

Session minutes – September 27, 2024

- Approval of Omnibus motion (minutes; membership report; session dashboard; grants and scholarship awards) – approved.
- Clerk’s report
 - Memorial Garden – discussion of improvements/restoration costs and priorities. Landscaping, maintenance and stonework (approx. \$100k for full project). Possibly in October and possibly 2–3-week project. Discussed potential for funding through a donation or endowed fund. Decision to table project for further analysis.

- Finance – year to date approximately \$97k behind budget. Plan to look at historical trends.
- Community Life – Neighborhood Connect meetings beginning in October.
- Personnel – no report.
- Governance – no report.
- SNC/ENC - no report.
- Pastor’s report –
 - Challenges finding YA and Youth candidates who are good fits. Hiring a new additional search consultant. Curtis using his own connections to source potential candidates.
 - Master Class on the Guest Experience on October 12th 9am-3pm.
 - World Communion on Sunday October 6th.
 - October Session will have an Executive Session breakout.

- Drone Footage discussion and available video for viewing later.
- Action Item – Two new assistant pastors needing approval by session (Also requires approval at the Annual Congregational Meeting on October 13, Essential Tenets 1.0503f). Motion approved.
- Action Item – David Barnes withdrew from Elder Class of 2028 to be replaced by Dr. Eric Thomas. Motion approved.
- Discussion of Presbyterian School/FPC master plan regarding real estate – viewed slides. Full report to be completed by year end.
- New Business Item – Keith Cole shared report from Investment Committee regarding endowment funds management by Texas Presbyterian Fund (TPF). Consideration of replacing TPF with management by Houston Trust. Investment Committee unanimously recommends selecting Houston Trust to serve as the External Investment Manager of FPC’s endowed and quasi-endowed funds. This is the first reading of the recommendation. Will be voted on next month.