

Session Summary
March 22, 2022 Stated Meeting

Following is a summary of the March 22, 2022 Session Meeting. For further information or clarification please contact the elders listed at the end of this summary.

Prayer and Devotion as a Session

Rev. Dr. Hylton opened the meeting with prayer and presented a devotion based on Matthew 13: 10-17 in which Jesus explains His use of parables when speaking to non-believers, as opposed to His disciples who believe in Jesus and are His followers.

Update on the Relaunch of the Volunteer Data Base

Rosemary Mauck presented an update on the relaunching of the FPCE Volunteer Data Base which will take place on May 8.

Mission Council Action Items

A discussion was held regarding the distribution of the Palm Sunday Offering.

The motion was made and seconded to approve the following gifts: That \$5,000 from the Palm Sunday offering be distributed to the Tavriski Christian Institute in Ukraine for the purpose of delivering humanitarian aid, and that any excess over \$5,000 be distributed equally between One Great Hour of Sharing and The Outreach Foundation.

The motion carried.

A further discussion took place concerning the Sara Filler Gift Guidelines and gifts that could be made from that fund. Approval of the guidelines was postponed until the Board of Trustees had first approved the guidelines, as the guidelines were first considered by the Board of Trustees.

The motion was made and seconded to approve an additional gift from the Sarah Filler Fund of \$5,000 to the Tavriski Christian Institute in Ukraine for the purpose of distributing humanitarian aid and that \$2,500 be distributed to United Mission of India, a mission partner whose house had burned down.

The motion carried.

Worship Council Request

A discussion was held concerning the requested use of the church building for a meeting of the North Shore Chapter of the American Guild of Organists in June of 2023. This use was being requested without the payment of a rental fee or reimbursement for other costs. As the use and fee guidelines for the building are under review by the Board of Trustees, it was determined that members of the Board of Trustees would be invited to the next Session Meeting to present the revised guidelines. After which, this request could then be considered.

Report from Our Children Our Families Council

Lisa Fisher led a discussion of the permitted use of funds available from the Rabe Fund. The language of a letter from Jane Rabe concerning the use of the funds is quite clear and restricts the use of the funds to scholarships for youth events, trips and retreats. Rev. Golbeck stated that she did not think that the Rabe funds should be used for general youth activities or for children's activities. In addition, Jon Philips Budget Committee Chair, has indicated that \$2,000 would be restored to the children's budget.

Elders were reminded that the confirmands would be presented to members of Session on March 29 and were urged to attend that meeting.

Session Matters

Session should review the membership of the church every two years. This has not been done recently. A report was contained in the March Session Packet which makes recommendations concerning the dismissal or future contact of those members who are listed in the report. It was determined that the Clerk of Session should oversee this task with assistance from other elders, the Treasurer and the business office.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk's Omnibus Motion was presented.

**The motion was made and seconded to approve the Clerk's Omnibus Motion.
The motion carried.**

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**CLERK'S OMNIBUS MOTION
March 22, 2022**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the February 22, 2022 Session Meeting be and are hereby approved.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT, INCIDENTAL LISTS,
STATUS CHANGE REQUESTS AND BAPTISM REQUESTS**

RESOLVED, that the February 2022 Incidental Lists and Membership Report; and the March 2022 Baptisms and Membership Status Change Requests be, and are hereby approved and incorporated in these minutes as if they had been fully set forth therein.

COMMUNION

RESOLVED, that Holy Communion was celebrated in person and virtually at the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service on March 6, 2022.

RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS

- Discipleship Council Minutes 3-3-22
- Leadership Council Minutes 3-17-22
- Mission Council Minutes 2-28-22
- Our Children Our Families Council Minutes 3-1-22
- Worship Council Minutes 3-15-22
- PMC Notes 3-1-22
- Filler Subgroup Minutes 3-12-22
- FPCE Financial Report 2022- 02-2
- FPCE Strategic Planning Update 3-22-22
- FPCE List of Members
- Rabe Letter

Strategic Planning Update

James Bodan presented an update on the work of the Strategic Planning Task Force, which included that the survey which had previously been sent out to church leaders would be sent out to church members.

Pastor's Report

Rev. Dr. Hylton requested the elders to consider assisting with communion on April 3, 2022. He also announced, with the assistance of Rosemary Mauck, that the KJ Johnson Discipleship Workshop would be held on May 21 to assist the attendees in developing a clearer vision of discipleship for the church.

An initial discussion of adjustments to the annual planning cycle also took place. Suggestions included: urging the staff, councils and new officers to be informed about the annual planning cycle and to consider it in their own planning process, and that the financial and budgeting process should also be adjusted to reflect the annual planning process.

A further discussion of the Filler Fund took place after learning that the Board of Trustees had approved the Sarah Filler Gift Guidelines. The following action was taken.

The motion was made and seconded that any future gifts from the Sarah Filler Fund may be made, in the discretion of the Mission Council, when both a member of the Board of Trustees and a member of Session are present, who would then report back on the action taken to their respective boards.

The motion passed.

Executive Session

The motion was made and seconded to move to executive session.

The motion carried.

The motion was made and seconded to end executive session.

The motion carried.

A discussion of the next Session meeting was held during which it was agreed that the April 26, 2022 Session Meeting will be a hybrid meeting.

Questions and/or comments regarding Board/Council Minutes

None

Joys and Concerns

None

Adjournment in Prayer

The meeting was adjourned and closed in prayer by Kon Savoy at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemary Mauck, Clerk Pro Tem

2022 Session

Ordained Pastors

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor and Moderator of Session

Ruling Elders

LeRoy Klemt, Clerk of Session, Personnel Council, Resource Steward Council (Finance and Endowment Committee)

Bob Bastian, Community Life and Pastoral Care Council (chair), The Counseling Center Board, Chicago Presbytery Commissioner

James Bodan, Leadership Council (chair)

Lisa Bolen-Fisher, Our Children Our Families Council (chair), Discipleship Council (Stewardship Committee)

Bryan Carmody, Personnel Council

J.J. Ivaska, Mission Council, Resource Steward Council (Budget Committee, Finance and Endowment Committee)

Tuah Jenta, Worship Council

Laurie Kaeser, Leadership Council, Personnel Council (chair), Chicago Presbytery Commissioner

Rosemary Mauck, Leadership Council, Discipleship Council (chair), Nominating Committee, Resource Steward Council (Finance and Endowment Committee)

Betsey Newenhuyse, Worship Council (chair)

Rick Parris, Community Life and Pastoral Care Council, Resource Steward Council (Finance and Endowment Committee) Mission Council

Kon Savoy, Mission Council, Resource Steward Council (Building Committee)

Chris Vaaga, Our Children Our Families Council

John Powell, President of the Board of Trustees, Resource Steward Council (chair)
Building Committee (chair), Finance and Endowment Committee