

Fairmount Presbyterian Church

Session Minutes

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

2757 Fairmount Boulevard

Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118

Moderator: Rev. Jessie MacMillan, Interim Senior Pastor

Clerk of Session: Bourbon L. Zeigler

Session Members: Rev. Lindsay Harren-Lewis, Associate Pastor, Elders Brian Perkins

Christina Seekley, Vanessa Whiting, Carol Adrine, Stephanie Washlock, David Bosler, Keith Mills, Peg Zitzner, Grant Gannon.

Excused: Raleigh Duttweiler.

Guests; Matt Hrubey, Treasurer, Nancy Chism, Administrator, Leah Wyman, Artistic Director

Opening Prayer, was given by Rev. MacMillan at 6:30 pm.

### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

**Motion:** to approve the Session Minutes of February 5, 2020. This motion was tabled until next meeting.

**Motion:** To receive the following report of weddings, funerals, baptisms, and communion that have taken place at the church since session's previous meeting:

#### **Approved**

1. Weddings/Funerals/Baptisms: None
2. Communion: Since the last meeting February 5, 2020:
  - 8:30 am worship on February 9th, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>; March 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - 10:00am worship on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Motion:** to approve the membership statistical report through March 11, 2020. Total Membership as of March 11, 2020 (no change) 754. **Approved**

**Motion:** to receive the report of the weekly average Sunday worship attendance, since the last Session Meeting, for the time period of February 5, 2020 through March 11, 2020 at approximately 160. **Approved**

For comparison: February 10<sup>th</sup> through March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 173.

January 11 through March 11, 2018 at 188.

**Motion:** To approve Special Offering of the PC ( U.S.A. ) on the following dates.  
**Approved**

**April 5 (Palm Sunday)- One great hour of Sharing**

**May 31- (Pentecost) Pentecost Offering**

**October 4- Communion Sunday) Peace and Global Witness**

**December 20 (4th Sunday of Advent)-Christmas Joy**

**Becoming a Matthew 25 Church.** This was discussed in great detail on the three principles of becoming a Matthew 25 church

1. *Building congregational vitality*
2. *Dismantling racism*
3. *Eradicating systemic poverty*

Question about Youth Trip to the Dominican Republic, after discussion on this topic the Session decided to cancel this upcoming trip. A **Motion** was made to cancel the trip to the Dominican Republic. Approved and seconded

### **Treasurer's Report/Budget**

The 2019 budget came in under budget. Motion to accept this budget. Seconded and approved.

Special policy on estate gifts Over \$50,000. Motion to give 25% of gift to Batey and the remaining decided on. Seconded and Approved.

1. 10% goes to the general budget ( after ¼ to Batey )
2. Remaining is to be designated by Session
3. ¼ of the remaining goes to Batey ( Total gift )

The budget for 2020 was gone over with some adjustments to some line items were made, seconded and Approved.

### **Response to COVID-19 and Preventative Actions**

1. Church is be sanitized more frequently
  2. Turning off all water fountains
  3. Consider changing communion practices
  4. No handshaking or hugs during passing of peace
  5. No food items for after church, just coffee and tea
  6. Changing the way pre- school enter and leave the building
- Motion: Sunday service will be one service only 10:00am until further notice.  
Seconded and approve.

Letter will be sent out by Rev. MacMillan to the congregation detailing all of this.  
No outside traveling for the staff until further notice.

Adjourned with Prayer by Rev MacMillan at 9 pm.

Bourbon Zeigler  
Clerk of Session