

**MINUTES OF THE STATED SESSION MEETING
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HOUSTON, TEXAS
AUGUST 27, 2024**

The August Stated Meeting of the Session began at 6:00pm in LC181. Rev. Emmanuel Paulpeter called the meeting to order with a quorum present. Susan Miclette gave the opening prayer. Rev. Emmanuel Paulpeter gave a homily reflection and introduced communion which was served by intinction by Rev. Paulpeter and Jan Smith. Matt Reed offered a prayer for the concerns expressed by the Elders followed by corporate prayer for the ministry areas.

OMNIBUS MOTIONS

The following omnibus motions, provided to Session in advance of the meeting, were duly adopted:

- Resolved, that the submitted Session Meeting Minutes June 11, 2024, be approved.
- Resolved, that the submitted June and July Membership Reports be approved.
- Resolved, that the Session Dashboards be approved.
- Resolved, that the Resolutions of the Session of First Presbyterian Church be approved.
- Resolved, that the request of a seminary scholarship for Jonathan Kagimu in the amount of \$10,000 be approved.

COMMITTEES REPORTS AND UPDATES

Advisory Committee/Clerk's Report

Susan Miclette

- Welcomed the session to the beginning of the new year.
- Communion will be served Sunday, September 1 by intinction and Elders are asked to sign up for which service they would like to serve.
- Traditionally, when an Elder has passed away, available Elders have attended the memorial service and sat together as a sign of respect. There are upcoming services scheduled for Maurine Bybee and Harold VanderWeide. Elders are asked to let Susan know if they can attend.
- The ordination and installation of Jeanmarie Tade as Caring Pastor will be on Sunday, September 15, 2024.
- Rev. Dr. Courtney McLaughlin will begin her ministry at First Presbyterian Church as Pastor of Equipping on September 16, 2024.
- The Session Christmas party will be December 13, 2024

Finance Committee

Keith Cole

- Year end – hit our numbers (19k from budget) including a large, unexpected gift. Custodial and security have been higher costs but are being addressed. Maintenance issues persist. Worship costs slightly over budget.
- Great July with an annual gift that hit in the past month.

Community Life Committee

Kristen Foxley

- Neighborhood Connect will meet again this fall. Section leaders are asked to turn in the date of their meeting. Anyone with a story to tell about their Neighborhood Connect experience is encouraged to share it.

Personnel Committee – no report

Stephanie Fleck

Governance Committee

Randy Wilson

- A **motion** was made and approved that FPC staff members (full or part-time) and spouses of staff members are ineligible to serve on Session.

Standing and Elder Nominating Committee

Jan Smith

- Jan Smith introduced the members of the Elder Nominating Committee. The following names were submitted for the Elder Class of 2028: David Barnes, Ken Dunek, Sharon Henry, Tom Neville, Jaisent Patel, and Cathy Robertson.
- Tom Brents introduced the following nominees for the 2025 Elder Nominating Committee: Mary Alford, Kimberly Cole, Cle Dade, Cate Ebbs, Danya Goerig, Patti Kroll, Robert Moore, Sue Neville, and Ross Patton. The following were nominated for the Standing Nominating Committee: Shannon Going and Emily Patton.

Risk Management Dashboard

Hunter Johnson

- Hunter Johnson distributed a Risk Management Chart followed by discussion.

Pastor's Report

Rev. Emmanuel Paulpeter

- The Pastor's Report is included in the August Session Packet.

ACTION ITEMS

- A **motion** was made and approved to accept the 2025 Elder Nominating Committee Slate (First Reading).
- A **motion** was made and approved to accept Class of 2028 Elders (First Reading)
- A **motion** was made and approved to accept Stephanie Zamora as At-Large Member of Advisory Committee and Session
- A **motion** was made and approved that the Annual Congregational Meeting to be Sunday, October 13, 2024.

Closing prayer by Wei Yang.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm with the singing of the Doxology.

Rev. Emmanuel Paulpeter, Moderator

Susan Milette, Clerk of Session
