

## First Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, VA

Session Summary Minutes – August 19, 2013

**The new members examined and welcomed into our church on August 19 were:**

Ann	Bruehl	Vanessa	Campo
Jason	Bruehl	Margaret	Hall*

\* Reinstated

**After prayer, a quorum was noted with the following members present:**

Karen Campo, Mike Fremaux, Ron Gates, Jon Mann, Jeanne Perin, Cline Reasor, Mike Smack, Valena Hoy, Jim Wood.

### Guests

Ken Miller, FPC's Minister of Administration, joined the Session Meeting as a guest along with Elders-elect Jean Farrell, Laurie Talty, and Joel Weaver.

### Examination of New Class of Elders and Deacons

The Elders-elect listed above and Deacons-elect Juliene Batcher, Scott Bough, Jill Brangan, Carl Leimer, and Martha Raiss, each addressed the question of their call to leadership and how they hoped to serve in their new positions. After reading the respective faith statements for each and hearing the heartfelt responses, the motion to endorse these new leaders was unanimously approved. Suzanne Pratt, Deacon-elect, was unable to be at the examination but was approved as well, based on her faith statement.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Cline Reasor reported on the church's finances and presented a comparison chart between 2013 and last year's to-date Revenue and Expenses.

	July 2012 YTD (31 Sundays)	July 2013 YTD (30 Sundays)	% Change
Revenue	\$1,166,924.98	\$1,238,516.32	6.1%
Expenses	\$1,179,256.82	\$1,157,745.39	-1.8%
Net Total	\$ (12,331.84)	\$ 80,770.93	

Year to date spending is slightly less than last year, and we have a healthy balance of funds in our general operating account. Revenue is actually running ahead of last year, considering we had one less Sunday offering in 2013 vs. 2012.

- 2013 Stewardship Campaign Update as of August 2nd:
  - Our 2013 current member pledge goal is \$1,570,550 and the new member goal is \$91,004.
  - We are currently at \$1,572,016 in total pledges.
  - Our 63 new members have given \$29,058.68 year to date.

### Clerk Communications & Report

The PEVA Digest from July's Stated meeting was distributed. Also, another signing of the Fellowship of Presbyterian Covenant is necessary, the first one apparently being lost in the mail.

### Consent Agenda

This month's Consent Agenda was ordered by Common Consent.

## Pastor's Reports

### Jim Wood

- **Goal Team Report** – Jim distributed a proposed Session Team Structure based on the Vision Goals introduced last December. This would replace our current committee structure. After his explanation and discussion, the decision was to vote in September on a motion to approve this change.
- Jim requested that the Clerk send a thank you letter to Free Mason Baptist Church for their willingness to allow FPC's use of their pool for members who request baptism by immersion.
- He also reported that the church's Director of Media Ministries, Ed Morris, will be taking a full time position elsewhere. The related motion was presented and approved unanimously:

***Motion: That Session approve a change in the Director of Media Ministries position description from part-time to full-time.***

- Jim also reported that two members of the congregation have offered to serve on the Session task force to assess the Contemporary Service, one of the action steps coming from the Goal III Committee (Enjoying the Worshipful Life). He requested that at least one Elder from Session offer to be part of that task force.
- Beginning September 7<sup>th</sup> the Circle of Grace services held in our sanctuary will be held weekly, on Saturday evenings.

### Valena Hoy

- Valena distributed a Prayer Schedule for Session members to begin in September that incorporates the Elders-elect, who will be installed on August 25<sup>th</sup>. The consensus of the group was that praying over the Connection Card prayer requests was an honor and privilege.
- As their terms end, Mike Fremaux and Mike Smack were offered an informal thank you for their years of dedicated service as active Elders on Session.

## Personnel

In the absence of Barbara Haga, Personnel Chair, Moderator Jim Wood presented the Personnel report.

- Mary Vinson and Samantha Mazzola are filling in very well for Jim Gates' Evangelism role while he's on Sabbatical.
- With Jim Gates on Sabbatical, the usual Wednesday night programming will be on hold for the months of September and October.

## Closing:

After prayer concerns were brought forward, Mike Fremaux closed the meeting in prayer at 8:25pm.