

Session Business
November 19, 2023

1. The Administration Committee asked Rev. Greg Han to continue as our Temporary Pastor through June 30, 2024, to which he agreed, and will ask Callie Candee to continue to carry the Pastor's cell phone and performing Pastoral Care through June 30, 2024. Both recommendations were approved by Session.
2. If a member of FPC of Conroe or his/her family do not or cannot pay for a funeral service at FPC of Conroe, the Administration Committee will use undesignated restricted funds to cover the cost of the funeral service.
3. Good news! We have received \$79,000 in 2023 pledges as of October 31, 2023. Current projections for operating revenue are about \$18,000.
4. January 14, 2024, is the tentative date to hold a "Stewardship Rally Day" for the giving of members' time and talents. Various activities will be provided for members to sign up to do.
5. The Congregational Nominating Committee has selected its nominees for the Pastoral Nominating Committee, and they will be presented to the congregation on December 10, 2023, during the 11 a.m. worship service for approval.
6. Session approved the baptism of the daughter of Brianna Rose - Yaretzi Flores, born January 2, 2022, who will be baptized on November 26, 2023. Brianna plans to become a member of FPC on the same date by reaffirmation of faith.
7. The Presbyterian Day School has approximately \$73,000 left in grant funds from the TWC Grant for Childcare Relief which must be depleted by November 30, 2023. These monies will be disbursed as follows: Up to \$2,640 for a scholarship for a PreK student whose parent may not be able to pay anything to the school for the remainder of the school year; \$30,000 for a scholarship fund; up to \$3,500 in staff bonuses to be given Thanksgiving; and a check for the balance of the funds will be written to the PDS Operating Account for prior operating expenses covered under the Grant.
8. The Presbyterian Day School currently has 67 students enrolled, 9 classes, 9 teachers, and 5 aides.
9. Steve Scheffler, one of the delegates to the November 18 Presbytery Meeting, which was by Zoom, gave the following report:
 - a. Rev. Shawn Kang gave a presentation on innovation in the church.
 - b. St. Phillips Presbyterian Church (Houston) gave a summary of its recent designation as a "carbon neutral" congregation, which is associated with it becoming an EarthCare Congregation.

- c. The Committee on Ministry had several motions that were considered for vote, all of which passed:
 - (1) David Green was voted to receive honorable retirement due to his medical condition.
 - (2) The minimum terms of compensation, which included a 3% raise at all levels, were approved.
 - (3) Rev. Bobby Daniel with the PCUSA church in Orange, TX, was approved to undergo an alternative (oral) examination for one of his ordination examinations.
- d. John Nelson gave an overview of the "Tres Rios Border Foundation" and outreach that has been initiated in response to the humanitarian crisis at the El Paso/Juarez border.
- e. The Ecclesiastical Affairs Committee presented a motion to amend the "parity plan" for the number of ruling and teaching elders for each Presbytery meeting, which passed.
- f. A report showing the restructuring of the Presbytery committees was given, which was focused on the number of individuals required to serve on specific committees.
- g. Jim Keith gave a presentation on the status of the Seafarers ministry.
- h. The Personnel Committee, led by Dr. David Jones, presented candidates for the General Presbytery and Stated Clerk (Lynn Hargrove) and Moderator (Bonnie Keith), both of whom were approved.

Upcoming Events:

- 1. Called Congregational Meeting: December 10, 2023, during 11 a.m. Worship Service
- 2. Next Session Meeting: December 17, 2023
- 3. Examination of New Elders-Elect (Class of 2026): During December 17 Session Meeting
- 4. Stewardship "Rally Day": January 14, 2024
- 5. Subsequent Session Meeting: January 21, 2024

Deaths: Phil Short on October 16, 2023; Alan Crumley Bell on October 24, 2023; and Margaret Carson on November 1, 2023

New Members:

Cecil Watt, Jr., by reaffirmation of faith (September 17, 2023)

Susan Estrada, by reaffirmation of faith (September 17, 2023)

Jim Dopp, by reaffirmation of faith (October 1, 2023)

Sylvia Dopp, by letter of transfer from First Baptist Church in Bellville, TX (October 1, 2023)

Nancy Badal, by letter of transfer from Presbyterian Church of Mountain Top, PA (October 1, 2023)