

## **Session Summary**

### **November 15, 2022 Stated Meeting**

Following is a summary of the November 15, 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 welcomed the new 2023 elders who were present.

#### **Deacons Report**

Susan Powell presented the 2022 Deacons Report, which included: hosting the fellowship hour, lemonade on the lawn, serving communion to and visiting home-bound members, delivering poinsettias and Easter lilies, distributing food, clothing and personal hygiene items to the homeless and Souper Saturday guests, distributing backpacks and gift cards to Evanston school children and participating in the Angel Tree gift program. Susan also reported that the Deacons will end the year with an operating surplus.

#### **Welcoming New Members**

Jacqueline Christie, Janice and Steve Fuller and Aubrey Lehman gave their faith testimonies. These new members, along with Bette and Ronald O’Nan and Jane Stahmer will be presented to the congregation at the worship service on November 20, 2022.

**The motion was made and seconded to receive Yemi Ajisebutu, Jaqueline Christie, Janice and Steve Fuller, Aubrey Lehman, Bette and Ronald O’Nan and Jane Stahmer as members of First Presbyterian Church of Evanston.**

**The motion carried.**

#### **Consolidation of Special Funds**

John Powell presented a report on the recent action taken by the Board of Trustees regarding special funds that are currently held in Fund 20 under the designations: Operational Reserves and Undesignated. The Board of Trustees voted to combine these two funds into a single line item entitled: General Purpose Funds. It is expected that this new designation will provide greater clarity and understanding of the future general purpose and use of these funds.

#### **Update on the Strategic Planning Task Force**

J. J. Ivaska and John Powell reported that the Strategic Planning Task Force would be meeting in the near future to prepare for the Leadership Retreat Weekend on January 20 and 21, 2023.

## **Stewardship Update**

John Powell reported that the 2023 Stewardship Campaign is proceeding successfully after the first two weeks.

## **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  
November, 15, 2022**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the October 25, 2022 Meeting be and are hereby approved.

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

**RESOLVED**, that the October 2022 Incidental Lists and Membership Reports; and the November 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 at the All-Souls Service on November 5, 2022 and in person and virtually at the at the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service on November 6, 2022.

## **RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS**

- Community Life and Pastoral Care Council minutes 11-8-22
- Discipleship Council Minutes 11-3-22
- Treasurers Report 9-22
- WMC Minutes 11-8-22
- FPCE Pledge Campaign 2023 11-15-22
- Motion for Consolidation of Funds
- Fund 60
- Fund 20

### **Thanksgiving and Christmas Offerings**

J,J, Ivaska confirmed that the Mission Council has recommended that the Thanksgiving Offering - One Great Hour of Sharing be distributed to our sister church, Christmas Lutheran Church In Bethlehem, and that the Christmas Offerings be distributed to First Friends Ministry.

**The motion was made and seconded that the Thanksgiving Offering be distributed to Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem and that the Christmas Offerings be distributed to First Friends Ministry,**

**The motion carried.**

### **Pastor's Report.**

Rev. Dr. Hylton reported on his study leave, the Session Christmas Party, which will be held on December 6 at the home of Carol and Steve Smith, and the Leadership Retreat that will be held on January 20 and 21, 2023.

### **Questions and/or comments regarding Board/Council Minutes**

None

### **Joys and Concerns**

Joy was expressed over the Thanksgiving dinner that was provided by First Friends for our refugee guests that was enjoyed by over 100 attendees. Prayers were offered for Dan Martin and his friend, Katy Maleca, Dan Allen and Cam Traut.

### **Executive Session**

**Motion made to be in executive session.**

**Motion carried.**

**Motion made to leave executive session.**

**Motion carried.**

The elders approved the 2023 employment contract with Rev. Golbek that had previously been approved and recommended by the Personnel Ministry Council.

### **Adjournment in Prayer**

The meeting was adjourned and closed in prayer by Rev. Dr. Hylton at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

LeRoy Klemt, Clerk

## **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 Bolsen-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)

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