



April 26, 2023 Session Meeting Highlights

The following are the highlights from the April 26, 2023 Session meeting:

- The new Elders serving their first team on Session and new Deacons serving their first term as a Deacon after having attended officer training were examined by Session and approved for ordination and installation.
- Work on the census continues. We currently have 1223 members on our roll. Based on the current census results, we have roughly 820 active members, 100 inactive members, and some 280 members we have reached out to 3 different ways who have not responded.
- Starting in May, masks will be optional for communion servers and single use food preparation gloves (standard clear plastic gloves) can be used by those handling the elements directly.
- The pastors and Lois Hensler and the Compassion, Peace, and Justice Team are working on ways to help interested members to address gun violence. The Team will be providing background information and potential member action, including contacting government representatives. Any such efforts will be a matter of individual choices and will not be done on behalf of FPCA.
- A comprehensive examination of the sound and projection systems in both the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall to see what is working and what is not working is underway by a Worship Media Taskforce. The goal is to have both spaces adequately available for us.
- Brittney Daniels has requested that her ordination service be held at FPCA
- At the end of April, 2023, year-to-date General Fund Revenues were about \$15,000 below year-to-date budgeted general fund revenues and year-to-date expenditures were about \$72,000 below year-to-date budgeted expenditures currently comprised mostly of unfilled staff positions and minimal snow removal costs. This results in about a \$54,000 year-to-date surplus compared to the year-to-date budget.
- Did you know that contributions to the church by credit card incur about a 3% processing fee? The 2023 budget includes about \$12,000 to cover these fees. If members pay their pledge/make contributions by ACH (i.e., directly from their bank to FPCA) then we pay a very small, fixed processing cost per transaction.
- Roger Yott was elected Clerk of Session and the following Session members as officers of the corporation (President—Josh Luey, Vice-President—Dot Ouellette, Treasurer—Nelson Rabenold, and Secretary—Roger Yott) for the term May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024.
- The Ad Hoc Mission Study Team recommended and Session approved hiring Michelle Snyder from PneuMatrix, the Presbyterian arm of The Center for Healthy Churches, to help design a process for the Mission Study, guide the team in facilitating the process, help the team interpret the data including the data from the Lombard Process, guide the team in the design and writing of the Mission Study, and advise in any possible conflict that may reoccur in the congregation. It is hoped that the Mission Study will be completed in October. Funding for this consultant came from an anonymous donor.
- Session approved the Lombard Process Conflict/Change Team developed Behavioral Covenant. It was included in Pastor Carter's message in the April 27, 2023 Eblast.
- There will be a single worship service at 10:00 AM on Sunday, June 4, 2023. The confirmation students will be confirmed and Pentecost will be celebrated. Following the service there will be an all-church Fellowship event to meet and greet our confirmation students.