Bob Smith, Melvin Meares and Rev. Heather Davis.

Consent Agenda

Items requiring Session Approval:

- Stated Session Minutes from March 27, 2022 were approved by common consent.

Clerk's Report

Births: none

Baptisms Administered: none

Deaths: none

Administration of Communion: April 3, 2022, April 14, 2022, and April 17, 2022.

Email business since the last stated meeting: none

Correspondence: none

Reports by Committee Liaisons:

Shirley Thomason gave an update on the 150th celebration of FPC Hickory and what the committee is doing. The committee is gathering information for a timeline and planning to begin video/audio recordings of longtime members soon. A homecoming event and possible monthly reports will be part of the 2023 celebration. The congregational retreat will possibly use the same theme.

Staff Report: Kendall McGeorge turned in her resignation as Youth Director and her last day will be May 1, 2022.

Next Meeting: Sunday, May 22, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Devotion May: Jim Campbell

Closing Prayer: Terry Appenzeller

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Rev. Heather Davis, Moderator

Ken Bates, Clerk