

First Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, VA

Session Summary Minutes – September 16, 2013

The Session met with new members at 6:00 pm in Room 206. Jim Wood opened the meeting with prayer, and the following persons were examined and welcomed into membership:

Ann Leigh Bailey* Rashelle Matthews Kathleen Tarumoto
Lindsey Haggerty Terry Matthews

* Reinstated

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

Wynter Benda, Karen Campo, Jim Dille, Ron Gates, Barbara Haga, Jon Mann, Jeanne Perin, Cline Reasor, Jim Slaughter, Lloyd Taliaferro, Laurie Talty, Joel Weaver, Valena Hoy, Jim Wood.

Consent Agenda

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

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.

- Revenue and expenses this year compared to last year:

	August 2012 YTD (35 Sundays)	August 2013 YTD (36 Sundays)	% Change
Revenue	\$1,310,710.23	\$1,365,056.46	4.1%
Expenses	\$1,357,634.38	\$1,333,779.51	-1.8%
Net Total	(\$46,924.15)	\$31,276.95	

Year to date spending is basically slightly less 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.

As always, we are encouraging all committee chairs to be cautious in their spending, especially in their bottom line item labeled "task force approval" which serves as contingency funds. We will continue to monitor the church's revenue and give further guidance at the next session meeting.

- 2013 Stewardship Campaign Update as of August 31st:
 - 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.
- Preschool Financial Update – 2012/2013 Final Numbers
 - Loss of \$144,190.94 for the school year.
 - Loss for next year is budgeted at approximately \$15,000, and should be met with the opening of the nursery wing and Lucy Gates' careful monitoring of preschool enrollment.

Clerk Communications & Report

- **Stated PEVA meeting** Tuesday, October 22, 2013 – 1:00 pm at Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church at 6901 Newport Avenue in Norfolk.

- **Job Descriptions for Preschool**

In the absence of Tiffany James, Preschool Chair, Jeanne submitted three new job descriptions passed by that committee. These were explained briefly by Jim, questions answered, and Session then unanimously passed the following motion:

Motion: That Session approve the attached three Preschool job descriptions: Director of Preschool, Administrative Coordinator, and Receptionist.

Pastor's Reports

Valena Hoy

- Valena distributed a copy of the new Committee assignments for Session members.
- Her work with the Commission on Ministry for PEVA continues.
- Worship planning and being the calendar gate keeper/organizer along with helping in the partnership Jim described below keeps her very busy.

Jim Wood

- Jim applauded the many volunteers who made the picnic a wonderful success.
- Another success is the resurgence of involvement in the youth program since changing the time to 11:00am on Sundays. Laura Arana as Coordinator and Weston Boswick as Youth Minister Associate are working out well.
- The fall series is going well.
- Jim described a new partnership with Circle of Grace Church to assist Cradock Presbyterian Church in Portsmouth by creating a hybrid congregation. The cost to FPC is minimal (\$10,000 per year for two years), whereas Cradock will support this effort with yearly payments of \$48,000. Samantha Mazzola from our congregation and Jeff Keeney from the Circle of Grace will be examined to become Inquirers, the first toward becoming ordained, so that they can participate as pastors for the new congregation. After questions and discussion, the following motion was brought forward and passed unanimously:

Motion: A commission be appointed by the moderator to examine, and, if the way be clear, endorse Jeff Keeney and Samantha Mazolla as Inquirers suitable for ordination in the PC(USA).

Personnel

Barbara Haga, Personnel Chairman, reported on the following changes in church staffing:

- Joy Hickey has replaced Krista Braun as Welcome Desk Coordinator.
- Ken Miller, Minister of Administration has resigned as of September 20th.
- Ed Morris resigned in August as Director of Media Ministries

Closing:

After congregational concerns were brought forward, it was moved and seconded to adjourn at 8:15pm. Jim Slaughter closed the meeting with prayer.