



June 28, 2023 Session Meeting Highlights

The following are the highlights from the June 28, 2023 Session meeting:

- Pidcock & Company has developed a proposal for repairing the Narthex door and the City of Allentown has confirmed that the proposed scope of is appropriate for the door sill repair. The work should be done by September at no cost to FPCA because an anonymous donor has agreed to provide the funds to cover the repair cost.
- Session agreed that it was OK to ask those who are not currently serving officers to be lay liturgists reading the Scriptures in worship
- A special task force will be formed to study how we might use our present facilities and grounds to “generate additional income, facilitate the church’s mission, and ensure our viability for future generations.”
- At the end of May 2023, year-to-date General Fund Revenues were about \$30,000 below year-to-date budgeted general fund revenues (with pledges about \$28,000 below year-to-date budgeted pledges) and year-to-date expenditures were about \$97,000 below year-to-date budgeted expenditures (currently comprised mostly of unfilled staff positions for a portion of the year, minimal snow removal costs, delayed building repairs, and delayed mission spending). This results in about a \$73,000 year-to-date surplus compared to the year-to-date budget.
- Although we will continue to explore the History topic, one of the “do now” priorities that Session identified from the congregational proposals generated during the Lombard process. The congregational proposal to look at how we might repurpose our facilities to generate income, facilitate the church’s mission, and ensure ongoing viability for future generations (which could lead to capital campaign/special project campaign to address improvements, major repairs, and mission projects) was moved to the “do now” priority list.
- A past practice at FPCA has been to gift a contribution towards a stole for members who are ordained into ministry. FPCA symbolically gifted Britney Daniels with a gift of up to \$250 from Held for Session during her service of ordination for her to use towards a stole of her choice.
- The 1 year “trial run” of FPCA’s commitment to host families for Family Promise was successful. Session agreed to continue FPCA’s participation with Family Promise into the foreseeable future. Our commitment is to host three or four times a year (7 days at a time, Sun evening 6:15pm through the following Sun 6am) – for up to four families in Fellowship Hall.
- Two pieces of audio equipment will be replaced allowing the Fellowship Hall audio system to become fully functional again. Needed repairs to the Fellowship Hall video system still need to be identified.
- An updated and consolidated Childcare Policy and Procedures Manual for the Nursery was approved. Two Nursery workers are expected to be onboard shortly so nursery services can be made available during worship services.
- Buildings and Grounds is looking into the possibility and cost of having all the tile floors on the first floor of the building stripped, cleaned and waxed by September.
- Preschool Advisory Board – An additional class is being opened next year. This will make six classes for the preschool being held in 5 classrooms. It can get fairly warm in the four classrooms without air conditioning. The preschool would like to have air conditioners added to the four classrooms that currently don’t have air conditioning and is hoping that the congregation will be willing to fund the air conditioners.