

Session Summary September 22, 2020 Stated Meeting

Following is a summary of the September 22, 2020 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.

Kim Klamm presented a devotion based on 2 Peter 1:3, Colossians 1:27-28 and Philippians 2:13, which reassure us of God's promise that even though we may be struggling or are in doubt that through the Holy Spirit in each of us, we will be able to accomplish great things according to God's will for His divine purposes.

Building Report

Andrew Wallgren, our new Facilities Manager, introduced himself and was warmly welcomed by the elders. Andrew and John Powell, Chair of the Building Committee, then presented a report on various building projects and issues. These included: the sanitization of all of air ducts in the building, the repair of some minor leaks in toilets and urinals, the installation of five air purifiers in the building which are on order, the installation of hand sanitizers throughout the building, the installation of touchless hand towels and soap dispensers in the rest rooms, the cleaning of the air purification filters in the sanctuary heating/cooling units, the installation of a dehumidifier in Room 21 to reduce moisture, the installation of a plexiglass barrier at the reception desk, the repair of a stained glass window, addressing in the future the flooding issue in the basement and also the use of asbestos throughout the building, establishing a schedule for regular building maintenance, repair and cleaning, hiring additional building staff and providing staff for the reception desk on a reduced basis.

Outdoor Worship

Hannah McConnell presented a report on the use of the parking lot for outdoor worship. After discussion the following action was taken.

The motion was made and seconded that the church parking lot can be used for outdoor worship until November 1, 2020, that the services will begin at 4:30 p.m., that communion will be celebrated on October 4, 2020 with celebrants being responsible for bringing their own elements, and that singing while wearing masks will be permitted. The motion carried.

COVID-19 Guidelines

Rev. Coates presented a list of recommendations to Session from the Reopening Committee. These included: continuing to reevaluate reopening the church for Sunday worship on a month to month basis, reopening the church building for small groups, meetings and other activities, continuing outdoor worship services in the parking lot,

encouraging creativity on improving fellowship and discipleship, supporting children and youth and asking Andrew Wallgren to give a faith in action presentation concerning how the building is being made clean and safe.

The motion was made and seconded to open the church building for small groups, meetings and other activities, subject to the guidelines that will be provided by Rev. Coates, John Powell, Caryl Weinberg and Kam Trout. The motion passed.

Rev. Hyton informed the Session that a member's funeral was being planned for September 26, 2020. After discussion it was agreed that the funeral could take place subject to FPCE guidelines, which will be provided to family members prior to the funeral so that they can be communicated and implemented for the benefit of all in attendance.

2021 Preliminary Budget

Kim Klamm led a discussion of the 2021 Preliminary Budget, which is based on 2020 budget figures due to the uncertain future financial impact of COVID-19. The elders were urged to think about budget priorities for 2021. The Session will meet with the Trustees on October 26, 200 to approve the 2021 budget, subject to those adjustments later in the year which may become necessary.

Clerk's Report

Clerk's Omnibus Motion

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

CLERK'S OMNIBUS MOTION September 22, 2020

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the August 25, 2020 Session meeting be, and are hereby approved.

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

RESOLVED, that the August 2020 Incidental Lists and Membership Report; and the Septembe 2020 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 Virtual Holy Communion was served at the 10:00 Virtual Sunday worship service on September 6, 2020 by intinction.

RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS

- **Baptism Book of Order**
- **Financial Report 2020-09**
- **FPCE 2021 Preliminary Budget**
- **FPCE Proposed Reopening Plan**
- **FPCE Reopening Committee Recommendations**
- **FPCE Proposal Director of Communication**
- **Leadership Council Minutes 9-9-20**
- **Our Family Our Children Council Minutes 9-1-20**

Pastor's Report

Rev. Dr. Hylton informed the Session of the request of transfer of membership of Elizabeth Brown and Gene Thiele to Carter Westminster Church and the request for baptism from Susan Hanzlovic, a granddaughter of Rev. Harold Blake Walker, which will require further information from Ms. Hanzlovic concerning church membership. Rev. Dr. Hyton also reported on the Chicago Presbytery meeting held on September 15, 2020 and the Congregational meeting scheduled for October 25, 2020.

Rev. Coates presented a report on the 2020/2021 Stewardship Campaign.

J. J. Ivaska presented a report on the Dash Board.

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.

The Session will consider the Proposal for a Director of Communication at its October 27, 2020 meeting

Questions and/or comments regarding Board/Council Minutes

None

Joys and Concerns

Rev. Dr. Hylton and others expressed the need for prayers for our members and others who are suffering and/or dying from COVID-19 and other causes.

Adjournment in Prayer

The meeting was adjourned and closed in prayer by Rev. Dr. Hylton at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

LeRoy Klemt, Clerk

2020 Session**Ordained Pastors**

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

Rev. Henry Coates, Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Fellowship

Ruling Elders

LeRoy Klemt, Clerk of Session

Daniel Allen, Worship Council

Bob Bastian, Community Life and Pastoral Care Council, The Counseling Center Board

Brian Carmody, Worship Council

Dwayne Dobschuetz, Our Families Our Children Council, Stewardship Committee

Katie Duke, Community Life and Pastoral Care Council

Lisa Bolsen-Fisher, Discipleship Council, Stewardship Committee

J.J. Ivaska, Discipleship Council, Resource Steward Council, Budget Committee,
Finance and Endowment Committee

Laura Jones, Our Families Our Children Council

Kim Klamm, Personnel Council, Budget Committee

Rosemary Mauck, Leadership Council, Nominating Committee

Hugh Parry, Personnel Council, Finance and Endowment Committee

Barb Smith, Mission Council, Chicago Presbytery Commissioner

Marge Stromberg, Leadership Council, Chicago Presbytery Commissioner

Dick Warnecke, Mission Council, Great Commission Fund

Sharyn Wilson Woods, Community Life and Pastoral Care Council, Chicago Presbytery
Commissioner