

Session Minutes
Fairmount Presbyterian Church
2757 Fairmount Boulevard
Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118
April 1, 2020
Virtual Meeting

Moderator: Jessie Macmillan, Interim Senior Pastor

Clerk of Session: Bourbon L Zeigler

Session Members: Rev Lindsay Harren-Lewis, Associate Pastor, Brian Perkins, Christina Seekley, Vanessa Whiting, Carol Adrine, Raleigh Duttweiler, Stephanie Washlock, David Bosler, Keith Mills, Peg Zitzner, Grant Gannon, Sarah Pope.

Guests: Nancy Chism, Church Administrator, Leah Wyman, Artistic Director; Amy Kim Kyremes-Parks, Director of Spiritual Formation; and Matt Hrubey, Treasurer.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order with prayer at 6:30 pm by Rev. Jessie MacMillan. Peg Zitzner gave a faith journey statement.

After answering the constitutional questions, the following individuals were ordained and/or installed as new elders.

1. **Dave Bosler**
2. **Grant Gannon**
3. **Keith Mills**
4. **Sarah Pope**
5. **Peg Zitzner**

Action Items:

Approval of virtual Communion on April 1 and May 3 (if needed)

Councils may choose to authorize the celebration as a form of pastoral care so that those receiving communion are able to receive the sacrament as a means of God's grace. In emergency circumstances there may be situations which the pastoral needs of that moment require that the church take actions that run contrary to normal practice. During an emergency or a pandemic in which the church is unable to gather or advised not to gather in person for reasons of public health, a congregation's session may determine that observing communion online is acceptable. **Motion was made, seconded and approved.**

Recommended Additional to FPC Code of Regulations Regarding Electronic Meetings (to be approved by congregation)

The congregation may meet by electronic means if all members have reasonable notice of electronic meeting and the ability to discuss and vote on business items. The quorum for such meeting is 75 members.

The session may meet by electronic means if all active elders have reasonable notice of the electronic meeting and the ability to discuss, deliberate, and discern the will of God and vote on business items. The quorum for such meeting is one over half active elders. **A motion was made on this seconded and approved.**

Approval to continue paying hourly workers through May 10. Motion was made, seconded and approved.

Summary Reports from Councils and Staff

- **Care Council**
 1. Reschedule the honor dinner
 2. Proposal to reschedule Strawberry Festival and combine it with Celebrate Sunday. This will be brought back to next Session meeting
 3. Deacons with other groups from the church will be contacting members of the congregation to check in on them.
- **Serve Council**
 1. Approved to send a \$1000.00 check to the Hunger Network.
 2. \$2000.00 check to the Heights Emergency Food Center.
 3. Relief funds to be sent to Bridges of Batey.
- **Faith Foundation**
 1. Amy Kim attended the sentencing hearing on the incident that happened at the church.
 2. Held a virtual meeting with More Light.
 3. Reviewed items discussed at Session meeting.
- **Admin**
 1. Request from Matt about sending monies to Batey.
 2. When will the Stained glass window be repaired?
- All Councils will be meeting in April
- Leah reported that Fairmount's Youtube channel has musical moments and vlogs updated regularly.
- The pre recorded services are going well.

Approval of the Consent Agenda (inclusive of the following motions)- APPROVED

Motion: To approve the Session minutes of February 5 and March 11, 2020

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

1. Weddings/ Funerals/ Baptisms: none
2. Communion: Since the last session meeting March 11, 2020:
 - No communion Served. Fairmount switched to digital only worship on Sunday, March 15th

Motion: To approve the membership statistical report through April 1, 2020

Total Membership as of March 11, 2020 754.

Deaths: Mildred Yoder, March 23, 2020

Total Membership as of April 1, 2020 753

Motion: To receive the report of the weekly average Sunday worship attendance, for the time period of March 15, 2020 through March 29, 2020. (digital only)

Total YouTube Worship views as of March 30, 2020

Sunday, March 15th-131

Sunday, March 22nd- 342

Sunday, March 29th- 218

For comparison: March 17th and 24th, 2019 at 116

March 18th and 25th, 2018 at 160

Treasurer's Report

- Stewardship
 1. Pledge Goal: \$710,000
 2. Pledge (as of 3/30/2020): \$617,830 (87% of goals)
 3. Fulfilled as of 3/30/2020): \$ 191,518 (31% of pledges)
- Endowment
 1. Market value of 2/29/2020: \$8,790,431.06
 2. The Endowment Trustees are playing the long game.
- Capital Projects

Remaining funds: \$345,581.60

Finish ADA ramp(estimate) - \$65,000.00

Finish parking lot (estimate) -\$14,606.28

Step repairs (estimate) -\$40,000.00

Stained glass windows (estimate) -\$100,000.00

Balance **\$125,975.32**

Operations

- First set of payables with Susanne has been paid and posted
- 2020 operating budget input into financial system

- Working on revised process for sending money to the Dominican Republic

A report was given on all the restricted fund accounts and is available on request.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Bourbon L Zeigler, Clerk of Session

Next session Meeting: May 6th at 6:30 pm.