First Presbyterian Church of Orlando

Stated Session Meeting

May 24, 2016, Sterchi Conference Room, EMC

The May stated Session meeting was convened at 6:00 PM by the moderator, TE David Swanson.

After a brief devotion, TE David Swanson opened the meeting with prayer.

In attendance: RE: Kevin Burkett, Darrell Carpenter, Barbara Clayton, Jeff Dilley, Doug Doudney, Ann Ellis, Barbara Francis, Murray Garbrick, Fred Langston, Quino Martinez; TE: Becky Davis, Jack Peebles, David Swanson.

Excused: RE: Dave Cowan, Lance Fair, William Fluke, Thomas Hewitt, Chris Morgan, Robin Parkhouse, Ken Uncapher, TE: Case Thorp.

Absent: RE Steve Cahill.

Others present: Bret Allen, Dan Sharp, Dale van Gelder

The moderator declared a quorum present.

**M/S/P election of RE Murray Garbrick as clerk pro tem.**

**M/S/P approval of the April 26, 2016, stated Session meeting minutes.**

**M/S/P approval of the docket as amended.**

Consent Agenda

Membership

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| 1 – 1 | Remove from the roll: |
|  | Miss Heather Enos  Mrs. Ann Ballentine  Mrs. Keli Clayton  Mr. Mark A. Clayton  Mr. Jeff Spackman  Mrs. Kathy Spackman  Mr. Richard R. Conant  Mrs. Wendy Conant  Miss Laura L. Conant  Mr. John Hartlieb  Mrs. Kathi A. Hartlieb  Ms. Marilyn M. Kaempfer  Miss Alycia N, Schoonmaker  Miss Kelty M. Schoonmaker  Mr. Maxwell S. Stewart  Mrs. Deanna Stewart  Mrs. Alice Blandon  Mr. Martin Blandon  Mr. John R. Daniel  Mr. Chance Gordy  Ms. Margaret Gordy  Ms. Katharine Snyder  Miss Ashley M. Steed  Ms. Sophia L. Whitfield |
| 1 – 2 | Place on the inactive roll: |
|  | Mrs. Rita Katyrose Carpenter Blackwood |

Evangelism

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| 2 – 1 | New members received in May 2016: |
|  | Mark Bruner – Reaffirmation of Faith  Michelle Bruner – Reaffirmation of Faith  Catherine Pattillo – Transfer of Letter  Elizabeth Spraggins – Transfer of Letter  Michael Spraggins – Transfer of Letter  Barbara West – Reaffirmation of Faith  Wade West – Reaffirmation of Faith |
| 2– 2 | To approve Jill Hadlock serving on the Evangelism Team as a layperson. |

Worship

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| 3 – 1 | To approve moving communion from May 7, 2017 to May 14, 2017 due to Confirmation on the former. |

**M/S/P approval of the consent agenda.**

Statistical Report

Membership as of March 31, 2016 (updated correction on March count) 3,682

Transfers into the congregation 10

Reaffirmation of Faith 6

Profession of Faith 0

Profession of Faith & Baptism 2

Restored to the Roll 0

Total 18

Transfers from the congregation 0

Deaths 4

Removed from the Roll 1

Placed on the Inactive Roll 7

Minus from the count 1

Total 13

Membership as of April 30, 2016 3,687

Transfers into the congregation:

Mrs. Christy A. Cisneros – from First Baptist Church, Windermere, Florida

Mr. Luke Domeck – by Reaffirmation of Faith

Mrs. Mary Kate Tilley Domeck – by Reaffirmation of Faith

Mrs. Linda K. Fahnestock – from First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs, Florida

Mr. Charles R. Frye – from First United Methodist Church, St Petersburg, Florida

Mrs. Cynthia Simmons Frye – from First Presbyterian Church, Quincy, Florida

Mr. Thomas B. “Bert” Fletcher – from First Presbyterian Church, Quincy, Florida

Mr. Robert Allen “Bert” Heath – by Profession of Faith and Baptism

Mrs. Lethuy T. Ho – by Reaffirmation of Faith

Mr. Eric B. Jontz – from First Congregational Church, Winter Park, Florida

Ms. Hannah L. Kennedy – by Reaffirmation of Faith

Mrs. Taylor Alexis Korty – by Profession of Faith & Baptism

Dr. Jerry M. Roper – from PCUSA Church. Midlethian, VA.

