

Stated Meeting
First Presbyterian Church
April 18, 2024 6:30 PM, Meeting Room

Elders Present: Candy Brown, Nebbie Brown, Lori Disbennett, Debby Galloway, Dave Gibson, Kathy Wickline, and Kathi Kinney- Clerk/Elder, Moderator-Rev. David Bubb
Guest: Kathy Strohm Treasurer, Bob Sements
Elders Excused: AJ Conti, Diane Crosthwaite, Donna Maley, Linda Rinehart
A quorum was present.

The meeting was opened with devotions and prayer.

Session Actions:

1. **On motion, second and VOTED** to seat guest Bob Sements with voice, no vote.

Bob was given 10 minutes to express his concerns about the lack of action being taken toward calling a pastor. He expressed frustration of his own and stated that others have the same frustration, as it appears that nothing has been done in the last nine months toward that end. He feels that the Session should take the lead and move forward, as this is what he says that Bellefontaine Presbyterian did without input/restrictions from the Miami Presbytery. Bob explained that Pastor Greg Menssen is interested in coming to FPC and that we should consider doing an “exploring” interview with him. He would also like to have the Session hold an informal meeting after worship with any interested members of the congregation. He suggested there be more open conversation with congregation about what steps we are taking toward calling a new pastor.

2. **On motion, second and VOTED** to add the following addendum to the minutes of Stated Meeting on March 21, 2024:

In regards to Items 5 – 8, it should be noted that there were various times throughout 2023 that the Treasurer and Session discussed the need for changes in the structure of the Chart of Accounts and the various Funds of FPC in order to accomplish the correct set up of the Church Windows Fund Accounting system to improve the accuracy of our financial reporting. At those times, it was not yet known exactly what changes were necessary, as some accounts and funds that had been previously set up incorrectly made the work complicated and slow. The conversations were very general and there were no official actions recorded. As John Wyckoff, Presbytery’s Accounting Assistant, came closer to the end of his review going back to 2019, the new structure of FPC’s finances became clearer and these 4 motions were presented in order to codify/clarify what had already been approved verbally. These actions were not simply to go back and “make things balance.” They were made in order to get all the corrections and changes in Fund

structure made in 2023, so we could be more confident that reports, etc. are working correctly starting in 2024.

3. On **motion, second and VOTED** to note that after review by John Wyckoff, the amount in item number 5 in last month's minutes was corrected to \$10,228.23 from \$42,627.43.
4. On motion, second and VOTED to rescind motion #7 and vote from the minutes of March 21, 2024.
5. On **motion, second and VOTED** the minutes of Stated Meeting March 21, and Special Meeting March 24, 2021 were approved with the addendum, changes and rescission.
6. It was reported by Kathy Strohm that she did not proceed with applying for the Clover Credit Card processing account due to them adding on \$.10 fee per transaction.
7. On **motion, second and VOTED** the financial report was accepted and will be submitted for audit
8. On **motion, second and VOTED** to accept, with regret, the resignation from Session of Elder Jill Sements.
9. On **motion, second and VOTED** to accept the Clerk's annual report to Presbytery.
10. On **motion and VOTED** to reduce communion schedule to quarterly, as some members feel that the special nature is lessened when celebrating every month. This will be effective July 1, 2024.
11. On **motion and VOTED** to approve a Tongues of Fire chili cook-off/bake-off for Pentecost Sunday, May19, in Kennedy Hall following the congregational meeting.
12. On **motion and VOTED** to approve the request that Natalie Patterson be awarded a Helser church scholarship in the amount of \$1500 from the Helser/Dunbar fund.
13. On **motion, second and VOTED** all reports were received.
14. There will be no Commissioner to the Presbytery meeting on May 21, 2024.
15. On **motion, second and VOTED** to renew the Transitional Covenant for Pastor Diane Flynn for one year.
16. On **motion, second and VOTED** to announce that we are ready to proceed with the Mission Study.
17. There was discussion about email votes. It was decided that email votes would be limited to emergency situations and that if anyone requested a discussion, then a meeting would be called either in person or per Zoom. The bylaws may be amended in the future to reflect permanent change.

Reports were received from:

1. Clerk's Report was distributed.
2. Treasurer's report was distributed.
3. Nominating Committee Report was given.
4. Mission Team Reports were distributed.
5. Stewardship Report was distributed.
6. Worship Team Report was distributed.
7. Property Team Report was distributed.

8. Education Team Report was distributed.

Ministrations:

1. Communion

Communion was celebrated on April 6, 2024 by Rev. David Bubb.

2. The below documentation was received into the minutes due to email votes:

Due to the requested meeting date being two days after the next Session meeting a motion was made via email on Monday, March 25th by Elder Kathi Kinney stating:

"I move to approve the Crazy Quilt group to have a sew-in on Sat. April 20 from 9a-3p in Kennedy Hall."

The motion was amended on Tuesday, March 26th by Elder Linda Rinehart and seconded by Elder Diane Crosthwaite to read:

"The quilting group should be allowed to have a sew-in on Saturday April 20th, and that Armando Munoz should be present to ensure that the wiring is appropriate, and that his wages for time spent be paid by the quilting group."

The vote was called for on Wednesday March 27th by the Moderator. Final vote tally is as follows:

5=Yes

4=No

2=Abstain

1=Request conversation

Note: Although the motion passed, due to division within the leadership, the Crazy Quilters group were asked to find another location for their sew-in event and workshops.

The next meeting will be held on May 16.

Closing prayer-Kathi Kinney

On **motion and VOTED** the meeting was dismissed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathi Kinney, Clerk