

## **First Presbyterian Church Norfolk, Virginia**

*Session Summary Minutes for April, 2012*

### **The new members examined and welcomed into our church on April 16 were:**

Ada	Armstrong	Patrick	Edmunds
Jonathan	Armstrong	Orlando	Stone
Catherine	Bergethon	Darlyne	Tabbanor
Gregory	Bergethon	Edward	Tabbanor
Danielle	Dawley	Erica	Tabbanor
Sterling	Dawley	Michelle	Tabbanor

### **The following members of Session were present:**

Jim Dille, Mike Fremaux, Ron Gates, Jon Mann, Jeanne Perin, Cline Reasor, Dick Roberts, Jim Slaughter, Mike Smack, Lloyd Taliaferro, Eunice Whitehusrt, Jim Gates, Valena Hoy

### **Staying Focused on the Vision**

Valena reported on the progress of the Strategic Planning Committee which held their second meeting on Maundy Thursday. To get a solid start with everyone “on the same page”, the group is reviewing the results of the visioning done in the past few years.

### **Treasurer and Minister of Administration’s Report**

The following items summarize Treasurer Lloyd Taliaferro’s report:

- Year-end close outs for 2010 and 2011 will be completed by next month’s Session meeting.
- Revenues for year-to-date 2012 are tracking 11% higher than 2011, partly due to increased pledges and contributions made by members of Session.
- Our expenses for the first three months of 2012 are only .7% higher than in the same period in 2011.
- 100% of the new members who have joined FPC in 2012 have made a financial pledge to the church.
- A *Provide and Protect Seminar* is scheduled for Sunday, May 6 in First Hall after the 11:00 service.

### **Clerk Communications and Report**

PEVA’s first half-day Stated Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at Bayside Presbyterian Church in Virginia Beach from 1:00 to 5:00 PM.

With regards to the motion on the Consent Agenda to add the names of Session members and their e-mail addresses to the FPC website, the consensus of the group was to include pictures as well. The names and e-mails will be posted this week; pictures will be taken and posted as soon as feasible.

The Consent Agenda was approved by Common Consent.

### **Pastors’ Reports**

#### **Valena Hoy**

- Holy Week went very smoothly, with special gratitude for the wonderful music and family time on Maundy Thursday.
- Valena updated the Session on her work with the PEVA Vision Implementation Team (formally known as PEVA Council).

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## **Jim Gates**

- Jim reiterated Valena's praise and gratitude for FPC's celebration of Holy Week.
- More than 25 people attended the first NEO class that Jim is conducting. He described it briefly as a four week course that summarizes the Christian Faith. Modeled similarly to Alpha, each class consists of dinner, a talk on the Christian faith, and small group discussion.

## **Personnel**

In Barbara Haga's absence, Jim presented her report, summarized by the following:

- The organist search continues.
- The Youth Minister Search Committee, headed by Tiffany James, meets for the first time next week.
- Marcia Clarke is the newly hired Administrative Assistant.
- Chris Mele is FPC's new Communications Coordinator.
- Lawrie Smith is on board as the evening Door Warden.
- Krista Braun is the new Welcome Desk Coordinator.
- Mahely Castro has been hired as the new Coffee Barista.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 with Cline Reasor closing in prayer.