Mr. Jason A. Sellers – by Reaffirmation of Faith

Mr. Eric C. Severson – from St Andrew’s Chapel, Sanford, Florida

Ms. Katherine A. Shook – from New City Presbyterian Church, Orlando, Florida

Mrs. Stephane Ramirez Walker – from University Presbyterian Church, Orlando, Florida

Mr. Nick Wilcox – by Reaffirmation of Faith

Deaths:

Mrs. Joann Grauberger died 4/1/16

Mr. Terry Roof died 4/4/16

Mr. Robert “Bob” Born died 4/17/16

Mr, Jack M. Longfellow died 4/18/16

Placed on the Inactive Roll (Session Meeting 4/26/16)

Mr. John M. Krauss

Mr. Taylor W. Luzadder

Miss Catherine E. Porter

Mrs. Cindy Porter

Mr. Robert A. Porter

Mrs. Robert A. “Buck” Porter,Jr

Mr. Ryan Wood

Removed from the Roll (Session Meeting 4/26/16)

Mrs. Deborah Holloway

Marriages:

Brian William Heaney and Christina Vasiliki Bartenhagen were married 4/23/16 in the sanctuary

Child Baptism:

Allison “Allie” Merrell Brown on 4/17/16

Tyler Grace Heath on 4/17/16

Henry Franklin Gantt on 4/24/16

Collins Davenport Morgan on 4/24/16

Adult Baptism:

Mrs. Taylor Alexis Korty on 4/10/16

Mr. Robert Allen “Bert” Heath on 4/17/16

Minister Report

**M/S/P to approve TE David Swanson serving on the board of the Downtown Orlando Partnership.**

**M/S/P to approve the February elder retreat (February 10-11, 2017) at Mission Inn with Andy Crouch.**

Retreat will begin at 1PM Friday and include spouses.

**M/S/P to approve the appointment of a “Committee on Diversity” consisting of Sean Murphy, Dana Murphy, Dan Kirby, Denise Smith, Dianna Xue, David Escobar, and Gabe DeGuia to study the best ways for our church to work on this in the future and how our church can effect change in our city.**

Record of Session Electronic Votes

**M/S/P to approve acceptance of a gift of tangible personal property valued at over $25,000. The gift is a bronze sculpture entitled “Christ Rising” by Frederick Hart and is appraised at $62,000.**

**M/S/P approval of RE Debbie Ferber as an EPC ruling elder commissioner, Class of 2016.**

Committee and Team Reports

Denominational Relations Committee

Elder commissioner report from the 78th stated meeting of the Presbytery of Florida was received for information.

Discipleship & Spiritual Formation

TE Jack Peebles reported that the Sunday School/School of Discipleship hour will continue to begin at 9:45 AM on July 10, 2016, when the 9:45 AM Genesis worship service moves to the sanctuary.

FaithServes

The Mercy Drive Neighborhood Elementary Afterschool Program Report was received for information.

Support

A report reviewing the Presbytery and General assembly giving of the largest churches in the EPC was presented by Dale van Gelder. The Session was asked to prayerfully consider, in light of the data presented, the amounts that FPCO should commit in the 2016/2017 budget to giving to Presbytery of Florida and the General Assembly. It was requested that e-mail responses be sent to Dale within the next week.

There being no additional business before the Session it was

**M/S/P approval for adjournment.**

The meeting was closed in prayer by Bret Allen at 7:02 PM.

RE Murray W. Garbrick, Clerk pro tem TE David Swanson, Moderator