

**First Presbyterian Church
Session Meeting
Monday, October 17, 2022, 5:30 p.m.**

A session meeting of First Presbyterian Church (Greensboro) convened via ZOOM on Monday, October 17, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. Rev. Dr. Jill Duffield, Senior Pastor, served as moderator. There were 40 Elders in attendance and one excused absence. In addition to Rev. Duffield, attendees included Rev. Newton Cowan, Rev. Deborah Conner, Director of Property and Operations Tim Millisor, Finance Officer Christine Ciaccio, Congregational Nurse and Director of the Sadye Bowles Ministry Fund Karen Amirehsani, Director of Worship Anne Albert, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident Rev. Rachel Fitch, Executive Assistant to Senior Pastor Debby Foster, and rotated Elder Erwin Fuller.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Jill Duffield opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. with a reading of Psalm 47 and a Prayer.

Consent Agenda

A motion and made, seconded and approved by acclimation to accept the Consent Agenda as proposed:

From the Clerk: Minutes of the September 19, 2022 stated meeting [attached].

From the Discipleship Office September 2022 membership reported [attached].

Committee Reports from Adult Formation, Children's Formation and Outreach [attached].

Finance

From the Finance Committee, Scott Faircloth presented the September 2022 financial reports [attached]. Contributions and gifts are \$225,033 ahead of budget projections. Outreach expenses are over budget but restricted gifts to support outreach programs offset the costs and therefore positively exceed budget projections. Property expenses are over budget by \$36,024 due to increases in costs for goods and services, however, we are on track to catch up to the budget projections. We always look forward to December year-end giving.

Faircloth moved forward the October 5, 2022 request [attached] from the Sadye Bowles Ministry Fund committee to increase Sadye Bowles Fund's maximum monthly and annual expenditures, which represents an amendment to the Fund documents. The request was introduced at the September 19, 2022 Session meeting and recommended for action in October.

A motion was made to approve the Sadye Bowles Fund's maximum monthly and annual amount to \$3,000/month (\$36,000/year) per person from \$2,000 month (\$24,000/year).

The motion was unanimously approved.

Property

Property Committee Chair Bill Benjamin and Facilities Director Tim Millisor presented a PowerPoint of property capital improvement needs [attached]. This included a review of 2013-14 renovations and

capital needs remaining to be addressed. The presentation included current estimates, as well as estimates if we defer maintenance until a later time.

The total cost estimate is \$6,300,000 which they recommend including for funding in the Capital Campaign now under consideration. Not included is the tuck pointing around Memorial Building because Millisor has not been able to get a solid estimate for scaffolding and pointing; he estimates this will be an additional \$1 million (thus approximately \$7.3 or \$7.5 million total).

During discussion, the question of displacement and interruption of building use was raised. Renovations will not require displacement from the Sanctuary as scaffolding would be outside. Corl and Memorial buildings renovations will require displacement but will be accomplished in stages. Corl Building will need the Weekday School to move for an entire year. Memorial Building can still be used as scaffolding will be on the outside and protected entrances will be constructed for Memorial as they will for the Sanctuary entrances.

Millisor said that completion of these capital projects should address the priority needs for a couple of decades, but we will still need to expect other routine maintenance.

Rev. Duffield acknowledged that some Elders had seen the capital needs presentation and expects that the Stewardship Committee will come to the Session with recommendations for Campaign Consultants. An expected timeline to raise money and get the work done has not been determined.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Newton Cowan offered Prayers of the People.

Scripture Reading

Sam Bostian read John 21:9-17.

Faith Sharing

Doug Shaw shared his Faith journey with Session.

New Business

Rev. Dr. Duffield invited Elders to share New Business for the good of the Session.

Rev. Deborah Conner had a notice from Salem Presbytery about a mission trip to Fort Myers, FL, Nov. 14-19. Those interested should be in touch with her. We may be able to send supplies to Florida and can also donate to FPC or to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Nov. 20 is dedication Sunday with a Potluck Lunch afterwards.

The next Session meeting is Nov. 21 in Mullin Life Center when we will welcome new church members.

Closing Prayer

Rev. Dr. Duffield led the Closing Prayer by Katherine Marshall at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne J Flora Hurd, Clerk of Session 2022-2023